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B. SUBREGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Background

1. This document presents the principal agreements and resolutions of interest to the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) adopted by different intergovernmental regional and subregional entities linked with public health and which are related to PAHO's work as the specialized health agency of the Inter-American System.

a) Central America

- Central American Integration System (SICA): Council of Central American Ministers of Health (COMISCA)
- Meeting of the Health Sector of Central America and the Dominican Republic (RESSCAD)

b) Caribbean

- Caribbean Community (CARICOM): Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD)

c) South America

- Andean Community of Nations: Andean Health Agency /Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS/CONHU)
 - Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR): Sub Working Group on Health No. 11/ (SGT 11)
 - Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO): new ACTO Strategic Agenda 2012-2020: Regional Health Management
 - Union of South American Nations (UNASUR): South American Health Council
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Resolutions and Agreements on Health Matters Adopted by Subregional Integration Entities¹ and Related to PAHO Activities

a) *Central American Integration System (SICA)*

*Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic (COMISCA)*²

2. The Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic (COMISCA) of the Central American Integration System (SICA) is the forum that brings together the Ministers and Ministries of Health. The Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) participates in meetings of the Council by invitation of the Executive Secretariat of COMISCA, as the lead agency in health matters in the Region, and because of its technical cooperation with the thematic Technical Commissions (Technical Commission on Pharmaceuticals, Human Resources, Chronic Noncommunicable Diseases, and Cancer; Technical Commission on Surveillance in Health and Information Systems); and the Regional Coordinating Mechanism on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

3. COMISCA convenes regular sessions twice a year in the countries that hold the presidency *pro tempore*. The presidency is rotated among Member Countries every six months. The 39th regular meeting of COMISCA took place accordingly, in Panama City, Panama, 5-6 December 2013.

Central American Integration System 39th Regular Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic Panama City, Panama, 5-6 December 2013	
Items approved by COMISCA	Relation to PAHO activities
Approval of the indicators for monitoring the implementation of the Regional Health Plan for Central America. Commitment for using the results of the evaluation of current plan to prepare the health plan for Central America 2016-2020.	The 2010-2015 Regional Health Plan for Central America has the Central America Health Agenda as its main framework and is fully aligned with PAHO's Strategic Plan 2008-2013.
Approval of the 2014-2017 work plan of the Executive Secretary of COMISCA, SE-COMISCA.	PAHO's 2014-2015 Subregional Technical Cooperation BWP for Central America includes programmatic components supporting SE-COMISCA's work plan.
Request, SE-COMISCA to begin with development of a SICA health Policy to be	

¹ The meetings considered are those held within the framework of subregional bodies related to health between May 2013 and April 2014.

² Link to information on COMISCA: <http://www.sica.int/comisca/>.

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Items approved by COMISCA	Relation to PAHO activities
<p>presented during the June 2014 COMISCA meeting.</p> <p>Approval of an annual quota of \$45,000 per country, including \$22,000 approved during the 38th COMISCA meeting to cover cost of medicine negotiations.</p> <p>Approval of the use of financial reserves to cover the cost of SE-COMISCA core structure and functioning, adjusting the 2014 annual work plan.</p> <p>Commitment for covering the costs of Technical Commissions with funding from the countries to alleviate the costs of SE-COMISCA.</p> <p>Directions to SE-COMISCA for preparing, in coordination with PAHO, a model for the complementary work between COMISCA and the Meeting of the Health Sector of Central America (RESSCAD) and present the updated model during the next COMISCA meeting in June 2014.</p>	
<p>Continue supporting all activities that promote and support gender equity and equality in health, particularly those that emanate from the SICA Policy on Gender Equity and Equality.</p> <p>Welcome the 2014-2018 Central American Health Promotion Plan and the Plan for Gender Cross-cutting and directions for SE-COMISCA to implement both plans.</p>	<p>2009-2013 Plan of Action for Implementing the Gender Equality Policy. Resolution CD49.R12 (2009).</p>
<p>Approve and adopt the Central American guidelines for Primary Health Care as defined in COMISCA's High Level Forum and request SE-COMISCA to initiate the implementation of the guidelines.</p>	<p>Linked with the team in the Office of Country and Subregional Coordination (CSC) that oversees and monitors the subregional technical cooperation program in Central America.</p>
<p>Instruct SE-COMISCA to develop, jointly with the Non-Communicable Diseases Technical Commission, the Mental Health Subregional Plan to include Alzheimer's and other related dementias, suicide, and addictions. The plan must be presented in the 40th COMISCA meeting.</p>	<p>Related to the Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases (2012-2025 (CSP28/9 and CSP28.R13 [2012])).</p> <p>Aligned with the Pan American Forum for Action on Noncommunicable Diseases (2012).</p>

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Items approved by COMISCA	Relation to PAHO activities
<p>Support the Declaration against Obesity and instruct SE-COMISCA to negotiate, using a multisectoral approach, its implementation with other SICA institutions, academia, the private sector, and international agencies.</p> <p>Instruct SE-COMISCA to prepare, jointly with the Non-Communicable Diseases Technical Commission and with the technical support of INCAP, a strategy for child and adolescent obesity prevention in Central America.</p>	<p>Under the framework of the Report on the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases (Information Document CD51/INF/4 [2011]).</p> <p>Related to the Regional Strategy and Plan of Action for an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet, Physical Activity, and Health (Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]).</p>
<p>Convene El Salvador and the Dominican Republic to take the necessary actions within WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control and its protocol for the elimination of illegal trade within the influence of the SICA integration system.</p>	<p>Supports and is fully aligned with the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO, 2003).</p> <p>Strengthening the capacity of Member States to implement the provisions and guidelines of the WHO FCTC. Resolution CD50. R6 (2010).</p>
<p>Accept the commitment for the implementation of the regional guidelines for the prevention and control of cholera.</p> <p>Adopt the recommendations presented by and instruct SE-COMISCA to establish a regional committee that includes other SICA institutions and with technical support of PAHO and CDC for the prevention and control of cholera.</p>	<p>PAHO was instrumental in developing the Initiative for Elimination of Cholera from the Island of Hispaniola and, as Secretariat of RESSCAD, promoted a recommendation to include the countries of Central America as members of the Initiative.</p>
<p>Instruct SE-COMISCA and related Technical Commission to prepare, with the support of specialized and international agencies, a regional analysis on the situation of organ donation and transplantation to be presented in the next COMISCA meeting.</p>	<p>Provides an opportunity to advance PAHO's Policy Framework for Human Organ. Donation and Transplantation (CD49.R18 [2009]).</p>
<p>Authorize the participation of the coordinator of the malaria or the vector program and follow-up on the commitments to the Initiative for Elimination of Malaria in Mesoamerica and Hispaniola.</p>	<p>PAHO supported countries in the preparation of the Initiative for Elimination of Malaria from Mesoamerica and Hispaniola. This initiative is aligned with the 2012-2015 Regional Strategy and Plan of Action for Malaria (Resolution CD51.R9 (2011)).</p>
<p>Reiterate the commitment to the objectives of the strategy for the sustainable and integral response to HIV and instruct the Regional Coordination Mechanism (MCR) to monitor, in</p>	<p>Aligned to PAHO Regional Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS/STI, 2006-2015. Resolution CD 46.R15 (2005).</p>

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<p>coordination with SE-COMISCA, the implementation of short-, medium- and long- term actions for the public funding of HIV treatment.</p> <p>Request PAHO/WHO and other international agencies continue the support to SE-COMISCA and the MCR on Tuberculosis, Malaria and HIV, strengthening the Initiatives HIV 2.0 and HIV 2015, and generating the information needed for the implementation of the Regional Strategy for the Sustainable and Integral Response to HIV.</p> <p>Renew COMISCA political support to REDCA+ for an effective regional response, from the perspective of persons with HIV, and request HIV national programs to support REDCA+ in the preparation of the next grant proposal to the Global Fund.</p> <p>Support the project “Strengthening Quality Control Systems”.</p>	

4. During Panama’s term as Pro Tempore Presidency of COMISCA, a meeting on Renewed Primary Health Care was convened in October. PAHO provided technical support in the development of the agenda and presented on Universal Health Coverage. Follow-up support was also provided in the development of guidelines on Primary Health Care for the countries.

5. Additionally, as part of the plan of work of the Dominican Republic’s Pro Tempore Presidency of COMISCA for the first semester of 2014, a subregional meeting aimed at sharing experiences on common health issues related to Dengue Fever, Road Safety and Integrated Health Networks, was carried out under the auspices of the Ministry of Health of the Dominican Republic, with PAHO’s technical cooperation.

6. PAHO/WHO also participates in the Central American System within the framework of the Mesoamerican Integration and Development Project, which is governed by the mandates arising from the Summit of Heads of State and of Government of the Tuxtla Dialogue and Consensus-building Mechanism. The project has an Executive Board (with permanent headquarters in El Salvador) and an Inter-institutional Technical Group (GTI), in which PAHO participates, together with other partners, to coordinate actions with the different initiatives in the Mesoamerican Project. PAHO/WHO does not

receive or implement resources to finance the Master Plans, but does contribute a technical perspective to guide interventions in health, in order to ensure that they are coherent with regional and global methods and goals.

Meeting of the Health Sector of Central America and the Dominican Republic (RESSCAD)³

7. The Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic participate along with the social security and water and sanitation institutions in the Meeting of the Health Sector of Central America and the Dominican Republic (RESSCAD). PAHO serves as the Technical Secretariat for this forum. Meetings are held once a year; the last one was held in Antigua Guatemala, 5-6 July 2013. In 2014, the XXX RESSCAD will take place in El Salvador. El Salvador currently holds the Presidency Pro Tempore, and Honduras will assume the next Presidency Pro Tempore. The date for the transfer of presidency has not yet been confirmed.

b) *Caribbean Community (CARICOM)*

Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD)

8. The institutional council within CARICOM in which the Ministers of Health meet is the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD). The COHSOD is responsible for the promotion of health, education, and living and working conditions in the Caribbean Community. PAHO participates in this forum as the technical advisory agency on health. In addition, the Ministers of Health traditionally meet in Caucus at the PAHO headquarters just prior to the Pan American Sanitary Conference or the Directing Council. However in 2013 the meeting was convened as a COHSOD on 28-29 September 2013 in Washington D.C.

CARICOM XXIV Meeting of the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD) Georgetown, Guyana, 2-3 May 2013	
Main items addressed by COHSOD	Relation to PAHO activities
Caribbean Public Health Agency, CARPHA updates.	PAHO's subregional program of work with the Caribbean. The 2012 Interagency Framework Agreement between PAHO and CARPHA, with the Office of Caribbean Program Coordination and the Office of the Assistant Director as focal points in the Caribbean and PAHO Headquarters, respectively.

³ Link to information on RESSCAD: <http://new.paho.org/resscad/>

CARICOM XXIV Meeting of the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD) Georgetown, Guyana, 2-3 May 2013	
Main items addressed by COHSOD	Relation to PAHO activities
Caribbean Cooperation in Health	PAHO's subregional program of work with the Caribbean. PAHO/WHO Subregional Cooperation Strategy for the Caribbean, 2010-2015.
United Nations post-2015 Development Agenda	CD52/12 (2013) Health in the post-2015 Development Agenda.
Noncommunicable Diseases	Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (CSP28/9 and CSP28.R13 [2012]); and the Report on the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (Information Document CD51/INF/4 [2011]). Regional Strategy and Plan of Action for an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet, Physical Activity, and Health (Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]). Pan American Forum for Action on NCDs (2012).
Communicable Diseases – HIV/AIDS	Progress report on the PAHO Regional Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS/STI, 2006-2015: Mid-term Evaluation (CSP28/INF/3(D) [2012]). The Strategy and Plan of Action for Elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV and Congenital Syphilis (Resolution CD50.R12 [2010]). Program for Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention and Control.
Human Resources Matters	Regional Goals for Human Resources for Health, 2007-2015 (CSP28/INF/3(G) [2012]). Technical program for the development of human resources for health. Regional Observatory of Human Resources for Health.
Health Systems Strengthening	Integrated Health Services Delivery Networks Framework, Concepts, Policy Options and a Road Map for Implementation in the Americas (PAHO 2010).

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Main items addressed by COHSOD	Relation to PAHO activities
	Essential Public Health functions CD42.R14 [2000].
A Regional Pharmaceutical Policy	Access to Medicines CD45.R7 [2004]. Public Health, Health Research, Production and Access to Essential Medicines CD47.R7 [2006]. PAHO's subregional program of work with the Caribbean.
Laboratory Quality Management Systems	Strengthening National Regulatory Authorities for Medicines and Biologicals CD50/R.9 [2010].
International Health Regulations (IHR)	Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) WHA64.1 [2013]. Radiation Protection and Safety of Radiation Sources: International Basic Safety Standards (CSP28/17 and Resolution CSP28.R15 [2012]). Information document on Implementation of the International Health Regulations (CD51/INF/5(D) [2011]).

CARICOM XXV Meeting of the Council for Human and Social Development Washington D.C., PAHO Headquarters, 28-29 September 2013	
Items addressed	Relation to PAHO activities
HIV Policy Related Matters	Progress report on the PAHO Regional Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS/STI, 2006-2015: Mid-term Evaluation (CSP28/INF/3(D) [2012]). The Strategy and Plan of Action for Elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV and Congenital Syphilis (Resolution CD50.R12 [2010]). Program for Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention and Control.
Policy Matters with regard to the Caribbean Public Health Agency, CARPHA	PAHO's subregional program of work with the Caribbean.

CARICOM XXV Meeting of the Council for Human and Social Development Washington D.C., PAHO Headquarters, 28-29 September 2013	
Items addressed	Relation to PAHO activities
	The 2012 Interagency Framework Agreement between PAHO and CARPHA.
Noncommunicable diseases: Report on the implementation of the Declaration of Port of Spain and of the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly (2011)	Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (CSP28/9 and CSP28.R13 [2012]); and the Report on the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (Information Document CD51/INF/4 [2011]). Regional Strategy and Plan of Action for an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet, Physical Activity, and Health (Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]). Pan American Forum for Action on NCDs (2012).
Financing Policy Options for Health Services	PAHO's subregional program of work with the Caribbean. Essential Public Health functions CD42.R14 [2000].
Human Resources Matters	Regional Goals for Human Resources for Health, 2007-2015 (CSP28/INF/3(G) [2012]). Technical program for the development of human resources for health. Regional Observatory of Human Resources for Health.
Round Table discussion on Childhood Obesity	Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (CSP28/9 and CSP28.R13 [2012]). Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet, Physical Activity, and Health (2006-2015) CD47/17 [2006].
Meeting the Compliance Requirements of International Health Regulations	Radiation Protection and Safety of Radiation Sources: International Basic Safety Standards (CSP28/17 and Resolution CSP28.R15 [2012]). Information document on Implementation of the International Health Regulations (CD51/INF/5(D) [2011]).

c) *South America****Andean Community (CAN): Andean Health Agency/Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS/CONHU)***

9. Within the framework of the Andean Community, the Andean Agency of Health/Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS/CONHU) acts as technical secretariat for the Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Andean Area (REMSAA).⁴ PAHO participates in these meetings as the technical advisory agency on health. The most recent REMSAA was held in Islas Galapagos (Ecuador), 26-27 March 2014. The XXXV REMSAA will be held in Bolivia. The date has not yet been confirmed.

Andean Community of Nations Andean Agency of Health/Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS-CONHU) XXXIV Regular Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Andean Area (REMSAA) Galápagos, Ecuador, 26-27 March 2014	
Resolutions adopted	Relation to PAHO activities
Recommendation REMSAA XXXIV: Andean Observatory for Health Systems.	Linked with the technical program for health systems and services and the development of human resources for health. Regional Observatory of Human Resources for Health.
REMSAA XXXIII/489: Basic Indicators of Andean Countries for Monitoring National Health Systems for Universal Access.	Linked with the regional health services information system of PAHO (CD50.R7 and CD50/11). Linked with the technical program on Health System and Services.
REMSAA XXXIII/490: Andean policy on intercultural health.	Linked with the regional program on intercultural health of PAHO. Linked with the PAHO/WHO advocacy on intercultural approach in health services to guarantee access for indigenous and afro-descendant populations.
REMSAA XXXIII/488: Access to medicine.	Linked with the Strategic Fund and with the technical program on medicines and health technologies. Regional Platform on Access and Innovation for Health Technologies (2012). Linked with Health Technology Assessment and Incorporation into Health Systems (CSP28/11 and CSP28.R9 [2012]).

⁴ Link to information on REMSAA: <http://www.orasconhu.org/remsa/resoluciones-8>.

Andean Community of Nations Andean Agency of Health/Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS-CONHU) XXXIV Regular Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Andean Area (REMSAA) Galápagos, Ecuador, 26-27 March 2014	
Resolutions adopted	Relation to PAHO activities
REMSAA XXXIII/491: Implementation of the Andean Disability Policy	Linked with the technical program on disability and rehabilitation.

Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR)

10. In this area, it should be noted that meetings of Sub Working Group on Health No. 11 (SGT 11) adopt resolutions that are then submitted for the consideration of the Common Market Group (GMC). They also discuss proposed resolutions that are sent for internal consultation, and analyze resolutions that constitute recommendations in each Commission of SGT 11 (the Commission on Health Care, the Commission on Health Products, and the Commission on Health Surveillance, in addition to the resolutions on national coordination). In general, these are issues related to regulation and the harmonization of standards. PAHO participates in its capacity as the technical advisory agency on health. The latest of these meetings, the MERCOSUR Common Market Group (GMC) - XCI was held in Montevideo, Uruguay, 7 June, 2013.

11. Furthermore, regular sessions of the meetings of MERCOSUR ministers of health are held at least twice a year (one under each pro tempore presidency, which rotates every six months). The XXXV Meeting of Ministers of Health of MERCOSUR was held in Caracas, Republica Bolivariana de Venezuela, and 22nd November, 2013. The date and venue of the next meeting have not yet been confirmed.

MERCOSUR	
MERCOSUR Common Market Group (GMC) - XCI Montevideo, Uruguay, 7 June 2013	
Agreements Approved	Relation to PAHO Resolutions/ Information Documents
Agreement 003/2013. Methodological Guide for economic evaluation studies of health technologies.	CD28.R9 (2012) Health Technology Assessment and Incorporation into Health Systems.
Agreement 004/2013. Minimum requirements to prepare contingency plans for international public health emergencies in entry points determined by the States according to the International Health Regulations (IHR).	CSP27.R13 (2007) International Health Security: Implementing the International Health Regulations (IHR (2005)). CD43.R13 (2001) International Health Regulations.

MERCOSUR	
MERCOSUR Common Market Group (GMC) - XCI Montevideo, Uruguay, 7 June 2013	
Agreements Approved	Relation to PAHO Resolutions/ Information Documents
	CSP28/INF/3-F (2012) Progress Report on the International Health Regulations.

XXXV Meeting of Ministers of Health of MERCOSUR Caracas, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, 22 November 2013	
Agenda Items Addressed	Relation to PAHO Resolutions/ Information Documents
Evaluation of health technologies using a public health approach.	CSP28.R9 (2012) Health Technology Assessment and Incorporation into Health Systems.
Progress achieved in MERCOSUR Pharmaceuticals to obtain good quality medicines to become self-reliant in medicines manufacturing.	CD45.R7 (2004) Access to Medicines. CD50.R9 (2010) Strengthening National Regulatory Authorities for Medicines and Biologicals.
Epidemiological situation of the Region's priority diseases namely, dengue, measles, influenza, Tuberculosis and malaria.	CSP27.R2 (2007) Elimination of Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome in the Americas. CD46.R12 (2005) Regional Strategy for Tuberculosis Control for 2005-2015. CD51.R9 (2011) Strategy and Plan of Action for Malaria Control (for 2012-2015). CD44.R8 (2003) Influenza Pandemic: Preparation in the Hemisphere.
Binational border health actions and sharing of experiences in prevention and control to be intensified, in view of the upcoming Football World Cup 2014 particularly in epidemiological surveillance of measles, TB and malaria.	CSP27.R2 (2007) Elimination of Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome in the Americas. CD46.R12 (2005) Regional Strategy for Tuberculosis Control for 2005-2015.

XXXV Meeting of Ministers of Health of MERCOSUR Caracas, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, 22 November 2013	
Agenda Items Addressed	Relation to PAHO Resolutions/ Information Documents
	CD51.R9 (2011) Strategy and Plan of Action for Malaria Control (for 2012-2015).
MERCOSUR Health Systems Observatory health systems profiles. Uruguay and Brazil profiles presented.	CD49.R22 (2009) Integrated Health Services Delivery Networks Based on Primary Health Care.
Brazil's <i>Mais Medicos</i> program was presented and discussed.	<i>Termo de Cooperação - 80</i> Increasing access for Brazilian Population to Primary Care Health Care.
Estrategia Regional de Defectos Congénitos y Discapacidad en el MERCOSUR.	Linked with the resolutions on Health and Human Rights (CD50.R8 [2010]) and on Health, Human Security, and Well-being (CD50.R16 [2010]).

*Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO)*⁵

12. Within the framework of the new Strategic Agenda 2012-2020, PAHO/WHO is engaged in technical cooperation activities with the Health Coordination Office of the ACTO Permanent Secretariat. This technical cooperation was formalized with the signing of a Framework Agreement between the two organizations during the 51st Directing Council of PAHO (2011).

*Union of South American Nations (UNASUR)*⁶

13. The South American Health Council (CSS) of UNASUR has a Coordinating Committee, a Technical Secretariat, and several technical groups. The Technical Secretariat, which is comprised of the President *pro tempore* and representatives of two countries (the preceding and following *pro tempore* presidents) convenes and supports the meetings of the Council. PAHO participates in the Coordinating Committee as an observer. Suriname currently holds the *pro tempore* presidency; Uruguay will be the next *pro tempore* president, from August 2014.

⁵ Link to information on ACTO: <http://www.otca.info/portal/>.

⁶ Link to information on the South American Health Council: www.unasursg.org.

UNASUR	
Special Meeting of the South American Health Coordinating Committee on the occasion of the 66th World Health Assembly (WHA) Geneva, Switzerland, 19-28 May 2013	
Agenda Items Addressed	Relation to PAHO Resolutions/ Information Documents
<p>UNASUR members agreed to present a unified position on the following WHA agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmatic Budget 2014-2015 NCDs and Disabilities. • Health promotion during the life cycle. • Monitoring of the health related MDGs. • Inclusion of health in the Post 2015 MDGs. 	<p>CSP28.R13 (2012) Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases.</p> <p>CD47.R9 (2006) Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet and Physical Activity.</p> <p>CD52/INF/4-C (2013) MDGs and Health Targets in the Region of the Americas.</p> <p>CD52/12 (2013) Panel Discussion: Health in the Post-2015 Development Agenda: Panel on Progress and Challenges.</p> <p>CD47.R1 (2006) Disability: Prevention and Rehabilitation in the Context of the Right to the Enjoyment of the Highest Attainable Standard of Physical and Mental Health and Other Related Rights.</p> <p>CD43.R11 (2001) and CD47.R20 (2006) Health Promotion in the Americas; and Health Promotion: Achievements and Aspirations Contained in the Ottawa and Bangkok Charters.</p>

UNASUR	
VIII Meeting of the South American Health Council Lima, Peru, 4-5 September 2013	
Items addressed by the CSS	Relation to PAHO activities
Plan for the risk and disaster management network.	<p>Linked with the program on emergency preparedness and disaster relief.</p> <p>Linked with the Coordination of International Humanitarian Assistance in Health in Case of Disasters (CSP28/13 and CSP28.R19 [2012]).</p>
South American Institute of Government in Health (ISAGS) Annual Operating Plan 2013.	Linked with the subregional technical cooperation program for South America.

UNASUR VIII Meeting of the South American Health Council Lima, Peru, 4-5 September 2013	
Items addressed by the CSS	Relation to PAHO activities
Medicines: price database and study of production capacity in South America	Linked with the initiative for Strengthening National Regulatory Authorities for Medicines and Biologicals, (Resolution CD50.R9 [2010]). Linked with the progress report on the Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation, and Intellectual Property. (Information document CD51/INF/5(B) [2011]).
Support proposal on the relationship with third parties in the field of the financing	Linked with external relations and resource mobilization area.
Proposed Declaration: South American Day of voluntary, free, and altruistic donation of breast milk.	Linked with the technical program on maternal and child nutrition. Linked with the Pan American Alliance on Nutrition and Development for the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.
Comprehensive care for disabilities	Linked with the technical program on disability and rehabilitation.

Action by the Executive Committee

14. The Executive Committee is invited to take note of this report.

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