

Annex A
Working Group Recommendations to CDMA Ministers

(Approved ad referendum Argentina and Nicaragua)

In carrying out its mandate established in the Declaration of Banff, to assess the modalities of Conference of Defence Ministers of the Americas (CDMA) cooperation with the Organization of American States (OAS), including the Inter American Defence Board (IADB), the Working Group submits to the Ministers for their consideration, the following recommendations:

- 1) To express appreciation to the Secretary General of the OAS for the offer to host the institutional memory of the Conference;
- 2) To accept this offer to host the CDMA institutional memory, which is defined by the Working Group as the documentary history, including the CDMA website and archival services such as document registration and classification, distribution and safekeeping. For that purpose, the IADB will be charged with this task in accordance with its Statutes, within existing financial and personnel resources;
- 3) In this regard, to endorse the draft Resolution contained in Annex B, which would subsequently be submitted for consideration by the General Assembly of the OAS;
- 4) To consider in the future, the possibility of expanding cooperation with the OAS by seeking additional support to the CDMA in conference services,
- 5) To authorize the Pro Tempore Secretariat, on behalf of the CDMA, to communicate with the General Secretariat of the OAS on its resolutions regarding the modalities of cooperation, and to inform the CDMA Ministers of the results no later than April, 2009.

Annex B
Draft Resolution for the OAS General Assembly
“SUPPORT FOR THE CONFERENCE OF DEFENCE MINISTERS OF THE
AMERICAS IN HOSTING ITS INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY”

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

RECOGNIZING the Williamsburg Principles agreed to by all Member States of the Conference of Defence Ministers of the Americas;

RECALLING the Declaration of Banff adopted at the VIII Conference of Defence Ministers of the Americas, 2008, whereby the Defence Ministers of the Americas decided to explore areas of support to immediately strengthen the institutional memory of the CDMA, and to create a Working Group to assess by December 2008 the modalities of CDMA cooperation with the OAS, including the Inter American Defence Board (IADB);

RECALLING that, in 2006, the General Assembly established the IADB as an entity of the Organization, and adopted the Statutes of the IADB, which, inter alia, define its legal and institutional relationship with the OAS;

NOTING the importance that Member States of the CDMA attach to the institutional memory of the Conference, which is defined as the documentary history, the CDMA website and archival services, such as document registration and classification, distribution and safekeeping,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Secretary General of the Organization of American States to entrust to the Inter American Defence Board the responsibility of hosting the institutional memory of the Conference of Defence Ministers of the Americas, in accordance with its Statutes, within existing financial and personnel resources.