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Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Colombia,
Costa Rica, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador,
Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay,
Peru, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the
Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of
America, Uruguay and Venezuela: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling that the purposes include achieving international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as being a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends,

Bearing in mind that the Charter of the United Nations provides for the existence of regional arrangements or agencies for dealing with such matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security as are appropriate for regional action and other activities consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

Recalling also that the Charter of the Organization of American States reaffirms these purposes and principles, and provides that the Organization is a regional agency under the terms of the Charter of the United Nations,

Bearing in mind that the Charter of the Organization of American States reaffirms that economic co-operation is essential to common welfare and prosperity, and that it will put into effect the principles on which it is founded by fulfilling its regional obligations under the Charter of the United Nations,

Taking note of the rules adopted by the Organization of American States in 1971 on its co-operation with the United Nations,

Emphasizing the need to strengthen the co-operation that already exists between the United Nations and the Organization of American States, especially in respect of economic and social development, as well as the recent initiative by their Secretaries-General regarding co-operation in the peace process in Central America,

Convinced of the need for more efficient and co-ordinated utilization of available economic and financial resources to promote the common objectives of the two organizations,

1. Invites the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures for promoting and expanding co-operation and co-ordination between the United Nations and the Organization of American States in order to increase the capacity of the two organizations for the attainment of their common objectives;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to promote, in close co-ordination with the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States, meetings between representatives of the two organizations for the purpose of holding consultations on policies, projects, measures and procedures which will facilitate and broaden co-operation between them;

3. Urges the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to:

(a) Collaborate with the Secretary-General in the submission and follow-up of proposals designed to intensify and expand co-operation in all spheres between the United Nations system and the Organization of American States and its specialized agencies;

(b) Initiate, maintain and increase consultations with the specialized agencies, organizations and related programmes of the Organization of American States responsible for development projects for the purpose of co-operation in the attainment of their objectives;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-third session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session the item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States".