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**AMENDMENT OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF  
THE PAHO GOVERNING BODIES**

As part of his ongoing commitment to enhancing the status of women in the Pan American Health Organization, the Director, at the 118th Meeting of the Executive Committee in June 1996, proposed that the rules of procedure for each of the PAHO Governing Bodies be studied with a view to modifying any gender-specific language in them.

In the process of reviewing the rules of procedure of the Directing Council, the Pan American Sanitary Conference, and the Executive Committee, some inconsistencies were found among the rules of the three Governing Bodies, and other rules were found to need to be adjusted to actual membership in the Organization and current practice. It was felt that, in addition to modifying any gender-specific language, the rules would benefit from a broader review, which would require more time than was currently available.

The Director is therefore requesting that the Directing Council postpone review of its rules of procedure until its XL Meeting in 1997. The rules of procedure of the Executive Committee would be taken up at its 120th Meeting in 1997 and by the Pan American Sanitary Conference at its XXV Meeting in 1998.