

## PAN AMERICAN UNION

*Resolution adopted by the Sixth International Conference of American States at Havana February 20, 1928*<sup>1</sup>

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*The Sixth International Conference of American States,*

### RESOLVES:

That the Pan American Union continue to be governed by the resolutions in force, until the states members of the Union resolve otherwise, with the following modifications:

1. The government of the Pan American Union shall be vested in a Governing Board composed of the representatives that the American Governments may appoint. The appointment may devolve upon the diplomatic representatives of the respective countries at Washington.
2. The Director General shall appoint, with the approval of the Governing Board, the personnel necessary to the work of the Pan American Union, endeavoring as far as possible to distribute the positions among the nationals of the countries members of the Union.
3. Neither the Governing Board nor the Pan American Union shall exercise functions of a political character.
4. The Governing Board of the Pan American Union shall prepare the regulations and fix the status of the members of the staff, determining their salaries and conditions of retirement.

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<sup>1</sup> In addition to the resolution on the structure and functions of the Pan American Union printed herewith, the Sixth Conference also adopted a convention relating to the organization of the Union which was ratified by the United States but which did not enter into force (for text, see the report of the American delegation, p. 231, or Senate Executive II, 70th Cong., 2d sess.). For text of an earlier resolution, adopted at the Fourth Conference (Buenos Aires, 1910), containing a draft convention, and for other resolutions relating to the Pan American Union adopted at the various Conferences of American States, see the reports of the American delegations to the Conferences, including the Seventh (Montevideo, 1933) and the Eighth (Lima, 1938).

5. The states members of the Union may withdraw from the Union at any time, but shall pay their respective quotas for the period of the current fiscal year.

[The above resolution was incorporated in the final act of the Sixth International Conference of American States, which was signed on February 20, 1928, 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.]