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REQUEST OF THE INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR COOPERATION ON AGRICULTURE (IICA) FOR ADMISSION INTO OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

The Director submits to the XXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council, for consideration, the request of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) for admission into official relations with the Pan American Health Organization.

The Executive Committee at its 86th Meeting studied this request in light of Resolution XXXVIII of the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council (1980) and Resolution XXVIII of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference (1954), and approved Resolution XXVIII, which is reproduced in this document.

Background

In a letter of 25 August 1980 the Director General of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), formerly the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences, asked the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to present for consideration by the Governing Bodies of PAHO the request of IICA to be allowed to participate in their meetings as an observer.

In his reply of 24 September 1980 the Director of PASB advised the Director General of IICA that in its XXVII Meeting in September/ October 1980 the Directing Council would consider the procedures for establishing official relations between PAHO and intergovernmental agencies and that, therefore, the request would have to wait upon the determination of the Council on that matter.

Those procedures having been established in Resolution XXXVIII approved by the Directing Council during that meeting, on 16 December 1980 IICA reaffirmed its interest in establishing official relations with PAHO and in having this request presented to the Governing Bodies of the Organization for consideration. In a letter of 15 January 1981 the Director of PASB told the Director General of that Institute that he would be honored to present the request to the 86th Meeting of the Executive Committee of PAHO for consideration. Copies of these letters are appended as Annexes I-IV.

Background Information on the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)

The Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences, as IICA was then known, was established under provisions of the Governing Council of the Pan American Union on 7 October 1942, and inaugurated on 19 March 1943 at Turrialba, Costa Rica. Later it acquired the status of an inter-American organization under the multilateral convention that was opened for signature by the American States of the Pan American Union on 15 January 1944 and went into effect on 1 December of the same year.

On 16 February 1949 the Council of the Organization of American States recognized the Institute as a "inter-American agency specializing in the field of agriculture."

The purpose of the Institute since its inception has been "to encourage and promote the development of the agricultural sciences in the American Republics," and it has progressively changed its structure to adjust to the requirements of the Member Governments for technical cooperation in promoting agricultural development and the improvement of rural life.

The changes that had taken place in the Institute prompted a revision of the Convention of 1944, and the new text was opened for signature by the Member States of the OAS or IICA on 6 March 1979, and went into effect on 8 December 1980. This new Convention changed the name of the entity to Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture and made changes in its structure to facilitate the accomplishment of its purposes.

On 1 May 1979 the Directors of IICA and PAHO signed a Memorandum of Understanding, which is still in effect, committing the two institutions to collaboration in activities of mutual interest. The most significant areas of this inter-agency work are nutrition, rural development, and veterinary health.

The Secretariat of IICA is located in San José, Costa Rica.

Legal Basis

Resolution XXVIII of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference (1954) sets forth the criteria to be observed by PAHO in establishing official relations with international and inter-American organizations. In its XXVII Meeting (1980), the Directing Council of PAHO approved Resolution XXXVIII on mechanisms for the establishment of relations with intergovernmental organizations. The two resolutions are appended as Annexes V and VI.

Request

The Executive Committee at its 86th Meeting studied the request of IICA in light of Resolution XXXVIII of the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council (1980) and Resolution XXVIII of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference (1954), and adopted the following resolution:

## RESOLUTION XXVIII

REQUEST OF THE INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR COOPERATION ON  
AGRICULTURE (IICA) FOR ADMISSION INTO OFFICIAL RELATIONS  
WITH THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the request of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) to be allowed to participate as an Observer in the Meetings of the Governing Bodies of the Organization; and

Mindful of Resolutions XXXVIII of the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council (1980) and XXVIII of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference (1954), and of the report presented by the Director in Document CE86/10,

## RESOLVES:

1. To transmit the request of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture to the XXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council.
2. To recommend to the Council that it approve IICA's request.

Annexes

(Translation)

INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES - OAS

SC/DG-2499  
25 August 1980

Dr. Héctor R. Acuña  
Director  
Pan American Sanitary Bureau  
525 - 23rd Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20037  
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Acuña:

As you know, our two institutions have been collaborating for several years in the conviction that cooperation between related agencies of the Inter-American System is a sure guarantee of better and more efficient utilization of the available resources in the discharge of their assigned functions. In 1965 we entered into a Cooperation Agreement with the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama, and in 1979 you and I signed a Memorandum of Understanding under which IICA and PAHO are to undertake complementary operations in collaboration with the Member Countries as a contribution to the attainment of their national objectives in areas of our mutual interest and competence.

The near ratification of the new Convention of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, which reflects the wish of the Member Countries to expand and strengthen the work of the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences, makes it advisable to take steps to tighten yet further the bonds between our two institutions. One useful arrangement, in our view, would be for IICA to be able to participate as an observer in the proceedings of the Governing Bodies of PAHO. One definite benefit would be that our two institutions would keep currently and properly informed on each other's projects and operations in progress and prospect, which would enable us to be more efficient in our search for promising opportunities for joint and complementary operations.

In the same spirit that brought us to the current Memorandum of Understanding between our two institutions, I take the liberty of presenting this request through yourself to the Governing Bodies of PAHO so that they may consider admitting IICA to participation as an observer in the proceedings of those Governing Bodies.

I avail myself of the opportunity to express to you my deep satisfaction and that of my colleagues with the highly constructive development of our institutional relations, which we hope will become even more fruitful than they already are.

Please accept the sentiments of my highest consideration.

(signed)

José Emilio G. Araujo  
Director General

(Translation)

PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

24 September 1980

LO-49/3  
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Mr. José Emilio G. Araujo  
Director General  
Inter-American Institute of  
Agricultural Sciences - OAS  
Apartado 55, Coronado  
San José Province  
Costa Rica

Dear Mr. Araujo:

I have received your kind letter SC/DG-2499 of 25 August 1980 conveying your interest in my presenting to the Governing Bodies of PAHO a request that IICA be admitted as an observer to their meetings.

Your request comes at a time when the Directing Council is slated to consider in its XXVII Meeting a proposed resolution of the 84th Meeting of the Executive Committee setting forth the procedures for the establishment of official relations between PAHO and other inter-governmental organizations. For your information, I enclose a copy of Document CD27/9 on this topic, which will be considered by the Council.

I will therefore convey your request to the Governing Bodies of PAHO--the Executive Committee and the Directing Council--in their meetings of 1981, in accordance with such procedures as the Council shall have established. Moreover, to maintain appropriate reciprocity I will send you in due course a similar request from PAHO for transmittal by yourself to the Governing Bodies of IICA once its new Convention enters into force.

Finally, we wish to advise you that the Secretary General of the OAS, Mr. Alejandro Orfila, in a letter of which I enclose a copy for your convenience, has included a representative of IICA in the delegation that the OAS will send to the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO.

Please accept once again the sentiments of my distinguished consideration.

Héctor R. Acuña  
Director

Annexes

cc: Mr. Luis A. Montoya, IICA

(Translation)

INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES - OAS

SC/DG-3510  
16 December 1980

Dr. Héctor R. Acuña  
Director, Pan American Sanitary Bureau  
Pan American Health Organization  
Washington, D.C.  
U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Acuña:

In the absence of Dr. José Emilio G. Araujo, the Director General of IICA, and in compliance with his instructions, I have the pleasure of addressing you in connection with our purpose, already stated on earlier occasions, of establishing formal relations between IICA and the Organization you so worthily head.

We have seen the Final Report of the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization, held in Washington, D.C., in September and October 1980, and Resolution XXXVIII, approved by the Council and establishing the procedures for the establishment of relations with intergovernmental organizations.

In the light of this resolution, and of the criteria adopted by the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference in Resolution CSP14.28, the Director General has asked me to propose to you that our two Organizations establish official relations, and to convey to you his interest in having a proposal to this effect presented to the next meeting of the Directing Council.

I avail myself of the opportunity to extend to you special greetings for the New Year and best wishes for success and personal good fortune in 1981.

Very truly yours,

(signed)

Manuel Rodríguez Z.  
Acting Director General



(Translation)

PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

LO/63/3/IICA  
LO/63/4/IGO

15 January 1981

Dear Dr. Araujo:

I refer to letter SC/DC-3510 of 16 December 1980 signed by Mr. Manuel Rodríguez, Acting Director General of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, transmitting your request for the establishment of official relations between IICA and the Pan American Health Organization.

In keeping with the provisions of Resolution XXXVIII of the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, I will be honored to present your request for consideration by the 86th Meeting of the Executive Committee of PAHO, to be held in June of this year.

Moreover, since the new Convention of IICA, now called the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, has come into force, I would appreciate your sending us a copy of that Convention so that we may append it to the official request for the establishment of official relations with PAHO.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed)

Héctor R. Acuña  
Director

Dr. José Emilio C. Araujo  
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ANNEX V

RESOLUTION XXXVIII

PROCEDURES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Recalling Resolution CSP14.28 of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference, which set forth the criteria to be observed by the Pan American Health Organization in establishing official relations with international and inter-american organizations;

Considering that procedures are needed for application of the criteria set forth in Resolution CSP14.28 and to establish the status of the observers of regional and subregional intergovernmental organizations; and

Having considered the recommendations set forth in Document CE84/7, presented by the Director, having noted Resolution XXIII of the 82nd Meeting of the Executive Committee, and following the recommendation of the Executive Committee at its 84th Meeting,

RESOLVES:

1. To observe the criteria adopted by the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference in Resolution CSP14.28 for the establishment of official relations with regional and subregional intergovernmental organizations.

2. To establish the rule that the approval of two-thirds of the Directing Council or Pan American Sanitary Conference is required for the establishment of official relations between the Pan American Health Organization and a regional or subregional intergovernmental organization.

3. To establish that a regional and subregional intergovernmental organization with which the Organization maintains relations may:

3.1 Be invited to attend the Meetings of the Executive Committee, the Directing Council, and the Pan American Sanitary Conference, to which end it may designate a representative to act as an observer;

3.2 Collaborate, on request, in the programming and execution of joint activities;

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- 3.3 Submit to PAHO its views and observations on programs underway in areas of mutual interest;
- 3.4 Request joint participation with PAHO in conferences, seminars, or working groups;
- 3.5 Participate, in accordance with the applicable Rules of Procedure, but with no vote, in the open sessions of the Governing Bodies of PAHO in the terms of the invitation issued by the Secretariat.

(Approved at the sixteenth plenary session,  
2 October 1980)

**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.