

Article 35 of the Charter, as amended by the Protocol, does not derogate in any way from the obligation of states reflected in Article 3 faithfully to fulfill their international obligations with respect to transnational enterprises whether derived from treaties and agreements or other sources of international law, nor does it derogate from the jurisdiction other states may have with regard to such enterprises.

Article 38 of the Charter, as amended by the Protocol, establishes nonbinding goals, including the important goal of reducing or eliminating tariff and nontariff barriers to exports of all member states, and does not affect the competence or scope of the General Agreement and Tariffs and Trade (GATT), as the principal rulemaking body for the international trading system, to address negotiable issues such as special and differential treatment for developing country exports.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:

Signed 28 September 1987 at the OAS General Secretariat.

Mexico:

(Statement made at the time of ratification)

"The Government of Mexico states that it hereby ratifies the Protocol of Amendment to the Charter of the Organization of American States, Protocol of Cartagena de Indias, especially pleased by the inclusion within the Charter of guiding principles that renew our faith in the Organization, and reaffirms that:

1. The second paragraph of Article 1 of the Protocol specifically establishes that the Organization of American States has no implicit or residual powers, rejects the legal possibility of extensive interpretations of its governing precepts, and subordinates the Organization itself to the principle set forth in Article 18 of the Charter whereby 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.

2. Article 3 e) introduces political pluralism into the Charter as the guiding principle of inter-American coexistence and stresses the inalienable right of every State to choose, without external interference, the political, economic and social organization best suited to it, establishes the obligation of the American States to cooperate fully among themselves, independently of their political, economic and social systems, and aspires to a plural and democratic Organization composed of all the American States.