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REVIEW OF THE LIST OF NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS
WITH PAHO

The Director submits to the 90th Meeting of the Executive Committee the list of inter-American nongovernmental organizations in official relations with PAHO for review by the Standing Subcommittee in accordance with paragraph 1.9, Resolution XX of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference (Annex I), which reads as follows: "Every three years the Executive Committee, acting through the standing subcommittee, will review the list of inter-American nongovernmental organizations with which PAHO has official working relations and decide whether they should be continued or suspended."

1. LATIN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES (ALIFAR)

(Admitted in 1982, Resolution CE88.R5)

Relations between ALIFAR and PAHO have so far been confined to exchanges of information and publications.

2. PAN AMERICAN MEDICAL CONFEDERATION

(Admitted in 1951, Resolution CD5.R17)

There has been no collaborative activity between this Confederation and PAHO, nor has that organization been represented at any meeting of the Governing Bodies in the last three years.

3. LATIN AMERICAN FEDERATION OF HOSPITALS

(Admitted in 1979, Resolution CE82.R28)

This is the regional organization of the International Hospital Federation, which is in official relations with the World Health Organization. PAHO has collaborated in several congresses sponsored by this agency, and has exchanged information on the development of hospital services.

4. LATIN AMERICAN FEDERATION OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY (FIFARMA)

(Admitted in 1979, Resolution CE83.R3)

FIFARMA representatives have attended meetings of the Governing Bodies and have had talks with PAHO staff, but no collaboration has materialized.

5. PAN AMERICAN FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF MEDICAL SCHOOLS (FEPAFEM)

(Admitted in 1965, Resolution CD16.R38)

FEPAFEM and PAHO have collaborated in joint programs under an agreement signed between the two institutions on 16 June 1977.

6. INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL OF PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATIONS

(Admitted in 1979, Resolution CE82.R29)

There were exchanges of information between PAHO and the Council even before official relations were established between them, but PAHO's relations with the Council have been conducted chiefly through its four constituent associations: the Psychiatric Association of Latin America, the American Psychiatric Association, the Canadian Psychiatric Association, and the Psychiatric Association of the Caribbean.

These Associations meet periodically as a council for hemispheric discussion on matters relating to the delivery of services, instruction and training, and research in psychiatry and mental health.

Annex

XX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE

Resolution XX

**Mechanisms for the Establishment of Official Relations between
PAHO and Inter-American Nongovernmental Organizations**

The XX Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Recalling that the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference adopted Resolution XXVIII setting forth the criteria that the Pan American Health Organization was to observe when establishing official relations with inter-American nongovernmental organizations,

Considering that it is necessary to establish procedures for applying the criteria set forth in the above-mentioned Resolution XXVIII,

Recognizing the need to establish the privileges that an official relationship with PAHO confers on nongovernmental organizations,

Having considered the proposed procedures and privileges contained in Document CE80/14 presented by the Director to the Executive Committee at its 80th Meeting, and

Having taken note of Resolution XX of the 80th Meeting of the Executive Committee,

Resolves

1 To adopt the following procedures for the establishment by the Pan American Health Organization of official relations with inter-American nongovernmental organizations

1.1 An inter-American nongovernmental organization may, of its own accord or by invitation, request official recognition and the establishment of working relations in areas of mutual interest

1.2 To this end, the inter-American nongovernmental organization must submit with its application the following supporting documentation

1.2.1 Certified copies of its charter and by-laws

1.2.2 Certified copies of the charters and by-laws of its affiliates in the Hemisphere.

1.2.3 An authenticated copy of the proceedings in which the governing body was elected and of the authorization of the assembly to establish relations with PAHO

1.2.4 A copy of the most recent periodic report on its activities

1.3 The letter of application will be circulated to all the Member Governments and their views obtained within a term of 60 days

1.4 The Executive Committee of PAHO will appoint a standing subcommittee composed of three members, one of whom will be rotated each year to ensure the continuity of the subcommittee's functions

1.4.1 The Director of PASB will forward to the standing subcommittee the applications for recognition and supporting documents received from inter-American nongovernmental organizations

1.4.2 If the documentation received is not sufficiently complete or satisfactory, the Director will also inform the subcommittee of the steps that have been taken

1.4.3 The Committee will review and analyze the documentation presented in detail. If a question arises, it may request the appearance of an authorized representative of the inter-American nongovernmental organization to clarify any matters relating to the applications

1.5 When the applications received have been properly reviewed, the standing subcommittee will make its recommendations to the Executive Committee on the recognition and the establishment of official working relations with the applying inter-American nongovernmental organization

In certain cases, the standing subcommittee may recommend that consideration of an application be postponed and that the Director be requested to contact the applying organization in order to determine the areas of common interest and the mutual benefits that would accrue from cooperation between the two organizations

1.6 Once it has considered the standing subcommittee's recommendations, the Executive Committee will decide whether or not to authorize relations with a given organization.

1.7 Every year the Chairman of the Executive Committee will convey the decisions taken to the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference

1.8 The Director of PASB will inform each organization of the Executive Committee's decision on its application. If the decision is favorable, he will indicate the privileges conferred by the establishment of official relations

1.9 Every three years the Executive Committee, acting through the standing subcommittee, will review the list of inter-American nongovernmental organizations with which PAHO has official working relations and decide whether they should be continued or suspended

2 To establish that the status of official relations with PAHO shall confer on an inter-American nongovernmental organization the following privileges

2.1 The right to appoint an observer to participate, without the right to vote, in the regular meetings of the Governing Bodies of PAHO, and in conferences and seminars conducted under the authority of PAHO

When matters of particular interest to the organization are discussed at these meetings, its observer may, at the request of the Chairman of the meeting or in the Chairman's acceding to a request from it, make a statement presenting its views

2.2 Active participation in the Technical Discussions that take place in connection with the meetings of the Directing Council or the Conference

2.3 Access to nonconfidential documentation related to matters of interest to it

2.4 Collaboration, when requested by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, in the programming of joint activities in health matters of common interest

2.5 The right to submit a memorandum to the Director of PASB on programs going forward in areas of common interest, the Director will determine the nature and scope of its circulation. In the event of a memorandum being submitted which, in the view of the Director, should be placed on the agenda of the Directing Council, the memorandum will be put before the Executive Committee for possible inclusion on the agenda of the Council

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REPORT OF THE STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE CHARGED WITH THE REVIEW
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WITH PAHO

The Standing Subcommittee, whose members are Dr. Carmen Bowen-Wright, the Delegate of Jamaica; Ms. Gladys de Lam, the Delegate of Panama; and Dr. Paulino Castellón, the Delegate of Nicaragua, met on 23 June 1983 to consider Document CE90/10, presented by the Director to the Executive Committee in compliance with paragraph 1.9 of Resolution XX of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference, which reads as follows: "Every three years the Executive Committee, acting through the standing subcommittee, will review the list of inter-American nongovernmental organizations with which PAHO has official working relations and decide whether they should be continued or suspended."

The Standing Subcommittee elected Dr. Castellón Rapporteur and proceeded to a review of the nongovernmental organizations, requesting the members of the Secretariat present to amplify the information provided in the document in order to have a more solid basis for its decision. As the outcome of these deliberations, the Standing Subcommittee decided to make the following recommendations to the Executive Committee:

1. Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (ALIFAR)

That relations between PAHO and ALIFAR be confirmed in view of the interest which that Association, admitted in 1982, has shown in collaborating actively with the Organization. Its contribution, in the form of quality publications, has been valuable, and it is hoped that the Association will attend the Technical Discussions to be held during the upcoming Meeting of the Directing Council.

2. Pan American Medical Confederation

That relations with the Confederation, admitted in 1951, be suspended, since there has been no relationship whatever for many years. The lack of contacts suggests that this organization is inactive or has ceased to exist, and hence there is no reason for maintaining for it a status of official relations with PAHO.

3. Latin American Federation of Hospitals

That relations with the Federation, admitted in 1979, be continued in view of the benefits that can accrue both to the countries and to PAHO from a strengthening of the hospitals in the Region. The Federation has shown interest in the development of health services in urban areas, and participated with PAHO and the International Federation of Hospitals, of which it is a subsidiary, in a meeting on that subject held in Buenos Aires in 1982.

4. Latin American Federation of the Pharmaceutical Industry (FIFARMA)

That relations with FIFARMA, admitted in 1979, be continued in view of the capacity of the Federation, most of whose members are subsidiaries of multinational companies, to collaborate in valuable ways with PAHO with its experience in the production and distribution of pharmaceuticals and related areas. FIFARMA has sent observers to meetings of the Governing Bodies of PAHO, and it is hoped that they will participate actively in the Technical Discussions of the upcoming Meeting of the Directing Council.

5. Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools (FEPAFEM)

That relations with FEPAFEM, admitted in 1965, be continued in view of the very active collaboration that has taken place, particularly in the last six years, during which FEPAFEM took charge of the conduct at the country level in Colombia, Mexico and Peru of an exhaustive analysis of the situation of medical schools and of the minimum requirements for their operation. Later it served as the executing agency for the evaluation of 33 joint PAHO/Kellogg Foundation projects which, though in different disciplines, had a teaching/care component in common.

6. Inter-American Council of Psychiatric Associations

That relations with the Council, admitted in 1979, be continued on a provisional basis because, although there has been no collaboration with PAHO, and the Council has engaged in no well-defined activities generally in the last two years, it will meet next October, at which time the PAHO Secretariat will be able to request information on work done and explore the interest that the Council may have in continuing in relations with PAHO. The Subcommittee felt that this interim measure would be better than suspending relations immediately, in the understanding that, if no collaborative activities have materialized within the next 12 months, it be recommended to the Executive Committee in its meeting of June 1984 that relations be suspended.

In view of the foregoing, the Standing Subcommittee recommends to the 90th Meeting of the Executive Committee that it adopt the following resolution:

Proposed Resolution

REPORT OF THE STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE CHARGED WITH THE REVIEW
OF NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS
WITH PAHO

THE 90th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having studied the report presented by the Standing Subcommittee of the Executive Committee charged with reviewing the list of nongovernmental organizations in relations with PAHO,

RESOLVES:

1. To confirm relations with the Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (ALIFAR), the Latin American Federation of Hospitals, the Latin American Federation of the Pharmaceutical Industry (FIFARMA), and the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools (FEPAFEM).

2. To continue relations with the Inter-American Council of Psychiatric Associations on a provisional basis in the understanding that, if no collaborative activities have materialized within the next 12 months, it will be recommended to the Executive Committee in its 92nd Meeting that those relations be suspended.

3. To suspend relations with the Pan American Medical Confederation.