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WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



**28th DIRECTING COUNCIL**  
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***RESOLUTION***

***CD28.R27***

**CRITERIA FOR GRANTING OBSERVER STATUS TO  
NON-REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS**

*THE 28<sup>th</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Bearing in mind the interest expressed at the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council in a review of the methods of receiving observers from non-American States having no territories within the Americas at meetings of the Governing Bodies of PAHO;

Having reviewed the study on this subject prepared by the Director (Document CD28/31); and

Having studied the procedures established by the World Health Organization to be followed regarding observers at meetings of the WHO Executive Board and at meetings of WHO Regional Committees,

***RESOLVES***

To adopt the following policies regarding non-American Member States of the World Health Organization having no territories within the Americas:

1. To welcome any such Member State to attend, without the right to speak or vote, any public sessions of the Governing Bodies of PAHO.
2. To permit any such Member State to attend as an observer, with the right to speak but without the right to vote, at a public session of a Governing Body of PAHO during the deliberation of any

matter of particular concern and unique relevance to that State, including a matter involving a financial or technical contribution to PAHO by that State, under conditions to be established by the Chairman of the meeting, upon the determination in advance by the Director of PASB after consultation with the Director-General of WHO that special circumstances exist which justify this participation, provided that the costs of participation are covered by the State concerned.

3. To apply these policies and procedures to any such Member State which may apply hereafter for observer status to meetings of the Governing Bodies.

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