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PROGRAM AND REGULATIONS
OF THE
SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF AMERICAN STATES



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CHAPTER I

ORGANIZATION OF PEACE

- 1. Methods for the prevention and pacific settlement of inter-American conflicts.
- 2. (a) Inter-American Commissions of Conciliation.
(b) Report of the Permanent Commission of Conciliation of Washington on its activities.
- 3. Declaration of August 3, 1932.
- 4. Anti-War Pacts—Argentine Plan.
- 5. Consideration of a plan to secure the prompt ratification of the General Treaty of Inter-American Arbitration and of the General Convention of Inter-American Conciliation of January 5, 1929, and in general to secure the prompt ratification of treaties and conventions and the early application of the resolutions adopted at the International Conferences of American States.

CHAPTER II

PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

- 6. Method for the progressive codification of international law, and consideration of topics susceptible of codification, such as:
 - (a) The rights and duties of States.
 - (b) Treaties and their interpretation.
 - (c) International responsibility of States, with special reference to the denial of justice.
 - (d) Definition, duration, and reciprocity of political asylum.
 - (e) Extradition.
 - (f) Nationality.
 - (g) Territorial sea.
- 7. Report of the Permanent Committee on Public International Law of Rio de Janeiro on the general principles which may facilitate regional agreements between adjacent states on the industrial and

agricultural use of the waters of international rivers, and reports of the said committee and of the Permanent Committee on Private International Law of Montevideo on the matters provided for in the resolution of the Sixth International Conference of American States of February 18, 1928.

CHAPTER III

POLITICAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS OF WOMEN

8. Report of the Inter-American Commission of Women on the political and civil equality of women.

CHAPTER IV

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

9. Consideration of the recommendations of the Fourth Pan American Commercial Conference relative to:

- (a) Customs duties.
 - (b) Currency stabilization and the possibility of adopting a uniform monetary system.
 - (c) Commercial arbitration.
 - (d) Promotion of tourist travel.
10. Import quotas.
11. Import prohibitions.
12. Collective commercial treaties.

13. Report on the resolutions of the Inter-American Conference on Agriculture.

14. Report on the establishment of an inter-American economic and financial organization under the auspices of the Pan American Union.

15. The inter-American protection of patents of invention.

16. Consideration of the draft convention on customs procedure and port formalities formulated by the Pan American Commission on Customs Procedure and Port Formalities which met at Washington from November 18 to 26, 1929.

17. Consideration of projects of uniform legislation relative to such topics as:

- (a) Bills of exchange, checks, and other commercial paper.
- (b) Bills of lading.
- (c) Insurance.
- (d) Simplification and standardization of the requirements for powers of attorney.
- (e) Juridical personality of foreign companies.
- (f) The losses caused by theft and pilferage of cargo in maritime commerce.

(g) Any other draft conventions on uniform legislation relative to commercial and maritime law that may be formulated by the Permanent Committee on Comparative Legislation and Uniformity of Legislation established at Habana by virtue of the resolution of February 18, 1928, of the Sixth Conference.

CHAPTER V

SOCIAL PROBLEMS

18. Consideration of the establishment of an Inter-American Bureau of Labor, which will include in its program the following:

- (a) Improvement of the condition of living of workmen:
 - (1) Promotion of safety in industry.
 - (2) Improved housing conditions.
- (b) Social insurance: Unemployment and practical forms of unemployment insurance.
- (c) Uniformity of demographic statistics.

19. Results of national and international conferences on child welfare, with a view to broadening the work of the Inter-American Institute at Montevideo.

20. Application to foodstuffs and pharmaceutical products exported to other American countries, of the same sanitary, pure food, and drug regulations which are in effect in the country of production on all those commodities consumed therein.

CHAPTER VI

INTELLECTUAL COOPERATION

21. Inter-American copyright protection, and the possibility of reconciling the Habana and Rome conventions.

- 22. American bibliography:
 - (a) Exchange of information.
 - (b) Encouraging national and continental bibliographic effort.

23. Report on the results of the Congress of Rectors, Deans, and Educators, which met at Habana in February 1930.

24. International cooperation to make effective respect for and conservation of the national domain over historical monuments and archeological remains.

CHAPTER VII

TRANSPORTATION

25. Inter-American fluvial navigation: Reports of the Governments on technical studies relative to the navigation of rivers and the elimination of obstacles to navigation, and the possibility of connecting or bettering the connections which exist between them.

26. Report of the Pan American Railway Committee.
27. Study of the penal provisions and of the regulations of the Convention on Commercial Aviation signed at the Sixth International Conference of American States.

CHAPTER VIII

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28. Results of the International Conferences of American States.
 - (a) Reports submitted by the delegations on the action taken by the States on the conventions and resolutions adopted at the Pan American Conferences, with special reference to the Sixth Conference.
 - (b) Results, not specifically included in other sections of this program, of the special conferences held in the interval between the Sixth and Seventh International Conferences of American States and of the permanent institutions established by the International Conferences.
29. Convocation, participation, and meeting of future conferences, and adhesion of nonsignatory states.
 - (a) Consideration of the extraordinary convocation of the International Conferences of American States.
 - (b) Participation in the Pan American Conferences, and the adhesion of nonsignatory states to the conventions signed at such conferences.
 - (c) Future International Conferences of American States.

Unanimously approved by the Governing Board of the Pan American Union at the meeting of May 31, 1933.

(s.) E. GIL BORGES,
Secretary.

(s.) CORDELL HULL,
Chairman.

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REGULATIONS OF THE SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN STATES

CHAPTER I

PERSONNEL OF THE CONFERENCE

Section I

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT

ART. 1. The President of the Republic of Uruguay shall designate the temporary president who shall preside at the opening session and shall continue to preside until the Conference elects a permanent president.

Section II

PERMANENT PRESIDENT

ART. 2. The permanent president of the Conference shall be elected by an absolute majority of the States represented at the Conference.

ART. 3. The duties of the permanent president shall be:

First. To preside at the meetings of the Conference and to submit for consideration in their regular order the subjects contained in the order of the day.

Second. To concede the floor to the delegates in the order in which they may have requested it.

Third. To decide all questions of order raised during the debates of the Conference. Nevertheless, if any delegate shall so request, the ruling made by the chair shall be submitted to the Conference for decision.

Fourth. To call for votes and to announce the result of the vote to the Conference, as provided for by article 17.

Fifth. To transmit to the delegates in advance, through the secretary general, the order of business of each plenary session.

Sixth. To direct the secretary, after the approval of the minutes, to lay before the Conference such matters as may have been presented since the last meeting.

Seventh. To prescribe all necessary measures for the maintenance of order and strict compliance with the regulations.

Section III

VICE PRESIDENTS

ART. 4. In the first session there shall be settled by lot the numerical order of the delegations for the purpose of establishing the order of precedence of their location. In this order the presidents of the delegations shall be called to occupy the chair in the absence of the president as provided by these regulations.

ART. 5. In case of the absence of the president, the respective vice president shall perform the duties of president in accordance with article 3.

Section IV

SECRETARY GENERAL

ART. 6. The secretary general of the Conference shall be appointed by the President of the Republic of Uruguay.

ART. 7. The duties of the secretary general are:

First. To organize, direct, and coordinate the work of the assistant secretaries, secretaries of committees, interpreters, clerks, and other employees which the Government of Uruguay may appoint for service with the secretariat of the Conference.

Second. To receive, distribute, and answer the official correspondence of the Conference in conformity with the resolutions of that body.

Third. To prepare, or cause to be prepared under his supervision, the minutes of the meeting in conformity with the notes the secretaries shall furnish him; and to distribute among the delegates, before each session, printed or mimeographed copies of the minutes of the previous session, for the consideration of the Conference.

Fourth. To revise the translations made by the interpreters of the Conference.

Fifth. To distribute among the committees the matters on which they are required to present reports, and place at the disposal of the committees everything that may be necessary for the discharge of their duties.

Sixth. To prepare the order of the day in conformity with the instructions of the president.

Seventh. To be the intermediary between the delegations or their respective members in matters relating to the Conference and between the delegates and the Uruguayan authorities.

Eighth. To transmit the original minutes of the Conference and of the committees to the Director General of the Pan American Union for preservation in the archives of the Union.

Ninth. To perform such other functions as may be assigned to him by the regulations, by the Conference, or by the President.

CHAPTER II

COMMITTEES OF THE CONFERENCE

ART. 8. Such committees as the Conference may consider necessary shall be organized to study, report, and formulate projects on the topics of the program. Each delegation shall be entitled to be represented by one or more of their members on each committee. The president of the Conference shall designate the membership of the committees in accordance with the lists submitted by the presidents of delegations, indicating the members of the delegations who are to serve on each committee.

A Committee on Initiatives shall be organized, composed of the presidents of delegations and presided over by the president of the Conference.

At the first plenary session the president, with the approval of the Conference, shall name a Committee on Credentials.

ART. 9. Each committee shall elect from among its members a chairman and a vice chairman.

ART. 10. The chairman of each committee shall appoint a reporting delegate for each topic or each group of related topics. The functions of the reporting delegates shall be:

First. To initiate the discussion of the question under consideration and present a report containing the antecedents and an analysis of the various aspects of the question, which shall serve as a basis of discussion.

Second. At the conclusion of the discussion, the reporting delegate shall summarize the debate in a report and shall formulate, in accordance with the opinion of the majority of the committee, the project which, after approval by the committee, shall be submitted to the Conference. A general reporting delegate may be appointed to submit the conclusions of the committee to the Conference.

Third. The minority group of a committee shall have the right to designate a reporting delegate to present their views to the Conference, and the project which they may formulate.

CHAPTER III

THE DELEGATIONS

ART. 11. Delegates may speak in their own languages from manuscript or otherwise. The interpreters shall render a summary of the speech in the other official languages of the conference, unless the speaker or any delegate may request a complete translation of his remarks.

The interpreters shall also render in the other official languages the remarks of the president and the secretary general of the Conference.

ART. 12. Any delegate may submit to the Conference his written opinion upon the matter under discussion, and may request that it be spread upon the minutes of the meeting in which it has been submitted.

A delegation not present at the session may deposit or transmit its vote in writing to the secretary. In this event, the delegation shall be considered as present and its vote counted.

ART. 13. The Director General of the Pan American Union shall be considered as a member *ex officio* of the Conference, but without a right to vote.

CHAPTER IV

MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE AND THE COMMITTEES

ART. 14. The first meeting shall be held at the time and place designated by the Government of Uruguay, and the further sessions on such days as the Conference may determine.

ART. 15. To hold a meeting it is necessary that a majority of the nations attending the conference be represented by at least one of their delegates.

ART. 16. At the opening of the meeting the secretary general shall read the minutes of the preceding meeting, unless such reading is dispensed with. Notes shall be taken of any remarks the president or any of the delegates may make thereon, and approval of the minutes shall be in order.

ART. 17. In the deliberations in the plenary sessions as well as in the committees, the delegation of each Republic represented at the Conference shall have but one vote, and the votes shall be taken separately by countries and shall be recorded in the minutes.

Votes as a general rule shall be taken orally, unless any delegate should request that they be taken in writing. In this case each delegation shall deposit in an urn a ballot containing the name of the nation which it represents and the sense in which the vote is cast. The secretary shall read aloud these ballots and count the votes.

ART. 18. The Conference shall not proceed to vote on any report, project, or proposal relating to any of the subjects included in the program, except when at least two thirds of the nations attending the Conference are represented by one or more delegates.

ART. 19. All proposals amending the motion, project, or resolution under consideration shall be referred to the respective committee, unless the Conference shall by a two-thirds vote decide otherwise.

ART. 20. Amendments shall be submitted for discussion and put to a vote before the article or motion the text of which they are intended to modify is acted upon.

ART. 21. The Conference may, by a two-thirds vote of the delegations present, suspend the rules and proceed to the consideration of a motion, provided, however, that in all cases the procedure with respect to new topics as set forth in article 25 shall be followed.

ART. 22. Except in cases expressly indicated in these regulations, proposals, reports, and projects under consideration by the Conference shall be considered approved when they have obtained the affirmative vote of an absolute majority of the delegations represented by one or more of their members at the meeting where the vote is taken. The delegation which may have sent its vote to the secretary shall be considered as present at the meeting.

ART. 23. The following may attend the sessions of the Conference and of the committees: The delegates with their respective secretaries and attachés; the Director General and other accredited representatives of the Pan American Union; the secretaries and members of the secretariat of the Conference; duly accredited representatives of the press; and any others to whom the Conference may by a majority vote extend this privilege.

At the request of any delegation the Conference may agree to go into secret session. A motion to this effect shall immediately be put and voted upon without discussion.

At the close of the session the secretary general shall issue to the press a statement summarizing the results of the session, except in the event set forth in the preceding paragraph, in which case the Conference shall decide as to the publication of the results of the session.

ART. 24. The official languages of the Conference shall be Spanish, English, Portuguese, and French. The reports, projects, and other documents shall be printed and submitted to the consideration of the Conference and of the committees at least in Spanish and English.

The reports and projects shall be submitted for discussion at a meeting subsequent to that at which they were distributed.

CHAPTER V

NEW TOPICS

ART. 25. If any delegation should propose for the consideration of the Conference a topic not included in the program, the topic shall be referred to the Committee on Initiatives, and after submission of its report and acceptance by a two-thirds vote of the delegations, the topic shall be referred to the respective technical committee.

CHAPTER VI

Section I

MINUTES OF THE SESSIONS

ART. 26. The minutes approved by the Conference shall be signed by the president and the secretary general. The minutes approved by the committees shall be signed by the respective presidents and secretaries. The minutes shall be printed in Spanish, English, Portuguese, and French, in pages of two columns, and a sufficient number of copies shall be issued so that each delegate may receive four copies. The original minutes shall be preserved in the archives of the Pan American Union.

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Section II

FINAL ACT

ART. 27. The final act shall be prepared as the work of the Conference develops. After each plenary session there shall be inserted in the draft of the final act, with a number and a title indicating the subject matter, the treaties, conventions, resolutions, agreements, votes, and recommendations approved at the session and the date of the session on which they were approved. The day before the closing of the Conference the secretary general shall submit to the delegates for examination copies of the final act in Spanish, English, Portuguese, and French. The delegates shall communicate to the secretary general whatever comments they may have to make with respect to the drafting of the final act. The original of the final act shall be signed by the delegations at the closing session of the Conference and transmitted by the secretary general to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay in order that certified copies may be sent to the Governments of the American Republics and to the Pan American Union within ninety days following the close of the Conference.

CHAPTER VII

DIPLOMATIC INSTRUMENTS

ART. 28. Immediately after the approval of a treaty or convention the original instrument shall be drafted in Spanish, English, Portuguese, and French and submitted to the delegations for examination, and shall be signed at the final session. After signature, the instrument shall be transmitted by the secretary general of the Conference to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay, who shall transmit certified copies to the Governments of the American Republics represented at the Conference and to the Pan American Union.

The signatory States shall deposit in the Pan American Union the instruments of ratification of the treaties and conventions signed at the Seventh International Conference of American States, and the Pan American Union shall notify the other signatory States of the deposit.

CHAPTER VIII

AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS

ART. 29. These regulations, after approval by the Governing Board, shall be transmitted to the Seventh International Conference, through the intermediary of the Government of the Republic of Uruguay. The regulations shall be subject to such modifications as may be determined by a vote of two thirds of the delegations at the Conference.

Unanimously adopted by the Governing Board of the Pan American Union at the meeting of May 4, 1932.

(s.) E. GIL BORGES,
Secretary.

(s.) HENRY L. STIMSON,
Chairman.

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