

No. 324 (b). FINAL ACT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF CONTINENTAL PEACE AND SECURITY

The American Republics, desirous of maintaining the peace and security of the Continent, decided in accordance with Resolution VIII of the Inter-American Conference on Problems of War and Peace, which met at Mexico City in 1945, to hold a Conference to give permanent form to the principles contained in the Act of Chapultepec, and for that purpose designated the Plenipotentiaries listed below, in the order of precedence determined by lot, who met in Petropolis, State of Rio de Janeiro, from August 15 to September 2, 1947:

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:

- His Excellency *Arturo Despradel*, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs;
- His Excellency *Luis F. Thomen*, Secretary of Health and Public Welfare;
- His Excellency *Tulio M. Cestero*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Chile;
- His Excellency *Ricardo Pérez Alfonseca*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of Brazil;
- His Excellency *Roberto Despradel*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Holy See;
- His Excellency *Porfirio Herrera Báez*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Argentine Republic;
- His Excellency *Joaquín Balaguer*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Honduras;
- His Excellency *Emilio Rodríguez Demorizi*, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Colombia.

GUATEMALA:

- His Excellency *Carlos Leonidas Acevedo*, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs;
- His Excellency *Ismael González Arévalo*, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Peru;

His Excellency *Francisco Guerra Morales*, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States of Brazil;

His Excellency *Manuel Galich*, Former Minister of Education.

COSTA RICA:

His Excellency *Luis Anderson Morúa*, Ambassador on Special Mission;

His Excellency *Máximo Quesada Picado*, Ambassador on Special Mission.

PERU:

His Excellency *Enrique García Sayán*, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship;

His Excellency *Manuel G. Gallagher*, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship;

His Excellency *Víctor Andrés Belaúnde*, Ambassador of the Republic;

His Excellency *Luis Fernán Cisneros*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of Brazil;

His Excellency *Hernán C. Bellido*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

EL SALVADOR:

His Excellency *Ernesto Alfonso Núñez*, Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Justice;

His Excellency *Guillermo Trigueros*;

His Excellency *Miguel Angel Espino*, Former Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs;

His Excellency *Carlos Adalberto Alfaro*, Counsellor to the Embassy in Mexico.

PANAMA:

His Excellency *Ricardo J. Alfaro*, Minister of Foreign Affairs;

His Excellency *José Edgardo Lefèvre*, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs.

PARAGUAY:

His Excellency *Federico Chavez*, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship;

- His Excellency *Raúl Sapena Pastor*;
His Excellency *José A. Moreno González*;
His Excellency *José Zacarías Arza*;
His Excellency General *Raimundo Rolón*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of Brazil.

VENEZUELA:

- His Excellency *Carlos Morales*, Minister of Foreign Affairs;
His Excellency *Martín Pérez Guevara*, Representative in the National Assembly;
His Excellency *Desiderio Gómez Mora*, Representative in the National Assembly;
His Excellency *Domingo Alberto Rangel*, Representative in the National Assembly;
His Excellency *M. A. Falcón Briceño*, Minister Counsellor of the Embassy in the United States of America;
His Excellency *Eduardo Arroyo Lameda*, Delegate of Venezuela to the Inter-American Juridical Committee;
His Excellency *Eduardo Plaza A.*, Adviser of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
His Excellency *Santiago Pérez Pérez*, Director of International Policy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
His Excellency *Aureliano Otáñez*, Director of Political Economy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
His Excellency Major *Luis Felipe Llovera Páez*, Deputy Chief of the General Staff;
His Excellency Major *Raúl Castro Gómez*, Director of the Military Academy.

CHILE:

- His Excellency *Germán Vergara Donoso*, Minister of Foreign Affairs;
His Excellency *Emilio Edwards Bello*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of Brazil;
His Excellency *Enrique Eleodoro Guzmán Figueroa*, Senator of the Republic;
His Excellency *Enrique Cañas Flores*, Member of the Chamber of Deputies;

His Excellency *Aníbal Matte Pinto*;

His Excellency *Enrique Bernstein Carabantes*, Director of the Diplomatic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

HONDURAS:

His Excellency *Julián R. Cáceres*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of America;

His Excellency *Marco A. Batres*, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Nicaragua;

His Excellency *Angel C. Hernández*, Minister of Education.

CUBA:

His Excellency *Guillermo Belt*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of America;

His Excellency *Gabriel Landa*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of Brazil;

BOLIVIA:

His Excellency *Luis Fernando Guachalla*, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship;

His Excellency *José Gil Soruco*, President of the Senate;

His Excellency *David Alvéstegui*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of Brazil;

His Excellency *Alberto Palacios*, Former Minister of Finance;

His Excellency *René Ballivián*, Director of the Bolivian Corporation of National Development;

His Excellency *Alberto Virreira Paccieri*, General Adviser of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

COLOMBIA:

His Excellency *Domingo Esguerra*, Minister of Foreign Affairs;

His Excellency *Gonzalo Restrepo Jaramillo*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of America;

His Excellency *Antonio Rocha*, Ambassador, Chairman of the Governing Board of the Pan American Union;

His Excellency *Eduardo Zuleta Angel*, Ambassador, Minister of National Education;

- His Excellency *Francisco Umaña Bernal*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of Brazil;
- His Excellency *Juan Uribe Cualla*, Senator of the Republic;
- His Excellency *Julio Roberto Salazar Ferro*, Member of the National Congress;
- His Excellency *Augusto Ramírez Moreno*, Member of the National Congress;
- His Excellency *José Joaquín Caicedo Castilla*, Colombian Delegate to the Inter-American Juridical Committee.

MEXICO:

- His Excellency *Jaime Torres Bodet*, Secretary of Foreign Affairs;
- His Excellency *Antonio S. Villalobos*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of Brazil;
- His Excellency *Roberto Córdova*, Ambassador of Mexico;
- His Excellency *Pablo Campos Ortíz*, Ambassador of Mexico;
- His Excellency *José Gorostiza*, Ambassador of Mexico;
- His Excellency *Donato Miranda Fonseca*, Senator of the Republic;
- His Excellency *José López Bermúdez*, Deputy to the National Congress.

ECUADOR:

- His Excellency *José Vicente Trujillo*, Minister of Foreign Affairs;
- His Excellency *Luis Antonio Peñaherrera*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of Brazil;
- His Excellency *Arturo Borrero Bustamante*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Argentine Republic;
- His Excellency *Teodoro Alvarado Garaicoa*, Minister Counsellor.

HAITI:

- His Excellency *Edmé Th. Manigat*, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Worship;
- His Excellency *Jacques A. Léger*, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Venezuela;
- His Excellency *Clovis Kernisan*, Legal Advisor;
- His Excellency Colonel *Antoine Levelt*, Technical Advisor.

URUGUAY:

His Excellency *Mateo Marques Castro*, Minister of Foreign Affairs;

His Excellency *Alberto Domínguez Cámpora*;

His Excellency *Enrique E. Buero*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of Brazil;

His Excellency *Leonel Aguirre*;

His Excellency *Antonio G. Fusco*, National Representative;

His Excellency *Cyro Giambruno*, National Senator;

His Excellency *Juan F. Guichón*, National Senator;

His Excellency *José A. Mora Otero*, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary;

His Excellency *Dardo Regules*, National Senator;

His Excellency *Gabriel Terra Ibarraz*, National Representative.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

The Honorable *George C. Marshall*, Secretary of State;

The Honorable *William D. Pawley*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of Brazil;

The Honorable *Arthur H. Vandenberg*, President of the United States Senate, and Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations;

The Honorable *Tom Connally*, United States Senate, Member, Committee on Foreign Relations;

The Honorable *Sol Bloom*, House of Representatives, Member, Committee on Foreign Affairs;

The Honorable *Warren R. Austin*, Ambassador, United States Representative to the United Nations.

ARGENTINA:

His Excellency *Juan Atilio Bramuglia*, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship;

His Excellency *Enrique V. Corominas*, Ambassador of the Republic;

His Excellency *Oscar Ivanissevich*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of America;

His Excellency *Pascual La Rosa*, Ambassador of the Republic;

His Excellency General *Nicolás C. Accame*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of Brazil;

His Excellency *Roberto A. Ares*, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary.

BRAZIL:

His Excellency *Raul Fernandes*, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs;

His Excellency General *Pedro Aurélio de Góes Monteiro*, Senator of the Republic;

His Excellency Ambassador *Hildebrando Pompeu Pinto Accioly*, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

His Excellency *José Eduardo Prado Kelly*, Federal Deputy;

His Excellency *Afonso Penna Júnior*;

His Excellency *Levi Carneiro*, Legal Adviser of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

His Excellency *Edmundo da Luz Pinto*.

The Pan American Union was represented by its Director General, Mr. Alberto Lleras Camargo.

Mr. Trygve Halvdan Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, was specially invited by the Brazilian Government to attend the Conference. This invitation was later extended by the Conference to Mr. Benjamin Cohen, Assistant Secretary General of that Organization.

The inaugural Session was held on August 15 under the chairmanship of His Excellency Raul Fernandes, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Brazil. His Excellency General Eurico Gaspar Dutra, President of the Republic of the United States of Brazil, delivered an address of welcome to the Delegations.

His Excellency Jaime Torres Bodet, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, replied on their behalf.

In the plenary Session held on August 16, His Excellency Raul Fernandes was elected by acclamation President of the Conference.

The Program and the Regulations of the Conference had been approved by the Governing Board of the Pan American Union on September 13, 1945.

In accordance with the Regulations, the Government of Brazil appointed His Excellency Ambassador Luiz Pereira Ferreira de Faro Junior, Secretary General of the Conference.

In conformity with the Regulations, a Credentials Committee and a Co-ordination and Drafting Committee were appointed, in addition to the Central Committee, which was composed of the Heads of the Delegations and presided over by the President of the Conference.

The following three committees were appointed to draft the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance:

COMMITTEE I — Principles, Preamble and Protocolary Articles;

COMMITTEE II — Measures to be taken in the case of threats or acts of aggression;

COMMITTEE III — Procedures and agencies for the execution of the Treaty.

As a result of its deliberations, the Conference approved the following resolutions in addition to the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance:

I

TRIBUTE TO BRAZIL

The American Republics, on initiating the work of the Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Continental Peace and Security, greet the noble Nation of Brazil, in the person of its President, His Excellency General Eurico Gaspar Dutra, who, interpreting the sentiments of his people, offered generous hospitality to this Conference which is destined to continue and strengthen continental solidarity.

II

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF PRESIDENTS ROOSEVELT AND BERRETA

The Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Continental Peace and Security

WHEREAS:

The political figure of the President of the United States of America, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, personified the continental sentiment of cooperation and solidarity and carried out in practice as well as in theory the "Good Neighbor" policy, cherished by the citizens of the American States;

The political figure of the President of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Tomás Berreta, symbolized a faithful expression of the spirit of the region of the River Plate, devoted to democracy and defender of its principles,

DECLARES :

That the American Republics render respectful tribute to the memory of the two Presidents, who were champions of cooperation among the Nations of the Continent.

III

TRIBUTE TO MR. TRYGVE LIE

The Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Continental Peace and Security

DECLARES :

That it notes with special satisfaction the presence of Mr. Trygve Halvdan Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, whose effective work on behalf of international understanding coincides with the objectives of this Assembly, which was called to preserve from all danger the independence and sovereignty of the American Nations.

IV

RESTORATION OF PEACE IN PARAGUAY

WHEREAS :

This Conference cannot remain indifferent to the struggles of the noble Paraguayan people who for many months have suffered the tragedy of a conflict which affects the humanitarian feelings and solidarity uniting all the American Nations,

The Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Continental Peace and Security

DECLARES :

That, without any intention of intervening in the internal affairs of Paraguay, it urges the contending parties to accept the generous offer of mediation, opportunely extended by the Government of Brazil, together with the Foreign Offices of Argentina and Bolivia and with the support of other Governments of America, in order to put an end to the struggle which afflicts this sister Republic.

V

TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF LEO S. ROWE

WHEREAS :

Leo S. Rowe placed all the wealth of his talents at the service of the peace, unity and solidarity of America in his long years of work as Director General of the Pan American Union,

The Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Continental Peace and Security

RESOLVES:

To express its deep regret over the death of this illustrious citizen of the Americas.

VI

TRIBUTE TO MR. ALBERTO LLERAS CAMARGO

The Governments of the American Republics express their pleasure at the appointment of Mr. Alberto Lleras Camargo as Director General of the Pan American Union and are certain that his work at the head of this Organization will strengthen the growing friendship and mutual cooperation among the American Nations.

VII

THE PANAMERICAN IDEAL AND THE UNITED NATIONS

The Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Continental Peace and Security

DECLARES:

That it reiterates its confidence in the principles of justice and international law and in the sentiments of concord which govern relations among the States of the Continent and expresses the hope that these principles and sentiments may help to unite and coordinate the efforts which the United Nations is making to strengthen universal peace.

VIII

REPRESENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS

WHEREAS:

The Governing Board of the Pan American Union, in accordance with the resolution approved at its session of July 28, 1947, invited the Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. Trygve Lie, to attend this Conference;

Mr. Trygve Lie had to leave Brazil soon after the opening of the Conference and expressed the wish that he be represented by the Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. Benjamin Cohen,

The Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Continental Peace and Security

RESOLVES:

To extend to Mr. Benjamin Cohen the invitation which originally was sent to Mr. Trygve Lie.

IX

ECONOMIC COOPERATION

WHEREAS:

Economic security which is indispensable for the progress of all the American peoples is, at all times, the best guarantee of political security and of the success of their joint efforts for the maintenance of Continental peace,

The Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Continental Peace and Security

RESOLVES:

1. That the Inter-American Economic and Social Council prepare a basic draft agreement on inter-American economic cooperation, in order that the text be submitted to the Ninth International Conference of American States to be held at Bogota.

2. That, for this purpose, the Governments of the American Republics designate to the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, in addition to their representatives or advisers, specialists in economic and financial affairs, and

3. That a special economic conference be called during the last half of 1948, on the date which shall be fixed by the Ninth International Conference of American States. The purpose of this special conference shall be to consider the best procedures for carrying out the agreement which may have been concluded and to examine any measures which tend to make inter-American economic cooperation more effective.

X

PACIFIC SYSTEM OF SECURITY

WHEREAS:

Peace is the realization of justice based on moral order and guaranteed by law,

The Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Continental Peace and Security

RECOMMENDS:

That at the Ninth International Conference of American States to be held shortly at Bogota, there be studied with a view to approval, institutions which may give effectiveness to a pacific system of security and among them compulsory arbitration for any dispute which may endanger peace and which is not of a juridical nature.

XI

ARMAMENTS AND THE OBLIGATIONS CREATED UNDER THE TREATY

The Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Continental Peace and Security

DECLARES:

That its primary purpose as well as that of the Treaty which it has concluded is to assure the peace and security of the Continent and, consequently, that no stipulation of the Treaty nor any of the obligations created under it should be interpreted as justifying excessive armaments or may be invoked as a reason for the creation or maintenance of armaments or armed forces beyond those required for common defense in the interest of peace and security.

XII

PREAMBLE OF THE ORGANIC PACT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM

The Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Continental Peace and Security

RECOMMENDS:

That the Ninth International Conference of American States, in drafting the Preamble of the Organic Pact of the Inter-American System, consider the following *consideranda* proposed by the Delegation of Peru:

“The High Contracting Parties, representing their peoples;

“Determined to continue encouraging the peaceful advance of their peoples toward the complete redemption of the Continent through the constant practice of loyal and understanding cooperation, free of all ambitions of power;

“Inspired by an unqualified desire to live in peace in order to dignify the life labors of the American man through the prevalence of goodness and morality and through the indispensable fulfillment of his fundamental right to tranquillity and well-being;

“Aware of the necessity for providing a complete and unified defense of the liberty, independence, democracy, law and the material goods accumulated within the Continent by the genius and labor of its sons;

“Conscious that the provisions for defense must respect, as a natural corollary of love of peace, the strict requirements of what is necessary and appropriate to the objective, without prejudicing the fundamental principle of the American juridical structure and without contradicting the unanimous desire for peace to which this structure is dedicated” . . .

XIII

AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL CHARTER FOR PEACE

WHEREAS:

The Constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization establishes in its introductory clauses the following postulate: that since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the bulwarks of peace should be erected, and that this Organization has the purpose of contributing to international peace and security through collaboration among the nations by means of education, science and culture, strengthening universal respect for justice, the rule of law, human rights and fundamental liberties;

The Inter-American Conference on Problems of War and Peace, in its Resolution XXIX considers that peace cannot rest exclusively on political and economic measures; that the Inter-American System cannot develop and be strengthened as long as the citizens of the different Republics of this Continent are not profoundly imbued with the principles of peace, justice and equality among States and individuals, and that the Declaration of Mexico consecrates the principle that education and material well-being are indispensable to the development of democracy;

For the maintenance of the peace and security of the Continent, in addition to treaties of a political and economic character, it is necessary for the American Nations to harmonize the moral standards of their educational systems with a set of principles common to all, to promote understanding and closer relations

among the American peoples and to intensify the training of citizens through a sound orientation of the will and intelligence toward the strengthening of peace,

The Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Continental Peace and Security

RESOLVES:

To entrust the formulation of the American Educational Charter for Peace to the Governing Board of the Pan-American Union for presentation to the Ninth International Conference of American States for consideration and study.

XIV

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR VANDENBERG

The Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Continental Peace and Security recalls with gratitude the services rendered by Senator Arthur Vandenberg in the Committee on Regional Arrangements of the Conference of San Francisco in obtaining approval of the United States proposal, which later became Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, by virtue of which it has been possible to conclude the first treaty which develops the principle of collective self-defense, and it applauds the cooperation which in a lofty and comprehensive spirit he has given in the discussion of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance.

XV

TRIBUTE TO MINISTER RAUL FERNANDES

The Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Continental Peace and Security, at the close of its labors, expresses its applause and recognition to His Excellency Raul Fernandes, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Brazil and President of the Conference, whose high juridical culture and outstanding statesmanship have beneficially influenced all initiatives of the Conference and forever will be associated with the spirit of the Pact which has been concluded.

STATEMENTS

ARGENTINA:

The Argentine Delegation declares that within the waters adjacent to the South American Continent, along the coasts belonging to the Argentine Republic in the Security Zone, it does not recognize the existence of colonies or possessions of European countries and it adds that it especially reserves and maintains intact the legitimate titles and rights of the Argentine Republic to the Falkland

(Malvinas) Islands, the South Georgia Islands, the South Sandwich Islands, and the lands included in the Argentine Antarctic sector, over which the Republic exercises the corresponding sovereignty.

GUATEMALA:

Guatemala wishes to place on record that it does not recognize any right of legal sovereignty of Great Britain over the Territory of Belice, called British Honduras, included in the Security Zone, and that once again, it expressly reserves its rights, which are derived from the Constitution of the Republic, historical documents, juridical arguments and principles of equity which have on appropriate occasions been laid before the universal conscience.

MEXICO:

Only because the Delegation of Guatemala has seen fit to make the preceding declaration, the Delegation of Mexico finds it necessary to reiterate that, in case there should occur a change in the status of Belice, there cannot fail to be taken into account the rights of Mexico to a part of the said territory, in accordance with historical and juridical precedents.

CHILE:

The Delegation of Chile declares that, within the waters adjacent to the South American Continent, in the extension of coast belonging to the Republic of Chile, comprised within the Security Zone, it does not recognize the existence of colonies or possessions of European countries and it adds that it especially reserves and maintains intact the legitimate title and rights of the Republic of Chile to the lands included in the Chilean Antarctic zone, over which the Republic exercises the corresponding sovereignty.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

With reference to the reservations made by other Delegations concerning territories located within the region defined in the Treaty, their boundaries, and questions of sovereignty over them, the Delegation of the United States of America wishes to record its position that the Treaty of Rio de Janeiro has no effect upon the sovereignty, national or international status of any of the territories included in the region defined in Article 4 of the Treaty.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Plenipotentiaries listed above sign the present Final Act, in the English, French Portuguese and Spanish languages, in the city of Rio de Janeiro, on the second of September nineteen hundred forty-seven. The Secretary General shall deposit the original in the archives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil, which will send certified copies to the Governments of the American Republics and to the Pan American Union.