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NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH PAHO

Review of the Collaboration of Inter-American and National NGOs in official relations with PAHO

Introduction

1. In accordance with Resolution CESS.R1 of the Special Session of the Executive Committee on 11 January 2007, a revised version of the *Principles Governing Relations between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations* was adapted. It defined one of the roles of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration (SPBA) as "to review applications received and submit a recommendation for action by the Executive Committee. It will also periodically review collaboration with NGOs and make recommendations to the Executive Committee concerning renewal of such collaboration."

Background

- 2. Given that no new NGOs have submitted any requests to be admitted into official relations with PAHO to date, and it is not anticipated that any request will be submitted before 31 January 2008 pursuant to section 4.3 of the *Principles*, the main task at hand is to review collaboration with seven (7) NGOs which have been in official relations for the past four years. These seven NGOs are as follows:
- Consumers International Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (CI-ROLAC)
- Inter-American College of Radiology (ICR)
- Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network (LACWHN)
- Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (ALIFAR)

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- Latin American Federation of Hospitals (FLH)
- Pan American Federation of Nursing Professionals (FEPPEN)
- Panamerican Federation of Associations of Medical Schools (FEPAFEM)

Progress Report

3. The NGOs in official relations were asked to make contact with their technical focal points by 31 January 2008 to analyze the results achieved under the previous work plan and to define activities to be undertaken based on a new work plan covering the next four years.

Proposal

4. The PASB will prepare a report based on the results of the biennial work plan and activities undertaken during the four-year period under review and those of the proposed work plan for the next four-year period, as well as, advice made by the respective technical focal points for review by the Subcommittee, which will make recommendations to the Executive Committee on the desirability of maintaining relations with NGOs mentioned above.

Action by the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration

5. The Subcommittee is advised to accept the proposal made in paragraph four and instruct the PASB to proceed accordingly.

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