

*THE CHARTER FOR THE
PANAMERICAN CONFEDERATION OF MECHANICAL
AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, AND RELATED SCIENCES*

CHAPTER I

ABOUT ITS BACKGROUND

PREAMBLE

On behalf of the Panamerican Engineering, by means of the mandate in the Protocolar Agreement of the Declaration of Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, signed by the delegations of the Member countries who attended the COPIMERA XII General Meeting, which took place in Cartagena, Colombia, the Organization of Panamerican Engineering was created, and the corporation Agreement and Declaration of Principles are the following:

ARTICLE 1.- CONSTITUTION

In Mexico city, on October 9th., 1991, the PANAMERICAN CONFEDERATION OF MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, AND RELATED SCIENCES was constituted, and its abbreviated name shall be COPIMERA, and its representative American Countries are up-to-date the following:
Argentina, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Chile, El Salvador, Mexico, Panama, Peru and Puerto Rico.

CHAPTER II

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

ARTICLE 2.- DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

The CONFEDERATION is a permanent Panamerican Organization which does not pursue lucrative purposes, neither political, nor religious and has the following goals:

- a) To encourage friendship bonds, fraternity, cooperation and a relationship of mutual respectfulness among its members.
- b) To stimulate the interchange of knowledgement and experiences among the Engineers of such specialities in America.

- c) To divulge and promote the outcome of Studies and Research made within the areas of Mechanical, Electrical, Electronic, and Industrial Engineering, as well as its related Sciences in America.
- d) To estímulate every initiative that may devolope Science and Creative Engineering, in accordance with the neccesities of the people of America.
- e) To promote actions so that the activities of the Engineers within such Sciences, may allow the social and economical welfare of the Member countries in an environment of peace.
- f) To sponsor forums in order to valuate and recognize the advancements and fullfilments within the related Sciences of Engineering.

CHAPTER III

AUTHORITIES OF THE CONFEDERATION

ARTICLE 3.- GOVERNMENT OF THE CONFEDERATION

The maximum authority of the CONFEDERATION shall reside in its constituted General Assembly. For the representation of the CONFEDERATION a Directive Board, CD, shall be elected. The operations of such board shall be defined in the Regulations of the CONFEDERATION.

ARTICLE 4.- POWER

The sovereignty of the CONFEDERATION resides in its constituted General Assembly. During the General Asemblies, ^{period} the representation of the CONFEDERATION shall reside in the Directive Board.

ARTICLE 5.- DIRECTIVE BOARD

The Directive Board shall be structured by one President, two vice-presidents, one President for the International Executive Committee, five regional Directors, and a Secretary without the right to vote.

ARTICLE 6.- OPERATIONS OF THE DIRECTIVE BOARD

The operations of the Directive Board shall be the following:

- a) To fulfill and to ensure membership fulfillment of the goals established in Article 2 herein.

- b) To respect and ensure membership fulfillment of the mandates and resolutions of the General Assembly.
- c) To contact all the Profesional and Academic Entities related to the Engineering Specialities.
- d) To promote the spreading of the latest technical knowledgement of the CONFEDERATION specialities, among all the Member Countries.
- e) Whenever possible, to send a represetative of the CONFEDERATION to all technical Engineering meetings.
- f) To elaborate an annual report of the CONFEDERATION activities.
- g) To elaborate Budget and Finantial Statements for the approval of the General Assembly.
- h) To decide upon the dates of any General Assembly, the integration of the Working Commision, or the Partial or Regional Meetings of the CONFEDERATION.
- i) To elaborate the Regulations of the CHARTER and any modifications for the approval of the General Assembly.
- j) To propose and submmit to the General Assembly the modifications made to the CHARTER.
- k) To prepare and to approve the CONFEDERATION Operative Regulations.
- l) To promote the headquarters of the Panamerican Congress of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering and its Related Sciences.
- m) To seek financial sources to support the CONFEDERATION activities.
- n) When neccesary, to establish Permanent Commissions.

ARTICLE 7.- ABOUT THE ASSEMBLIES

The CONFEDERATION shall hold a General Assembly once a year.

ARTICLE 8.- RIGHT TO VOTE

Each country shall have the right to vote once at every General Assembly.

ARTICLE 9.- REGULATIONS

The CONFEDERATION Assembly shall approve the General Regulations of the Charter through simple majority. Such Regulations may be modified by the CONFEDERATION Assembly.

ARTICLE 10.- MODIFICATIONS TO CHARTER

Every modification to this Charter shall be approved by two thirds of the Assembly Member Countries.

TRANSITORY

ONLY CLAUSE.- The members that integrate the Transitory Directive Board shall remain in such Board until the 1993 General Assembly; when such General Assembly cannot be held, the transitory members shall remain in such Board until a new General Assembly determines upon their status.

Illegible Signatures

AMERICAN COUNTRIES	REPRESENTATIVE
ARGENTINA	ING. RICARDO O. SEMBERG
CANADA	ING. O. PARKASH MALIK
COLOMBIA	ING. ALVARO LASCARRO LEAL
	ING. LEOBARDO MARRUGO MUÑOZ
COSTA RICA	ING. MARIO RIMOLO GAMBASSI
CUBA	ING. LEANDRO A. MONTELIS GOMEZ
CHILE	ING. JUAN MANUEL ZOLEZZI CID
EL SALVADOR	ING. JOSE SALVADOR GUEVARA SANCHEZ
MEXICO	ING. MANUEL ROSALES GONZALEZ
PANAMA	ING. MARCO A. CHEN W.
PUERTO RICO	ING. JAIRO FRANCISCO LASCARRO
PERU	ING. ENRIQUE ACUÑA RAHUAY