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REQUESTS FROM INTER-AMERICAN NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION: LATIN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES

The Director submits for consideration by the 88th Meeting of the Executive Committee the request of the Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (ALIFAR) for the establishment of official working relations with the Pan American Health Organization.

In compliance with paragraph 1.3 of Resolution XX of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference in 1978 (Annex II), based on Resolution XXVIII of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference in 1954 (Annex III), this request has been circulated to all Member Governments. The report on the comments received from the Governments, and the supporting documents presented by ALIFAR in compliance with that resolution, are at the disposal of the Standing Subcommittee of the Executive Committee charged with reviewing applications presented by inter-American non-governmental organizations interested in establishing official working relations with the Pan American Health Organization. The Standing Subcommittee will study the application and the related documents and subsequently present its recommendation to the Executive Committee.

Annexes

(TRANSLATION)

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ANNEX I

ALIFAR
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Buenos Aires, 18 May 1981

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Sir,

We take pleasure in addressing you to request official recognition by PAHO of the Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (Asociación Latinoamericana de Industrias Farmacéuticas - ALIFAR), a non-governmental organization, and the establishment of cooperative relations in areas of common interest.

Our Association was established in the Constituent Assembly of 19 November 1980 in Buenos Aires as an international, private nonprofit organization. We enclose a copy of our chapter.

ALIFAR was established by representatives of pharmaceutical associations in ten Latin American countries embracing more than 400 firms in the sector. We enclose the by-laws then approved, which are now in process of registration with the competent authorities in Argentina, the host country.

The charter members of ALIFAR are:

- 1) Centro Industrial de Laboratorios Farmacéuticos Argentinos (CILFA) with 93 member firms.
- 2) Asociación de Laboratorios Industriales Farmacéuticos de Bolivia, which embraces 15 manufacturing laboratories funded by Bolivian capital.
- 3) A group of the 10 most important domestic firms in Brazil.
- 4) A group of 18 locally-owned pharmaceutical firms in Chile.

- 5) Asociación de Laboratorios Farmacéuticos Nacionales de Costa Rica (Association of National Pharmaceutical Laboratories of Costa Rica).
- 6) Federación de Asociaciones Químico Farmacéuticas Mexicanas (Federation of Mexican Chemical-Pharmaceutical Associations), embracing 215 firms funded by Mexican capital.
- 7) Asociación de Fabricantes de Productos Químicos, Farmacéuticos y Afines de Paraguay (Association of Manufacturers of Chemical, Pharmaceutical and Related Products of Paraguay), embracing the 14 laboratories (owned by Paraguayan investors).
- 8) A group of 12 domestic-capital pharmaceutical manufacturing firms of Peru.
- 9) A group of 23 domestic-capital pharmaceutical firms of Uruguay.
- 10) Laboratorios Venezolanos (Venezuelan Laboratories - LAVE), an association of 22 domestic firms.

The Argentine, Bolivian, Mexican and Paraguayan entities are legally constituted associations of firms. In the other cases the firms involved have associated on an ad hoc basis for the sake of unified representation on the bodies of ALIFAR. Colombia, Ecuador and the remaining countries of Central America are expected to join shortly.

The Board of Directors of ALIFAR is currently made up as follows:

President	Carlos R. Giavi (Uruguay)
First Vice President	Mario Palenzona (Venezuela)
Second Vice President	José Antonio Suárez (Mexico)
General Secretary	Roberto Gold (Argentina)
Members	Geraldo Garrido (Peru)
	Augusto Scavone (Paraguay)
	José Plubins (Chile)
Alternate Members	José Carlos Magalhaes (Brazil)
	Rodrigo Arce (Costa Rica)
	Rodolfo Ameller (Bolivia)

ALIFAR is the only organization specifically representing, on the national level, the firms in the Latin American countries whose capital, whether public or private, is truly national. Its primary purpose is to assist in horizontal cooperation among them as an aid to their collective growth, to the improvement of their bargaining power on the regional and international markets, and to strengthening Latin American integration through greater participation by locally-owned enterprises.

ALIFAR's Program of Work calls for permanent exchanges of information on the pharmaceutical industry, performance of studies, reciprocal technical assistance, and promotion of Latin American joint enterprises. We enclose copy of this Program and of the latest Activities Report.

In compliance with its statutory purposes, this Program seeks a rapprochement and cooperation with the major international agencies concerned with matters relating to the pharmaceutical industry.

We regard the purposes of our Association as consistent with the principles and purposes of the Pan American Health Organization and its codes and basic documents.

Cooperation among locally-owned firms in the Latin American countries can further the great aim of assuring to the entire population of Latin America, on an appropriate basis, a supply of all the drugs required under plans and policies for public health and for promoting the industrialization of the sector.

The characteristics of locally-owned firms, and particularly their purely Latin American character, makes them, within their capabilities, suitable instruments for the implementation of those programs and policies.

National-capital firms account for about 30 per cent of the drugs produced in the region, and several countries have already launched significant operations for the production of raw materials and inputs.

Meanwhile, intra-Latin American horizontal cooperation appears the best avenue open to these national enterprises for maintaining and enlarging their presence on national markets. It was this awareness that led to the establishment of ALIFAR.

To make the most of these possibilities, we regard as crucial the support that the Pan American Health Organization is able to give through the attendance and active participation of our representatives in the Organization's important meeting and activities, access to its technical documentation, and the establishment of relations and joint activities in matters of common interest.

As from this moment we offer all our will and capacity to operate with PAHO in matters in which the experience and perspective of locally-owned firms may be regarded as useful. Proof of its capacity for cooperation and willingness was provided in the UNIDO Global Consultation Meeting, which was attended and actively participated in by a delegation of ALIFAR observers. We enclose the document presented on that occasion, itemizing the purposes of the Association.

We take the liberty of proposing to you that we meet soon, at the earliest opportunity, to explore possibilities for cooperation between our two entities.

In this regard, it would give ALIFAR great satisfaction to be granted representation at the 86th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization, to be held shortly in Washington.

We await a reply to our request and remain at your disposal for any additional information you may need.

Please accept the expressions of our most distinguished consideration.

(signed)

Roberto Gold
General Secretary

(signed)

Carlos R. Giavi
President

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 XXVIII¹³ 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 XX¹⁴ 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.

*(Approved at the thirteenth plenary session,
3 October 1978)*

CSP14.28 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering that collaboration in matters of common interest to the Pan American Sanitary Organization and other international and inter-American organizations contributes to the fulfillment of the objectives of the Organization, as stated in the Pan American Sanitary Code and in the Constitution of the Organization,

RESOLVES:

That the Pan American Sanitary Organization establish and maintain cooperative relations with other international and inter-American organizations in the manner that it deems appropriate; that the criteria given below be observed when the Pan American Sanitary Organization establishes cooperative relations with any other international and inter-American organizations; and that these relations be established or maintained in accordance with the provisions set forth in Article 23 of the Constitution.

Criteria

1. The organization shall be concerned with matters falling within the competence of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.
2. The aims and purposes of the organization shall be in conformity with the spirit, purposes, and principles of the Pan American Sanitary Code and the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.
3. The organization shall be of recognized standing and shall represent a substantial proportion of the persons organized for the purpose of participating in the particular field of interest in which it operates. To meet this requirement, a group of organizations may form a joint committee or other body authorized to act for the group as a whole.
4. The organization shall have a directing body and authority to speak for its members through its authorized representatives; evidence of this authority shall be presented if requested.
5. The organization shall normally be inter-American in its structure and scope, with members who exercise voting rights in relation to its policies or action.
6. Save in exceptional cases, a national organization that is affiliated to an inter-American nongovernmental organization covering the same subject on an international basis shall present its views through its government or through the inter-American nongovernmental organization to which it is affiliated. A national organization, however, may be included in the list after consultation with, and with the consent of, the Member Government concerned, if the activities of the organization are not covered by any international organization or if it offers experience upon which the Pan American Sanitary Organization wishes to draw.

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*(Approved at the thirteenth plenary session,
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RESOLVES:

That the Pan American Sanitary Organization establish and maintain cooperative relations with other international and inter-American organizations in the manner that it deems appropriate; that the criteria given below be observed when the Pan American Sanitary Organization establishes cooperative relations with any other international and inter-American organizations, and that these relations be established or maintained in accordance with the provisions set forth in Article 23 of the Constitution.

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Report on the Request of the Latin American Association
of Pharmaceutical Industries

The Standing Subcommittee of the Executive Committee charged with reviewing applications presented by inter-American nongovernmental organizations interested in establishing official relations with the Pan American Health Organization has studied the request of the Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (ALIFAR) in the light of the provisions of Resolution XXVIII of the XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference and Resolution XX of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference and the criteria and procedures therein established.

As required in Resolution XX of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference, the Pan American Health Organization has circulated to all its Member Governments for comment the request of 18 May 1981 presented by ALIFAR for the establishment of official relations with PAHO.

On examining the comments received from 16 Governments the Subcommittee has found that most of them are favorable to approval of that request. The consensus may be summed up in the statement of one Member Government that "In view of the efforts that the national pharmaceutical industries of the Latin American countries are making to develop through cooperation and exchanges of experience for promoting the growth of all of them and to strengthen their negotiating position, and thereby to reinforce Latin American integration, their recognition by the Pan American Health Organization should be accepted."

The Standing Subcommittee concurs in this view and feels that PAHO would benefit from recognition of the Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries. It accordingly recommends to the Executive Committee the adoption of the attached Resolution.

Members of the Standing Subcommittee

Chile:

Dr. Héctor Rodríguez
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Jamaica:

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Annex

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICIAL WORKING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE LATIN
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES (ALIFAR)
AND THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having studied the report on the request of the Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (ALIFAR) presented by the Standing Subcommittee of the Executive Committee charged with reviewing applications presented by inter-American nongovernmental organizations interested in establishing official working relations with the Pan American Health Organization; and

Considering that the provisions of Resolution XXVIII of the XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference and Resolution XX of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference have been complied with,

RESOLVES:

1. To authorize the establishment of official working relations between the Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (ALIFAR) and the Pan American Health Organization.
2. To request the Director to convey this decision to ALIFAR and to advise it of the privileges conferred by that status.
3. To request the Chairman of the Executive Committee to advise the Directing Council of this Resolution.