

INTRODUCTION

This report provides information on a workshop held in Lima, Peru, from 26 to 29 October on the topic of "Regional Cooperation for Development and the Peaceful Settlement of Disputes in Latin America." The workshop was co-sponsored by the International Peace Academy (New York) and three Peruvian organizations with a major interest in the topic: the Institute of International Relations of the Peruvian Foreign Ministry (IPRI), the Peruvian Center of International Studies (CEPEI), and the Peruvian Institute of Geopolitical and Strategic Studies (IPEGE).

As is the Academy's custom, this Workshop was "off-the-record" in that all discussions were on a non-attribution basis in order to permit the frankest possible comments on a range of sensitive subjects. Representatives of the press were present only at the opening session and during the speech of the Deputy Foreign Minister of Peru.

This workshop departed somewhat from prior IPA projects in Latin America in several respects. For one, it was co-sponsored with three Peruvian organizations with a deep involvement in the study and research of international relations. Numerous representatives from these organizations were present at the sessions, and several presented papers. Thus, the group as a whole was privileged to exchange ideas with top specialists of the host country. The workshop also had primarily a South American focus, as opposed to the previous IPA focus on Central America and the Caribbean. The efforts of four prior IPA workshops in the 1983–1985 period culminated in the 1986

publication of a major IPA book, *Conflict in Central America: Approaches to Peace and Security*. With the publishing of this book, and the relative stagnation of the Contadora process in late 1986, it was felt that it would be appropriate for the IPA to focus on South American issues, although the workshop also considered hemispheric and specifically Central American problems as well.

As has been the case with prior such IPA workshops, the variety of countries and viewpoints present precluded reaching any comprehensive consensus on any of these problems. Indeed, the purpose of the workshop was to air these divergent views and attempt to improve communications between their proponents while at the same time attempting to suggest numerous ways in which regional cooperation in development could lead to a reduction of tensions and the peaceful settlement of disputes in Latin America. While respecting this rich variety of views, the workshop did attempt to produce some recommendations on which the group as a whole could agree.

A multilateral drafting group of persons from a broad spectrum of countries put forward a succinct statement of the lowest common denominator of positions on issues of importance. In other IPA workshops, agreement has normally been reached on such conclusions; but in Lima, agreement was not possible in the limited time available for the discussion of these conclusions on the final day. Part I of this report is thus the conclusions of the three co-chairmen, although considerably more participants would have gladly associated themselves to the content of this draft had more time been available for minor revisions.

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