

AG/RES. 1102 (XXI-0/91)
ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, 1990
*(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session,
held on June 7, 1991)*

The General Assembly,

Having seen the Annual Report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to Article 41.g of the American Convention on Human Rights (CP/doc. 2144/91) and the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on that report (AG/doc. 2709/91), as well as the presentation made by the Chairman of the Commission; and

Considering:

That, in the Charter of the Organization of American States, the member states have declared that respect for the fundamental rights of the individual, without distinction as to race, nationality, creed, or sex, is one of the basic principles of the Organization;

That the main purpose of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights is to promote the observance and defense of human rights in all the member states;

That Article 53.f of the Charter of the Organization of American States establishes that one of the powers of the General Assembly is to consider the observations and recommendations presented by the Permanent Council with regard to the reports of the organs and entities of the Organization, in accordance with Article 90.f of the Charter;

That, under Article 52 of the Charter, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights is one of the organs by means of which the Organization accomplishes its purposes; and

That the effective exercise of representative democracy is the best guarantee for the full observance of human rights,

Resolves:

1. *To take note* of the Annual Report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (CP/doc. 2144/91).
2. *To welcome* and transmit to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council of the Organization on the Commission's Annual Report.
3. *To take note* of the comments and observations made by the governments on the Commission's Report and of the measures that they are adopting to strengthen the promotion, observance, and protection of human rights in their respective countries.
4. *To reiterate* to the Commission the mandates contained in operative paragraphs 14, 15, 17, and 18 of resolution AG/RES. 1044 (XX-O/91) and to request that it present a progress report on the execution of those mandates to the General Assembly at its twenty-second regular session.
5. *To recommend* that, pursuant to Article 63, paragraphs (e) and (h), of its Regulations, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights stress in its annual reports the progress achieved and the difficulties that have existed in the effective observance and defense of human rights.
6. *To urge* the member states to comply with the recommendations contained in the Annual Report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, in accordance with their Constitution and Laws.
7. *To reiterate* to the member state governments the recommendation that they continue to extend the necessary guarantees and facilities to nongovernmental human rights organizations and their members, so that they may conduct their activities freely, in keeping with the constitutional norms of each country.

8. *To reiterate* the provisions of resolution AG/RES. 1043 (XX-0/90), Consequences of Acts of Violence Perpetrated by Irregular Armed Groups in the Enjoyment of Human Rights, to the effect that, in reporting on the status of human rights in the American states, the Commission include reference to the action of irregular armed groups that may be operating in such states.
9. *To reiterate* its interest in the prompt approval of the draft InterAmerican Convention on the Forced Disappearance of Persons, which is under study in the Permanent Council, reaffirming that the practice in question is an affront to the conscience of the American peoples.
10. *To reiterate* that the practice of torture is a crime against humanity and violates the dignity and nature of the human person.
11. *To recommend* to those member states that are not parties to the 1969 American Convention on Human Rights, "Pact of San José, Costa Rica," that they ratify or accede to that instrument and in the case of states that have not done so, that they accept the competence of the Interamerican Commission on Human Rights to receive and examine international communications pursuant to Article 45, paragraph 3, of the Convention, and that they recognize the binding jurisdiction of the InterAmerican Court of Human Rights, in accordance with Article 62, paragraph 2, of the aforementioned Convention.
12. *To encourage* the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to continue its important task of promoting and defending human rights in the hemisphere, and to provide it with the support it needs to carry out that eminently important function.