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ELECTION OF FIVE NONPERMANENT MEMBERS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN CENTER ON HEALTH SCIENCES INFORMATION (BIREME)

Introduction

1. The 49th Directing Council will consider a proposal for the establishment of a new institutional framework for the governance, management, and financing of the Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (hereinafter BIREME or the Center) through the adoption of a proposed Statute of BIREME (see CD49/17).
2. The new governance structure described in the proposed Statute of BIREME calls for the establishment of an Advisory Committee, whose function would be to make recommendations to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB) on the programmatic functions, work plan, and financing of the Center.
3. Article VI of the proposed Statute of BIREME establishes that the new Advisory Committee of BIREME is to be comprised of one representative appointed by the Director of PASB and one by the Government of Brazil as permanent members, and that five nonpermanent members are to be selected and named by the Directing Council of PAHO from among the BIREME membership [which at this time include all PAHO Member States, Participating States, and Associate State(s)], taking geographical representation into account.

4. The proposed Statute further states that the five nonpermanent members of the BIREME Advisory Committee should be rotated every three (3) years, and that the Directing Council of PAHO may indicate a shorter rotation period in cases where it is necessary to maintain balance among members of the Advisory Committee.

Action by the Directing Council

5. If the 49th Directing Council were to adopt the Statute of BIREME as proposed in the draft resolution adopted by the 144th Executive Committee, it will be incumbent upon this Directing Council to elect five nonpermanent members to the BIREME Advisory Committee.

6. In order to maintain the necessary balance as per Article VI of the proposed Statute, initially three Member States may be elected to serve a three-year term, while two may be elected for a two-year term. Thereafter, election of BIREME's Advisory Committee's nonpermanent members would take place for a term of three years on a staggered basis so that no election would take place in 2010, two members would be elected in 2011, and three members in 2012.

Annex



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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**ELECTION OF FIVE NONPERMANENT MEMBERS TO THE
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CENTER ON HEALTH SCIENCES INFORMATION (BIREME)**

THE 49th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having adopted Resolution CD49.R__ which establishes the new Statute of the Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME);

Noting that the governance structure described in the new Statute of BIREME calls for the establishment of an Advisory Committee;

Bearing in mind that Article VI of the new Statute of BIREME establishes that the Advisory Committee of BIREME is to be comprised of one representative appointed by the Director of PASB and one by the Government of Brazil as permanent members, and that five nonpermanent members are to be selected and named by the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference of PAHO from among the BIREME membership [which at this time include all PAHO Member States, Participating States, and Associate State(s)], taking geographical representation into account; and

Recalling that Article VI further states that the five nonpermanent members of the BIREME Advisory Committee should be rotated every three (3) years, and that the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference of PAHO may indicate a shorter rotation period in cases where it is necessary to maintain balance among members of the Advisory Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To elect three Member States to serve on BIREME's Advisory Committee for a three-year term, and two Member States for a two-year term effective 1 January 2010.
2. Thereafter, to elect the nonpermanent members of the Advisory Committee on a staggered basis so that no election would take place in 2010, two members would be elected in 2011, and three members in 2012.
3. To declare _____, _____, and _____ elected as non permanent members on the Advisory Committee of BIREME for a period of three years.
4. To declare _____, and _____ elected as non permanent members on the Advisory Committee of BIREME for a period of two years.

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