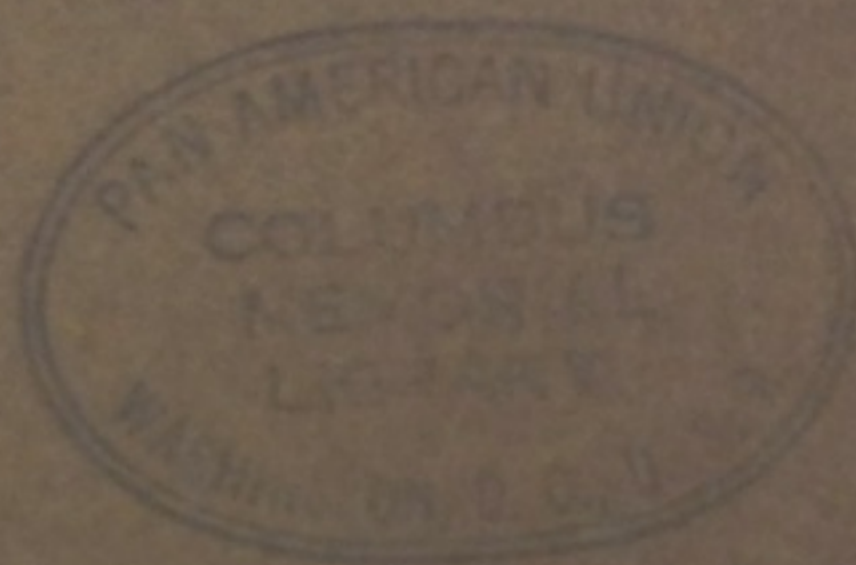


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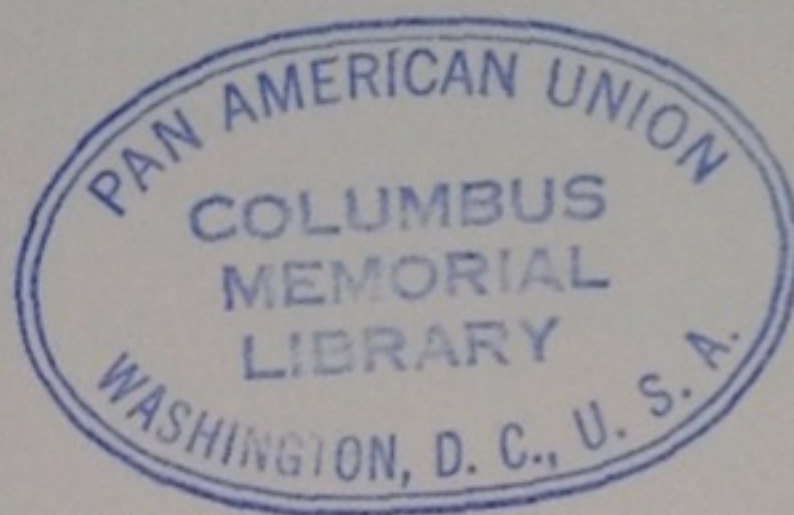


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to the Fifth Meeting of the IANEC (OEA/Ser.L/IV.2.5, Ref. Doc. 3-C, February 10, 1964).

Fourth Meeting. Held at the headquarters of the Argentine National Atomic Energy Commission, at the Commission's invitation, from February 26 to 28, 1964. At this meeting the Committee made a final review of the works that it had undertaken, surveyed in a general way the methods the American countries might use to examine jointly the Committee's report and studies, and discussed its functions and future composition. In April 1964 the Division prepared a draft report on this meeting, and as soon as the observations of the Committee members are received, the definitive text will be published in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

b. Fifth Meeting of the IANEC

This meeting, held in Valparaiso, Chile, from March 3 to 7, 1964, considered the report of its Special Committee on Civil Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy and the previously mentioned draft conventions and draft resolutions. A staff member of the Codification Division served as legal adviser to the meeting.

During the discussions it was agreed to change the name of the Committee to "Special Legal Committee of the IANEC on Civil Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy."

Resolution III, paragraph 6, and Resolutions XI and XVI of the Fifth Meeting of IANEC deal with subjects related to the activities of the Committee. In Resolution XI the Fifth Meeting decided to transmit the two draft conventions prepared by the Special Legal Committee together with the report of the Committee, to the governments, with the request that they send their comments and observations to the Pan American Union by December 31, 1964. In addition, it requested the Department of Legal Affairs to prepare new drafts taking these observations and comments into account. Further, the Special Legal Committee was entrusted with studying these drafts, preparing new texts, and submitting them for consideration by the governments, at its meeting in the first half of 1965. Resolution XI recommended to the Council of the Organization that at a suitable time it convene a specialized conference to draft and approve the definitive text of the Inter-American Convention on Civil Liability for Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.

c. Revised Edition of the report of the Special Legal Committee

This document (OEA/Ser.L/IV.2.5, Ref. Doc. 3-C, May 1, 1964), published in English, Spanish and Portuguese, was sent to the governments in accordance with the abovementioned Resolution XI. Besides the report on activities of the Committee during its four meetings, it contains the two draft conventions; the text of the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage; the texts of Resolution VII, paragraph 6, and Resolutions XI and XVI of the Fifth Meeting; and several appendices.

d. New composition of the Committee

In accordance with Resolution XVI of the Fifth Meeting of the IANEC, the Special Legal Committee was made up of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, the United States of America, and Uruguay.

D. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN ELECTORAL MATTERS

Mission to Honduras

In accordance with the request of the Honduran Government, dated July 15, 1963, for technical assistance in electoral matters, the General Secretariat of the Organization appointed Dr. Victor F. Goytia, Professor Henry Wells, and Mr. José Antonio Bonilla Atilas to provide these services to the Government.

On September 11, 1963, the Technical Mission presented its final report directly to the President of Honduras, Dr. José Ramón Villeda Morales.

In a note dated September 26 of the same year, Dr. Céleo Dávila, Ambassador, Representative of Honduras on the Council of the Organization, informed the Secretary General that his Government was in agreement that the report be published.

In accordance with this authorization, the General Secretariat published the report early in October 1963. It is in three chapters. The first deals with the Mission's activities in Honduras and contains a historical and comparative study of the legislation in force, together with a historical study of the electoral institutions. In the second, the Mission gives an account of the national electoral census, the electoral campaign, the function of the public force, the ballot, and the conduct of elections; in this chapter the Mission made a number of observations and recommendations for the elections to be held on October 13, 1963. Chapter III contains the Mission's observations and recommendations on the electoral system for future elections.

E. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

1. At the request of the Permanent Committee of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences, an opinion memorandum was prepared on the privileges and immunities enjoyed by the Institute in Costa Rica and in other countries where it carries on activities. The occasion for this request was the legal complaint brought by a former Institute employee for the purpose of claiming certain benefits included in the Costa Rican Labor Code. In addition, a draft agreement between the Institute and the Costa Rican Government was prepared, and later signed.

2. It was decided that employees of the Pan American Union who are not citizens of the United States are exempt from payment of the Maryland State income tax. At present Virginia is the only state that continues to tax these official salaries.

3. A decision by the United States Treasury Department declared that employees of international organizations whose