



United States Department of State

*United States Permanent Mission to the
Organization of American States*

Washington, D.C. 20520

May 26, 2009

His Excellency
Ambassador Graeme C. Clarke
Permanent Representative of Canada and
Chair of the Permanent Council
Organization of American States
Washington, D.C.

Your Excellency:

I have the honor to write you with regard to the next upcoming session of the Permanent Council, currently scheduled to be held on May 27, 2009, in order to request that the enclosed draft resolution entitled "Cuba and the Inter-American System" be added to the agenda of that meeting under the existing agenda item entitled "Proposed Resolutions on Cuba."

In addition to including this agenda item, I also request that this letter and draft resolution be translated and circulated to all delegations prior to the next meeting of the Permanent Council.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Lewis Amselem".

W. Lewis Amselem
Deputy U.S. Permanent Representative

Enclosure:
As stated.

Cc: Ambassador Albert Ramdin, Assistant Secretary General

Resolution of the General Assembly

CUBA AND THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM

(Presented by the United States)

Recognizing:

The shared interest in the full participation of all Member States;

That some of the circumstances since Cuba's suspension from full participation in the Organization of American States may have changed;

The spirit of openness that encouraged dialogue among the heads of state and government at the V Summit of the Americas in Port of Spain, and that, consistent with that spirit, the Member States desire to establish a period of renewed hemispheric relations;

That frank and open dialogue is one of the hallmarks of multilateral relations between sovereign states and between sovereign states and multilateral organizations;

Recalling the OAS Charter, the Inter-American Democratic Charter, the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man, and the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, which are instruments universally applicable to all Member states, as well as the American Convention on Human Rights and the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance; and

Taking into account, in accordance with article 54 of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS), that the General Assembly is the supreme organ of the OAS;

RESOLVES:

1. To support the interest of the Member States in facilitating the eventual reintegration of Cuba into the Inter-American system in a manner that is consistent with the commitments, principles and values of the OAS Charter, the Inter-American Democratic Charter, and other instruments.

2. To instruct the Permanent Council to initiate a dialogue with the present Government of Cuba regarding its eventual reintegration into the inter-American system, consistent with the principles of sovereignty, independence, non-intervention, democracy and full respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, as enshrined in the OAS Charter, the Inter-American Democratic Charter, and other OAS instruments.

3. To instruct the Permanent Council to present the results of the dialogue prior to the next General Assembly.

4. To review the report of the Permanent Council at the next General Assembly and determine what, if any, steps could be taken towards the eventual reintegration of Cuba into the inter-American system, in a manner consistent with the spirit of consensus that governs the institution.

5. To reaffirm our will to act in accordance with our commitments to the fundamental principles of the inter-American system.

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