

INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD
Council of Delegates, Minutes, Session 649
27 February 1975

I. OPENING

A. Quorum

1. The Chairman, Vice Admiral Oliver H. Perry, Jr., United States of America, called the session to order at 1010 hours. The following fifteen delegations were present: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

2. The Chairman stated that with the appointment of an accredited representative from El Salvador, the quorum returned to thirteen. (It had fallen to twelve in Session 646, 16 January 1975, when the Secretariat was left without knowledge of an accredited representative.)

B. Approval of Minutes

1. There being no comments, the Chairman declared the Minutes of Session 648, Document C-1679, and its two Appendices, Documents C-1680 and C-1681, approved as presented.

II. PRESENTATIONS None

III. PROTOCOL

A. Farewells

1. The Chairman said farewell to Coronel Jorge O'Ryan, Army, Advisor to the Delegation of Chile, who had been assigned to a new post in Chile, and to Major Bruce A. Phinney, Army, Advisor to the United States Delegation, in absentia. He expressed gratitude to both the departing members and best wishes for continued success.

2. The Chairman warmly welcomed Coronel Aquiles Gallardo Schwarzenberg, Army of Chile, Staff Member, and Major James W. Connally, United States Air Force, Advisor to his Delegation.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS (See also Appendix 1.)

A. By the Chairman

1. An Assembly, No. 148, would be held on 5 March 1975,

at 1515 hours, to honor Almirante Geraldo Azevedo Henning, Minister of the Navy of Brazil. It was the Chairman's hope that all possible would be present at this important event.

IV. A. 2. It was with pleasure that the Chairman announced that he had been invited to give a short briefing on the Inter - American Defense Board, its origins and its activities, to the IADB Wives' Club. The event was scheduled for 11 March at 1000 hours. He expressed pleasure in the ladies' interest in this subject.

3. The Director of the Staff, Brigadier General John E. Pitts, Jr., United States of America, had reported that the Staff would be ready to present Basic Strategic Plan BRAVO, as revised in accordance with comments from several delegations, in the next session. That meant that the Council could initiate action on Plan BRAVO at the first regular session in April.

4. Of the five countries drawn for the post of Vice Secretary, in Session 631, 8 March 1974, the third, Ecuador, and the fourth, Nicaragua, had recently reported that they would be unable to fill the post which had become vacant on 1 September 1974. The last country in the drawing of lots was the Dominican Republic, and Capitán de Navío César A. Gil García, Chief of the Delegation of that country, was asking for an early reply from his Government.

5. A communication from Rear Admiral Charles D. Grojean, Chief of the United States Delegation, announced the approval of Resolution XCVI, Military Civic Action, Document C-1631, with certain recommendations to obtain better accuracy in the section pertaining to the United States of America. These recommendations would be retained for the next formal revision of the document. There was no substantive matter involved.

6. a. A letter had been received from Major General George S. Beatty, Jr., United States of America, Director of the Inter-American Defense College, reporting that eight Advisors anticipated leaving the College the next summer and that informal information indicated that six students in the current class would be nominated to stay at the College as Advisors. This left the College four short of the number of Advisors desired, and the Chiefs of Delegation were requested to take this matter under consideration immediately. It was highly desirable to have Advisors nominated from countries not already represented, in order to provide a balance in country representation. (Details in Supplementary Bulletin, Appendix 1, Document C-1685.)

b. Capitán de Navío Conrado J. Olazábal, Uruguay, stated that, though it was unfortunate that his Government could not name Advisors for the period under question, he wished to ask whether if

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representation were made to his country with respect to the need for an Advisor and if one were named, could there be any assurance that the Advisor would be accepted.

c. The Chairman replied that he would formally confirm this matter, but that he could assure Capitán Olazábal that if the Government of Uruguay nominated an Advisor he would unquestionably be accepted.

IV. B. Others

1. Major General John L. Gerrity, United States of America, speaking for the Chief of Delegation, announced that the traditional U.S. hosted visit to industrial, military, and cultural installations in the United States would be held in the month of May, approximately from the 5th to the 17th. Because of rising transportation cost and severe budget constraints, it would be necessary to combine the Council of Delegates and College trips. This would place a limit on the number of participants, since the maximum capacity of the aircraft was ninetyfour passengers. Additional information would be provided as it became available.

2. Capitán de Navío Conrado J. Olazábal, Uruguay, Chairman of the Social Commission, announced that unfortunately the Anniversary celebration of the Board could not be held this year at the headquarters of the Organization of American States. After investigation, it had been decided that the event would be held at Bolling AFB, which, of the locations available, had the largest capacity, making it possible to issue the usual invitation list. Also, Bolling had a floor area specifically intended for dancing. The Anniversary Party would be held at 2000 hours on 4 April. Capitán Olazábal stated that, unwillingly, because of the pressing obligations of the members of his Commission, he had had to make rapid decisions on his own, because the invitation list must be sent out very early. Among those decisions was that of holding the event at Bolling.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Appointments to Commissions (Art. 4.d., IADB Regs.)

1. To the Social Commission, Contralmirante Antonio Vañek, Argentina, to serve until the second session in January 1976.

VI. REPORTS

A. Proposed Modification of the Staff Regulations, Document C-1371

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VI. A. 1. a. The Director of the Staff called attention to minor changes proposed to the Staff Regulations, Document C-1371, distributed to the delegates under date of 25 February 1975 (unnumbered). The document contained the proposed changes and reasons therefore. Recalling that a Proposed Regulations of the Staff, Document T-350, had been presented in June 1973, he noted that action on that document had never been completed, probably because the Board Regulations were also being revised. He therefore requested that Document T-350, which was out of date, be returned to the Staff for cancellation.

b. A motion by Capitán de Navío Conrado J. Olazábal, Uruguay, to return Document T-350 to the Staff for cancellation, was approved unanimously.

2. The Chairman stated that, in accordance with Art. 41. a. of the IADB Regulations, the proposed modifications to the Staff Regulations would be placed on the agenda for Session 651.

B. Tentative General Program for Trips and Visits, 1975-1976 (Document T-357)

1. a. Comodoro José Antonio Crosetto, Argentina, Chief of the Staff Logistics Division, and designated as Staff representative on the Temporary Commission on Trips and Visits, explained in detail the subject document, number T-357. Comodoro Crosetto indicated a variation in the usual circumstances surrounding the Board trip, consisting of the fact of the recent entrance into the Inter-American System of the Republics of Barbados, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago, all located in the area to be visited. He suggested that the Temporary Commission on Trips and Visits for the present period have in mind the possibility that invitations might be received from those countries, with the resultant effect on plans and costs.

b. In the assurance that the delegations would wish more time to consider this matter, the Chairman stated that he would place it on the agenda for the next regular session.

C. Temporary Commission on Trips and Visits, 1974-1975

1. Coronel Federico Fuentes Corado, Guatemala, speaking on behalf of the Chairman of the Temporary Commission on Trips and Visits, 1974-1975, General de Brigada Julio Gutiérrez Rivera, Nicaragua, presented the report of the Commission named. (See Appendix 2.)

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VI. C. 2. On motion of Coronel Alonso Flores-Guerra, Honduras, the Commission report was approved as it stood; 14 yes, 0 no, 1 ab-
stention. (The report contains two recommendations, concerning ex-
 pressions of gratitude to the host governments and congratulations to
 the working personnel on the trip.)

VII. OLD BUSINESS None


VIII. NEW BUSINESS None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A. Next Meetings

1. After announcing that the next regular session of the Council of Delegates would be held at 1000 hours on Thursday, 13 March 1975, the Chairman declared Session 649 adjourned at 1120 hours.

Official:


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Matters considered:

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| 1. Change in Quorum | (I. A. 2.) |
| 2. Vice Secretary | (IV. A. 4.) |
| 3. Advisors: IADC | (IV. A. 6.) |
| 4. U. S. Trip | (IV. B. 1.) |
| 5. Report: Proposed Modifications to the Staff
Regulations (Doc. C-1371) | (VI. A.) |
| 6. Report: Tentative General Program for Trips and
Visits, 1975-1976 (Doc. T-357) | (VI. B.) |
| 7. Report: Temporary Commission on Trips and
Visits, 1974-1975 | (VI. C.) |

Appendices:

1. Supplementary Bulletin (C-1685)
2. Report: Temporary Commission on Trips and Visits,
1974-1975 (C-1686)

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