

**CHAPTER 29A—INTER-AMERICAN CULTURAL AND TRADE CENTER**

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**§ 2081. United States participation in Inter-American Cultural and Trade Center; purposes of Interama**

The President is authorized, through such department or agency in the executive branch of the Government as he may designate, to provide for United States participation in the Inter-American Cultural and Trade Center (hereinafter in this chapter referred to as "Interama"). In providing for United States participation, the President shall cooperate with the Inter-American Center Authority (an agency of the State of Florida). The purposes of Interama are—

(1) to provide a permanent international center which will serve as a meeting ground for the governments and industries of the Western Hemisphere and of other areas of the world;

(2) to facilitate broad and continuous exchanges of ideas, persons, and products through cultural, educational, and other exchanges; and

(3) by other appropriate means, to promote mutual understanding between the peoples of the Western Hemisphere and to strengthen the ties which unite the United States with other nations of the free world.

(Pub. L. 89-355, §1, Feb. 19, 1966, 80 Stat. 5.)

**§ 2082. Participation in Interama by States and foreign countries**

The President is authorized, by proclamation or in such other manner as he may deem proper, to invite the several States of the United States and foreign countries to take part in Interama, except that no Communist de facto government holding any people in subjugation shall be invited to participate.

(Pub. L. 89-355, §2(a), Feb. 19, 1966, 80 Stat. 6.)

**REPORT TO CONGRESS BY MAY 15, 1966**

Pub. L. 89-355, §2(b), Feb. 19, 1966, 80 Stat. 6, provided that the department or agency, designated by the President pursuant to section 2081 of this title, submit a report to the Senate Committees on Foreign Relations and Appropriations and the Speaker of the House, on the proposed nature, extent and cost of United States participation in Interama and of the extent of participation of foreign countries and private industries.

**§ 2083. Commissioner for Interama; procurement and appointment of personnel; powers and duties**

(a) There shall be in the designated department or agency a Commissioner for Interama

who shall be appointed by the President. Subject to the direction of the head of the designated department or agency, the Commissioner for Interama shall perform such duties as the President may prescribe to carry out this chapter.

(b) In order to carry out the provisions of this chapter, the head of the designated department or agency is authorized—

(1) to appoint and fix the compensation of such persons as he deems necessary without regard to the civil service laws and chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5; except that no person so appointed shall receive compensation at a rate in excess of that received by persons under chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5 for the performance of comparable duties;

(2) to procure temporary and intermittent services in accordance with the provisions of section 3109 of title 5;

(3) to enter into contracts;

(4) to select, purchase, rent, construct, or otherwise acquire exhibits, including materials and equipment therefor, and to provide for the transportation, insurance, display, maintenance, and dismantling thereof;

(5) to incur such other expenses as may be necessary; and

(6) to accept donations of money, property, and services and the loan of property.

(Pub. L. 89-355, §3, Feb. 19, 1966, 80 Stat. 6; Pub. L. 90-83, §10(b), Sept. 11, 1967, 81 Stat. 224.)

**CODIFICATION**

In subsec. (b)(1), (2), "chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5" and "section 3109 of title 5" substituted for "the Classification Act of 1949" and "section 15 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 (5 U.S.C. 55a)", respectively, on authority of Pub. L. 89-554, §7(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631, the first section of which enacted Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

**AMENDMENTS**

1967—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 90-83 struck out provision that Commissioner of Interama receive compensation at a rate prescribed for level IV of the Federal Executive Salary Schedule.

**§ 2084. Cooperation of other Federal departments, agencies, and instrumentalities**

The head of each department, agency, or instrumentality of the Federal Government is authorized—

(1) to cooperate with the head of the designated department or agency with respect to determining the manner in which and the extent to which the United States shall be a participant in and an exhibitor at Interama; and

(2) to make available to the head of the designated department or agency, on a reimbursable basis, such personnel as may be necessary to assist him in carrying out his functions under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 89-355, §4, Feb. 19, 1966, 80 Stat. 6.)

**§ 2085. Authorization of appropriations**

(a) There is authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$7,500,000 to provide for United States participation in Interama under this chapter, of which not to exceed \$250,000 shall be available