



*executive committee of
the directing council*

PAN AMERICAN
HEALTH
ORGANIZATION

*working party of
the regional committee*

WORLD
HEALTH
ORGANIZATION



68th Meeting
Washington, D. C.
July 1972

Provisional Agenda Item 22

CE68/16 (Eng.)
28 June 1972
ORIGINAL: SPANISH

AGREEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND REGULATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN PAHO/WHO
AND THE ORGANIZATION OF CENTRAL AMERICAN STATES (ODECA), PURSUANT TO
ARTICLE 26 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND
ARTICLE 50, PARAGRAPH (d), OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WORLD HEALTH
ORGANIZATION

(Item proposed by the Governments of Costa Rica, El Salvador and Guatemala)

In response to a formal request of the Organization of Central American States (ODECA) and of the Ministers of Health of Costa Rica, El Salvador and Guatemala, the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, in consultation with the World Health Organization, has prepared the attached draft agreement between the Pan American Health Organization and the Organization of Central American States. Its purpose is to regularize the relations between the two organizations and to establish the basis for collaboration.

Pursuant to Article 70 of the WHO Constitution and to Article 26 of the PAHO Constitution, the Director is pleased to submit to the Executive Committee for consideration the draft agreement between the Organization of Central American States and the Pan American Health Organization.

Annex

AGREEMENT

The Pan American Health Organization, hereinafter called PAHO and

The Organization of Central American States, hereinafter called ODECA.

WHEREAS:

The purposes of the two Organizations are the promotion and the protection of health and the promotion of the improvement of the physical and social environment of the population of the countries of the Western Hemisphere and of the Central American area, respectively,

PAHO, in accordance with the provisions of Article 26 of its Constitution, on the one hand, and pursuant to Articles 54, 50 (d), and 70 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization and the agreement signed by the two Organizations on 24 May 1949 on the other, may make suitable arrangements for consultation and cooperation with other organizations interested in or concerned with public health,

ODECA has various specialized Councils whose functions are directly or indirectly related to the health of the population and their activities coincide with those of PAHO,

The two Organizations believe that better results would be obtained in the Central American area as a result of close collaboration and appropriate coordination of their activities,

AGREE as follows:

ARTICLE I

To cooperate in matters pertaining to the functions of the two Organizations relating to health and the socioeconomic development of the Central American countries.

ARTICLE II

To invite, on a reciprocal basis, representatives to serve as observers at conferences or meetings held by each Organization, in accordance with the provisions in force and such resolutions as each Organization may adopt, bearing in mind the subject matter and nature of the meeting.

ARTICLE III

To exchange publications and information of common interest.

ARTICLE IV

This agreement may be modified by agreement of the signatory parties.

ARTICLE V

Either of the parties shall be entitled to terminate this agreement and, in that event, its provisions shall cease to have effect after one year calculated from the date of the written notification of such decision to the other party.

ARTICLE VI

This agreement shall enter into force when its provisions have been ratified by both organizations in accordance with their constitutional and regulatory procedures.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized for that purpose, sign this agreement in two copies in the Spanish language.