



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP

Chairman: Uruguay

The Delegates of the member countries of the X Conference of Defense Ministers of the Americas, meeting in the city of Punta del Este, Republic of Uruguay, in the context of the Ad Hoc Group,

Agreed:

1.- With regard to item A of the group of items on which no consensus was achieved at the Preparatory Meeting:

a) To approve by consensus the following text: "It is deemed appropriate that specialized national bodies, in accordance with the laws of each State and fully respecting the sovereign will of each one, expand regional initiatives to conduct humanitarian assistance exercises, in support of the relevant authorities."

b) That the Delegation of Peru draw up a paragraph providing for the carrying out of humanitarian assistance exercises in support of the development of the countries of the Hemisphere."

2.- With regard to item B of the group of items on which no consensus was achieved at the Preparatory Meeting: to approve, by consensus, the following text: "Taking into account paragraph 6 of the Declaration of the IX Conference of Defense Ministers of the Americas, Resolution AG/RES 2632 (XLI-O/11) and Resolution AG/RES 2735 (XLII-O/12), to request that the Permanent Council of the OAS schedule and hold meetings, with the participation of representatives from the Defense Ministries, to discuss the future of the mission and functions of the instruments and components of the inter-American defense system, including the Inter-American Defense Board."

3.- Items C and D of the group of items not agreed upon at the Preparatory Meeting were dealt with by the Committee for Declaration, since no consensus was achieved at the Ad Hoc Group.



In witness whereof, the present minute is signed on four copies of the same document, in the Spanish, French, English and Portuguese languages.

Brig. Gral (R) Gerónimo Cardozo

Chairman

Executive Secretary of the X CDMA

Dra. Sandra De Souza

Recording Secretary