



AG/RES. 2525 (XXXIX-O/09)

FUND FOR PEACE: PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF TERRITORIAL DISPUTES

(Adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on June 4, 2009)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING resolution AG/RES.. 1756 (XXX-O/00) Fund for Peace: Peaceful Settlement of Territorial Disputes, through which a specific fund was established to provide member states of the Organization that so request with financial resources to assist with defraying the costs of proceedings previously agreed to by the parties for the peaceful resolution of territorial disputes among member states;

HAVING SEEN:

The Annual Report of the General Secretariat to the Permanent Council (CP/doc.4374/09) of the Fund for Peace: Peaceful Settlement of Territorial Disputes Pursuant to Resolution CP/RES. 781 (1257/00);

The section of the Annual Report of the Secretary General for the period 2008-2009 on the activities advanced by the Fund for Peace: Peaceful Settlement of Territorial Disputes (Peace Fund);

BEARING IN MIND:

That strengthening peace and security, preventing conflicts, and peacefully resolving disputes are among the essential purposes of the OAS, as established in its founding Charter; and

That border and territorial disputes can be a contentious and unnecessary barrier to economic and social development; that they regularly frustrate trade, environmental protection, security, and law enforcement; and have the potential of leading to armed conflict,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Secretary General to continue to promote the raising and mobilization of funds from member states, permanent observers, other states, international financial institutions, national and international organizations, and other entities and other donors for the financing of the Peace Fund.

2. To encourage the member states to use the Peace Fund as an effective financial tool for peacefully resolving conflicts through mechanisms contemplated under the OAS Charter, such as direct negotiation, good offices, mediation, investigation and conciliation.

3. To request the General Secretariat to continue to strengthen its knowledge and experience in the pacific settlement of territorial disputes through the Secretariat for Political Affairs, under which the Peace Fund is administered pursuant to CP/RES. 781 (1257/00).

4. To acknowledge that the Inter-American Peace Forum operates under the Peace Fund, and contributes to the promotion of a culture of peace in the Member States of the OAS.