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NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs) IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH PAHO

Report of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration

Applications of NGOs for Admittance into Official Working Relations with PAHO

1. Section 4.3 of the *Principles Governing Relations between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations* states that, “During the March session, the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration will consider applications submitted by NGOs and will make recommendations thereon to the Executive Committee. It may invite a representative of the NGOs to speak before it in connection with the NGO’s application. Should the applicant NGO be considered not to meet the established criteria, and bearing in mind the desirability of ensuring a valuable continuing partnership based on defined objectives and evidenced by a record of successful past collaboration and a framework for future collaborative activities, the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration may recommend postponement of consideration or rejection of an application.”
2. This year, the Director had one application from one new NGO—EMBARQ, the World Resources Institute Center for Sustainable Transport—requesting to be admitted into official relations with PAHO.
3. Concerning EMBARQ’s application, the Subcommittee recommends to the Executive Committee that this NGO be admitted into official relations with PAHO and that these official relations be maintained through 2014.

Review of the NGOs in Official Relations with PAHO

4. The Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration (SPBA), composed of the Delegates of Barbados, Bolivia, Cuba, Guatemala, Mexico, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and the United States of America considered the background paper prepared by the Bureau. This background paper contained a profile of the NGOs in official relations with PAHO and a report of their collaborative activities with PAHO.

5. Section 5 of the *Principles Governing Relations between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations* states that, “The Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration will normally review collaboration with each NGO with which PAHO has official working relations every four years and, based on the results of the biennial work plans and activities undertaken during the period under review and on the proposed work plan for the next four-year period, shall make a recommendation to the Executive Committee on the desirability of maintaining these relations.”

6. The Director submitted to the SPBA a report on two inter-American, nongovernmental organizations whose relations with PAHO were due for the four-year review. The information submitted by the NGOs in support of their applications for continuing their official formal relations, together with the Director's analysis, were made available to the members of the Subcommittee.

7. The two NGOs in question are:

- the Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry (COLABIOCLI), and
- the National Alliance for Hispanic Health.

8. Concerning the two NGOs in question, the Subcommittee recommends to the Executive Committee that these official relations be maintained through 2014.

Action by the Executive Committee

9. The Committee, after reviewing the information provided, is invited to consider adoption of the proposed resolution recommended by the Fourth Session of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration presented in Annex B.

Annexes



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Annex A

ANALYTICAL FORM TO LINK AGENDA ITEM WITH ORGANIZATIONAL MANDATES

1. Agenda item: 3.3. Nongovernmental Organizations in Official Relations with PAHO.

2. Responsible unit: DD/ERP

3. Preparing officer: James Hill

4. List of collaborating centers and national institutions linked to this Agenda item:

N.A.

5. Link between Agenda item and Health Agenda for the Americas 2008-2017:

These three NGOs would enable PAHO to carry out its technical cooperation under the following lines of action:

1. Tackling health determinants (EMBARQ)
2. Strengthening the health authority (COLABIOCLI)
3. Reducing the risk and burden of disease (National Alliance for Hispanic Health)

6. Link between Agenda item and Strategic Plan 2008–2012:

The relevant technical area has thoroughly reviewed the work plan presented by EMBARQ, and has concluded that it reflects one of PAHO's most important priorities under Strategic Objective 3 of the Strategic Plan 2008–2012 Amended (2009).

COLABIOCLI and PAHO have agreed to collaborate in setting up a system to manage sustainable quality in clinical laboratories of the Americas, and to work together to strengthen the stewardship role of health authorities in the regulation, registry, and qualification/licensing of these laboratories. They also have agreed to develop external evaluation programs of the quality, education, training, continuing, and distance education of human resources and to promote voluntary processes of accreditation of the sector as the most effective means to improve implementation of a system of quality management.

In the next four years, COLABIOCLI and PAHO have agreed to:

- collaborate in setting up a system for managing sustainable quality in the Region's clinical laboratories;
- work to strengthen the health authorities' stewardship role in the regulation, registry, and qualification, and licensing of health laboratories;
- develop programs of external evaluation of the quality, education, training, and continuing and distance education of human resources, and
- promote voluntary processes of accreditation of the sector as the most effective means to improve effective implementation of a system of quality management.

This collaborative plan of action will serve to help PAHO implement Strategic Objective 1 "To reduce the health, social and economic burden of communicable diseases" and Strategic Objective 12 "To ensure improved

access, quality and use of medical products and technologies”.

The National Alliance for Hispanic Health and PAHO’s relationship will expand to address prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases that particularly affect Hispanic communities in the United States. The Alliance demonstrated its capacity to perform successful community-level work. This joint effort will be based on PAHO’s Strategic Plan 2008-2012. Interventions based on PAHO Strategic Objective 3 will include education and advocacy to increase awareness of risk factors for the prevention and control of chronic illnesses, promotion of public and private partnerships, and fostering exchange of information and lessons learned to improve the delivery of culturally and linguistically appropriate health information to Hispanic communities.

The proposed work plan has been discussed with the National Alliance and the technical area has endorsed it.

7. Best practices in this area and examples from countries within the Region of the Americas:

N.A.

8. Financial implications of this Agenda item:

The collaborative work plans of NGOs in official relations with PAHO are financed by the approved budget of the relevant technical areas or by the NGOs’ budgets; there are no financial implications beyond the approved Biennial Work Plan.



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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REVIEW OF NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH PAHO

THE 146th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the report of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration (Document CE146/4); and

Mindful of the provisions of the *Principles Governing Relations between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations* (Resolution CESS.R1, January 2007),

RESOLVES:

1. To continue official relations between PAHO and two NGOs—the Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry (COLABIOCLI) and the National Alliance for Hispanic Health.
2. To admit a new NGO—EMBARQ, the World Resource Institute Center for Sustainable Transport—into official relations with PAHO for a period of four years.
3. To request the Director to:
 - (a) advise the respective NGOs of the decisions taken by the Executive Committee;

- (b) 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; and
- (c) continue fostering relationships between Member States and NGOs working in the field of health.



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Report on the Financial and Administrative Implications for the Secretariat of the Proposed Resolution

1. Agenda item: 3.3. Nongovernmental Organizations in Official Relations with PAHO.

2. Linkage to Program Budget 2010-2011:

- (a) **Strategic Objectives:** This resolution proposes continuing official relations with the two nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) whose collaborative relationship was reviewed. It furthermore proposes establishing official relations with a new nongovernmental organization. All its collaborative work plans should be linked to one of the work areas or strategic objectives of the Strategic Plan of PAHO, specifically:
- COLABIOLCI will assist PAHO in implementing Strategic Objectives 1 and 12.
 - EMBARQ will assist PAHO in implementing Strategic Objective 3.
 - National Alliance for Hispanic Health will assist PAHO in implementing Strategic Objective 3, i.e. education and advocacy to increase awareness of risk factors for the prevention and control.
- (b) **Expected result:**
- Updating the regulatory status of clinical laboratories, the upgrading process, external evaluation programs, certification and accreditation in every country of Latin America (COLABIOCLI).
 - Five countries influenced by transportation and urban planning policies that positively impact public health (EMBARQ).
 - Increased awareness among Hispanic communities in the US about the harmful effects of high dietary sodium. (National Alliance for Hispanic Health).

3. Financial implications

- (a) **Total estimated cost for implementation over the life span of the resolution (estimated to the nearest US\$ 10,000, including staff and activities):** There are no financial implications for this resolution, as all the NGOs in question will contribute from their budget to achieve the collaborative activities agreed upon with the respective technical areas.
- (b) **Estimated cost for the biennium 2010–2011 (estimated to the nearest US\$ 10,000, including staff and activities):** Not applicable.
- (c) **Of the estimated cost noted in (b), what can be subsumed under existing programmed activities?** Not applicable.

4. Administrative implications

- (a) Indicate the levels of the Organization at which the work will be undertaken:**
Regional, subregional, and country levels.
- (b) Additional staffing requirements (indicate additional required staff full-time equivalents, noting necessary skills profile):** The collaborative work plans are based on PAHO's current staffing.
- (c) Time frames (indicate broad time frames for the implementation and evaluation):**
Four years.

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