

PROCEDURE OF CONSULTATION (INTER-AMERICAN)

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IMPROVEMENT IN THE PROCEDURE OF CONSULTATION

WHEREAS:

In addition to the cases susceptible of originating consultation between the American Republics, contemplated in the resolutions adopted by the Conference for the Maintenance of Peace in 1936, it is mutually desirable to extend the procedure of voluntary coordination to other aspects of continental solidarity; and

Although the form and development of consultation will depend in each case upon the nature of the event which gives rise to it and upon its greater or lesser importance or urgency, this consultation must take place with the attendance of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs whenever personal contact is required,

The Eighth International Conference of American States

DECLARES:

1. That the procedure of consultation, provided for in the conventions and resolutions adopted by the Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Peace, may also be applied, on the initiative of one or more Governments and with the previous agreement of the others, to any economic, cultural or other question which, by reason of its importance, justifies this procedure and in the examination or solution of which the American States may have a common interest.

2. That in those cases where the consultation requires personal contact, it shall take place with the attendance of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs or of their specially authorized representatives.

[The above declaration was incorporated in the final act of the Eighth International Conference of American States, which was signed on December 27, 1938, by delegates representing Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.]