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**REPORT OF THE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON
INTER-AMERICAN NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH PAHO**

Resolution XX of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference (1978) states that:

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, composed of representatives of Argentina, Belize, and Bolivia, will meet during the 113th Meeting of the Executive Committee.

The information to be submitted for the Subcommittee's review covers the cooperation during the biennium 1992-1993. It has been compiled after consultation with the NGOs concerned and a review by PAHO's technical divisions which collaborate with these NGOs.

After due consideration the Subcommittee will present a report with recommendations to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will then decide whether it is advisable to continue or suspend relations with each NGO.

A list of the NGOs in official relations with the Pan American Health Organization is attached for your information.

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**INTER-AMERICAN NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH PAHO**

Inter-American College of Radiology (ICR)
(Admitted in 1988; Resolution CE101.R15)

Latin American and Caribbean Association of Public Health Education (ALAESPE)
(Admitted in 1985; Resolution CE95.R19)

Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (ALIFAR)
(Admitted in 1982; Resolution CE88.R5)

Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry
(Admitted in 1988; Resolution CE101.R15)

Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools (PAFAMS)
(Admitted in 1965; Resolution CD16.R38)

Latin American Federation of Hospitals
(Admitted in 1979; Resolution CE82.R28)

Pan American Federation of Nursing Professionals (FEPPEN)
(Admitted in 1988; Resolution CE101.R15)

Latin American Federation of the Pharmaceutical Industry (FIFARMA)
(Admitted in 1979; Resolution CE83.R1)

Latin American Union against Sexually Transmitted Diseases (ULACETS)
(Admitted in 1986; Resolution CE97.R12)

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**REPORT OF THE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTER-AMERICAN
NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OFFICIAL
RELATIONS WITH PAHO**

Paragraph 1.9 of Resolution XX of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference requires that "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."

This year, the Director submitted for consideration a list of inter-American nongovernmental organizations in official relations with PAHO for review by the Standing Subcommittee. The information submitted by the NGOs seeking renewal of their formal recognition, along with the Director's analysis, was presented to the Subcommittee for consideration. The three-member Standing Subcommittee, which included the Representatives from Argentina, Dr. Argentino L. Pico; Belize, Dr. Ruben Campos; and Bolivia, Dr. Luis Guillermo Seoane, met on 28 June 1994, during the 113th Meeting of the Executive Committee. Dr. Argentino L. Pico of Argentina presided over the Subcommittee, and Dr. Ruben Campos of Belize served as Rapporteur.

The Subcommittee considered a background working paper which had been previously made available to its members by the Secretariat. This working paper included the profiles of and collaborative activities with PAHO by the Latin American Federation of Hospitals, the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools (PAFAMS), the Latin American Union against Sexually Transmitted Diseases (ULACETS), the Inter-American College of Radiology (ICR), the Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry, and the Pan American Federation of Nursing Professionals (FEPPEN). The Standing Subcommittee on Inter-American Nongovernmental Organizations in Official Relations with PAHO recommends that PAHO continue its official relations with these organizations until the next revision.

When requested to provide information about their desire to continue formal recognition of their activities with PAHO, no response was received from three organizations: the Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (ALIFAR), the Latin American Federation of the Pharmaceutical Industry (FIFARMA), and the Latin American and Caribbean Association of Public Health Education (ALAESPE). Thus, the Subcommittee could not make any judgment as to the continuation of official relations between these organizations and PAHO. The Subcommittee has decided to propose that these applications be submitted within 90 days.

PAHO has, moreover, maintained dynamic working relationships with other NGOs which have not been officially recognized by the Organization. Three such NGOs are the Inter-American Association of Sanitary Engineers (AIDIS), the Latin American Federation of Surgical Technicians (FLIQ), and the Latin American Pediatric Association (ALAPE). Their ongoing contribution to the implementation of the Organization's current policies suggests a need to reevaluate the relevance of the relationships with the NGOs in official relations with PAHO, in order to allow for a more comprehensive interpretation of those dynamic NGOs interested in working officially with PAHO.

With the view to decentralization and greater social participation, PAHO has been strengthening its knowledge of the dynamics of NGOs working in health and development at the country level. In response to the need to engage in health policy reform whose overall objective is to improve the basic quality of life and standard of living, PAHO's thrust has been to foster a more proactive NGO role in the health care system. A PAHO strategy has therefore been to promote NGO participation in the process of social development policy formulation, particularly at the community level, by facilitating the establishment of sustainable mechanisms that promote government/NGO collaboration.

Certain successes, advanced by the policies and strategies adopted by the PAHO Governing Bodies and by national governments, have been achieved through mutual agreements with national NGOs for project implementation in sectors such as community action for health, safe environment, and immunization, among many others.

In light of the above, the Subcommittee proposes to the Executive Committee that it adopt the following resolution:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REVIEW OF INTER-AMERICAN NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH PAHO

THE 113th 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 official relations with PAHO; and

Mindful of the provisions of paragraph 1.9 of Resolution XX of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend the updating of the current criteria regarding the establishment and maintenance of official relations between PAHO and inter-American NGOs.
2. To request the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference to authorize the Executive Committee, with the advice of the Standing Subcommittee on Inter-American Nongovernmental Organizations in Official Relations with PAHO, to proceed with the revision and adoption of the new criteria by the Executive Committee at its meeting in June 1995.
3. To continue relations with the Latin American Federation of Hospitals, the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools (PAFAMS), the Latin American Union against Sexually Transmitted Diseases (ULACETS), the Inter-American College of Radiology (ICR), the Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry, and the Pan American Federation of Nursing Professionals (FEPPEN) until the new criteria are approved.
4. To request the three NGOs in official relations with PAHO that did not submit their information on time to do so within 90 days, to enable the Standing Subcommittee on Inter-American Nongovernmental Organizations in Official Relations with PAHO to decide whether to continue or suspend relations.

5. To request the Director:

- (a) To continue developing dynamic working relations with inter-American NGOs of interest to the Organization in areas which fall within the program priorities that the Governing Bodies have adopted for PAHO;
- (b) To assess the relevance of the relationship with inter-American NGOs working officially with PAHO, encouraging more participation and collaboration;
- (c) To continue fostering relationships between the Member Governments and NGOs in health;
- (d) To procure that technical cooperation from international organizations to NGOs in the countries falls within the framework of national health policies and that the pertinent authorities are aware of it.

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Inter-American NGOs that maintain official relations with PAHO:

1. Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (ALIFAR)
(Admitted in 1982; Resolution CE88.R5)
2. Latin American Federation of Hospitals
(Admitted in 1979; Resolution CE82.R28)
3. Latin American Federation of the Pharmaceutical Industry (FIFARMA)
(Admitted in 1979; Resolution CE83.R1)
4. Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools (PAFAMS)
(Admitted in 1965; Resolution CD16.R38)
5. Latin American and Caribbean Association of Public Health Education
(ALAESP) (Admitted in 1985; Resolution CE95.R19)
6. Latin American Union against Sexually Transmitted Diseases (ULACETS)
(Admitted in 1986; Resolution CE97.R12)
7. Inter-American College of Radiology (ICR)
(Admitted in 1988; Resolution CE101.R15)
8. Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry
(Admitted in 1988; Resolution CE101.R15)
9. Pan American Federation of Nursing Professionals (FEPPEN)
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