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Its purposes are to strengthen peace and security in the Western Hemisphere, promote representative democracy, ensure the peaceful settlement of disputes among members, provide for common action in the event of aggression, and promote economic, social, and cultural development.

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WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THIS DATABASE?

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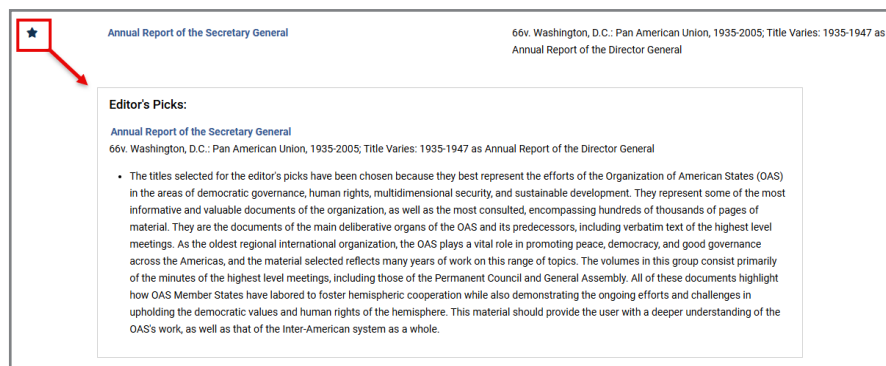
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- The titles selected for the editor's picks have been chosen because they best represent the efforts of the Organization of American States (OAS) in the areas of democratic governance, human rights, multidimensional security, and sustainable development. They represent some of the most informative and valuable documents of the organization, as well as the most consulted, encompassing hundreds of thousands of pages of material. They are the documents of the main deliberative organs of the OAS and its predecessors, including verbatim text of the highest level meetings. As the oldest regional international organization, the OAS plays a vital role in promoting peace, democracy, and good governance across the Americas, and the material selected reflects many years of work on this range of topics. The volumes in this group consist primarily of the minutes of the highest level meetings, including those of the Permanent Council and General Assembly. All of these documents highlight how OAS Member States have labored to foster hemispheric cooperation while also demonstrating the ongoing efforts and challenges in upholding the democratic values and human rights of the hemisphere. This material should provide the user with a deeper understanding of the OAS's work, as well as that of the Inter-American system as a whole.

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