

OAS CHARTER INDEX

Culture

Ch 2, Art. 3l (principles): "The spiritual unity of the continent is based on respect for the cultural values of the American countries and requires their close cooperation for the high purposes of civilization"

Ch 7, Art. 51: "The Member States, with due respect for the individuality of each of them, agree to promote cultural exchange as an effective means of consolidating inter-American understanding; and they recognize that regional **integration** programs should be strengthened by close ties in the fields of **education, science, and culture.**

Ch 14, Art. 99: "The purpose of the Inter-American Council of **Education, Science, and Culture** is to promote friendly relations and mutual understanding between the peoples of the Americas through **educational, scientific, and cultural** cooperation and exchange between Member States, in order to raise the cultural level of the peoples, reaffirm their dignity as individuals, prepare them fully for the tasks of progress, and strengthen the devotion to peace, **democracy, and social justice** that has characterized their evolution" (see also Art. 100)

Democracy

Ch 1, Art. 2b (essential purpose): "To promote and consolidate representative democracy"

Ch 2, Art. 3d (principles): "The solidarity of the American States and the high aims which are sought through it require the political organization of those States on the bases of the effective exercise of representative democracy"

Development, (Integral)

Ch 1, Art. 2f (essential purpose): "To promote, by cooperative action, their economic, social, and **cultural** development"

Ch 7, Art. 29: "The Member States, inspired by the principles of inter-American solidarity and cooperation, pledge themselves to a united effort to ensure international social **justice** in their relations and integral development for their peoples, as conditions essential to peace and security. Integral development encompasses the economic, social, **educational, cultural, scientific, and technological** fields through which the goals that each country sets for accomplishing it should be achieved." (*see also Articles 30-33*)

Education - see also Ch 7, Articles 48-49

Ch 2, Art. 3m (principles): "The education of peoples should be directed toward **justice, freedom, and peace.**"

Ch 7, Art. 33h (basic goals): "Rapid eradication of illiteracy and expansion of educational opportunities for all"

Equality of Member States

Ch 4, Art. 9: "States are juridically equal, enjoy equal rights and equal capacity to exercise these rights, and have equal duties. The rights of each State depend not upon its power to ensure the exercise thereof, but upon the mere fact of its existence as a person under international law."

Human Rights

Ch 2, Art. 3k (principles): "The American States proclaim the fundamental rights of the individual without distinction as to race, nationality, creed, or sex"

Ch 7, Art. 44a: "All human beings, without distinction as to race, sex, nationality, creed, or social condition, have a right to material well-being and to their spiritual development, under circumstances of liberty, dignity, equality of opportunity, and economic security"

Ch 16, Art. 111: "There shall be an Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, whose principal function shall be to promote the observance and protection of human rights and to serve as a consultative organ of the Organization in these matters"

Industrialization

Ch 7, Art. 33e (basic goals): "Accelerated and diversified industrialization, especially of capital and intermediate goods"

Integration - see also Ch 7, Articles 41-43

Ch 7, Art. 44f (principles/mechanisms): "The incorporation and increasing participation of the marginal sectors of the population, in both rural and urban areas, in the economic, social, civic, **cultural**, and political life of the nation, in order to achieve the full integration of the national community, acceleration of the process of social mobility, and the consolidation of the **democratic** system. The encouragement of all efforts of popular promotion and cooperation that have as their purpose the **development** and progress of the community"

Ch 7, Art. 45 "The Member States recognize that, in order to facilitate the process of Latin American regional integration, it is necessary to harmonize the social legislation of the developing countries, especially in the **labor** and social security fields, so that the rights of the workers shall be equally protected, and they agree to make the greatest efforts possible to achieve this goal"

Justice

Ch 2, Art. 31 (principles): "Social justice and social security are bases of lasting peace."

Labor

Ch 7, Art. 33g (basic goals): "Fair wages, employment opportunities, and acceptable working conditions for all"

Ch 7, Art 44b: "Work is a right and a social duty, it gives dignity to the one who performs it, and it should be performed under conditions, including a system of fair wages, that ensure life, health, and a decent standard of living for the worker and his family, both during his working years and in his old age, or when any circumstance deprives him of the possibility of working"

Science/Technology

Ch 7, Art. 33i (basic goals): "Protection of man's potential through the extension and application of modern medical science"

Ch 7, Art. 37: "The Member States shall extend among themselves the benefits of science and technology by encouraging the exchange and utilization of scientific and technical knowledge in accordance with existing treaties and national laws"

Ch 7, Art. 50: "The Member States will develop science and technology through **educational**, research, and technological development activities and information and dissemination programs. They will stimulate activities in the field of technology for the purpose of adapting it to the needs of their **integral development**. They will organize their cooperation in these fields efficiently and will substantially increase exchange of knowledge, in accordance with national objectives and laws and with treaties in force.

Sovereignty

Ch 1, Art. 1: "[the Charter], none of whose provisions authorizes it to intervene in matters that are within the internal jurisdiction of the Member States."

Ch 2, Art. 3b (principles): "International order consists essentially of respect for the personality, sovereignty, and independence of the States"

Ch 4, Art. 11: "The fundamental rights of States may not be impaired in any manner whatsoever."

Ch 4, Art. 18: "No State or group of States has the right to intervene, directly or indirectly, for any reason whatever, in the internal or external affairs of any other State. The foregoing principle prohibits not only armed force but also any other form of interference or attempted threat against the personality of the State or against its political, economic, and **cultural** elements."

Trade - see Ch 7, Art. 38

United Nations

Ch 1, Art. 1: "Within the United Nations, the Organization of American States is a regional agency."

Ch 20, Art. 136: "None of the provisions of this Charter shall be construed as impairing the rights and obligations of the Member States under the Charter of the United Nations"