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REQUESTS OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION: INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION OF WOMEN

In its 88th Meeting the Executive Committee considered Document CE88/25 (Annex II) presented by the Director in connection with the request of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) for the establishment of official relations with the Pan American Health Organization.

In consideration of the background and basic data on the CIM, and the legal basis and recommendation of the Secretariat presented in the document, the Executive Committee approved Resolution XXI (Annex I) recommending to the XXI Pan American Sanitary Conference the adoption of a proposed resolution approving the establishment of official relations between PAHO and the Inter-American Commission of Women.



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ANNEX I



RESOLUTION XXI

INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION OF WOMEN

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

In view of the Director's report on the 22 April 1982 request for Observer status to PAHO received from the Inter-American Commission of Women, an inter-American specialized organization;

Considering the importance of full discussions of the issue of women in health and development; and

Bearing in mind the PAHO policies towards opening official relations with other intergovernmental organizations in the Hemisphere,

RESOLVES:

1. To accord to the Inter-American Commission of Women ad hoc Observer status for the 88th Meeting of the Executive Committee, for the issue of women in health and development.

2. To recommend to the Pan American Sanitary Conference adoption of the following resolution:

THE XXI PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Considering that the Inter-American Commission of Women is an inter-American specialized organization devoted to the development of civil and political rights of women in the Hemisphere;

Considering that the Inter-American Commission of Women, through its President, has requested the establishment of official relations with PAHO by according to it the status of Observer to meetings of the Pan American Sanitary Conference, PAHO Directing Council and PAHO Executive Committee, with regard to the issue of women in health and development; and

Acting pursuant to Article 26 of the PAHO Constitution, and in accordance with Resolution XXVIII of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference and Resolution XXXVIII of the XXVII Meeting of the PAHO Directing Council,

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RESOLVES:

1. To express its satisfaction that the Inter-American Commission of Women has indicated its desire to enter into official relations with PAHO.

2. To declare that cooperation with the Inter-American Commission of Women will serve the best interests of PAHO and of the women in the Western Hemisphere.

3. To welcome the Inter-American Commission of Women into official relations with PAHO and thereby to accord it the status of Observer to PAHO, without vote, but with rights of participation (with the permission of the Chairman), in discussions of the issue of women in health and development, in meetings of the Pan American Sanitary Conference, the PAHO Directing Council, and the PAHO Executive Committee.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session,
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REQUEST OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION OF WOMEN (CIM) FOR ADMISSION INTO OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

The Director has the honor to submit to the 88th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Directing Council, for consideration, the request of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) for admission into official relations with the Pan American Health Organization.

Background

In a letter of 22 April 1982 the President of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) informed the Director of the Commission's interest in attending as observers the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization.

In his reply of 3 June 1982, the Director of PASB advised the President of the CIM that the request for establishing official relations between PAHO and CIM would be presented for the consideration of the Executive Committee so that the request could be transmitted to the Pan American Sanitary Conference.

Background Information on the Inter-American Commission on Women (CIM)

The Commission was established in 1928 at the Sixth International Conference of American States, held in Havana, Cuba, and it was accorded permanent status by the Eighth International Conference of American States, held in Lima, Peru, in 1938. It was the first official inter-governmental agency created expressly to ensure recognition of the civil and political rights of women. As a Specialized Organization of the OAS it enjoys the fullest technical autonomy. It is governed by its Organic Statute. Its relations with the OAS are governed by an Agreement signed with the Secretary General of the Organization, as authorized under Chapter XXI, "The Specialized Organizations," of the Charter of the OAS.

The Organs of the Commission are: The Assembly of Delegates; the Executive Committee; the National Committee of Cooperation; and the Permanent Secretariat.

The member states of the OAS have the right to be represented on the Commission. The government of each member state appoints a Principal Delegate and may appoint alternates and advisers. The President is elected from among the Principal Delegates composing the Commission.

For more than 50 years the CIM has been working for the extension of civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights to the women of the Americas; it has been studying their problems, proposing measures to solve them, and encouraging their participation in the community.

Legal Basis

Article 26, "Relations with other Organizations," of the PAHO Constitution allows the Conference or the Council to make suitable arrangements for consultation and cooperation with other organizations interested in or concerned with public health.

Resolution XXVIII of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference (1954) sets forth the criteria to be observed 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 inter-governmental organizations. The two resolutions are appended as Annexes I and II.

Recommendation

The CIM is an inter-American specialized organization, of recognized standing, whose aims and purposes are in conformity with the spirit, purposes and principles of the Constitution of PAHO. As such, its recognition by PAHO is clearly within the guidelines of the attached Pan American Sanitary Conference resolution. The CIM has requested that official relations with PAHO be established, in order to grant it Observer status before the PAHO Governing Bodies, on the issue of Women and Health and Development.

The Director supports this request and recommends that the Executive Committee adopt the attached proposed resolution, which proposes that the Pan American Sanitary Conference establish these official relations with CIM. It should be observed that, under Resolution CD28.R38 (Annex II), the Conference must approve such a resolution by a two-thirds vote.

In view of the CIM's specific request that it be allowed to participate as an Observer before the 88th Executive Committee on this issue, the Director also recommends that the Executive Committee, as an interim measure, accord such status on an ad hoc basis.

Proposed Resolution

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

In view of the Director's report on the 22 April 1982 request for Observer status to PAHO received from the Inter-American Commission for Women, an Inter-American Specialized Organization;

Considering the importance of full discussions of the issue of Women and Health and Development; and

Bearing in mind the PAHO policies towards opening official relations with other inter-governmental organizations in the Hemisphere,

RESOLVES:

1. To accord to the Inter-American Commission for Women ad hoc Observer status for the 88th Meeting of the Executive Committee, for the issue of Women and Health and Development.

2. To recommend to the Pan American Sanitary Conference adoption of the following resolution:

THE XXI PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Considering that the Inter-American Commission for Women is an Inter-American Specialized Organization devoted to the development of civil and political rights of women in the Hemisphere;

Considering that the Inter-American Commission for Women, through its President, has requested the establishment of official relations with PAHO by according to it the status of Observer to meetings of the Pan American Sanitary Conference, PAHO Directing Council and PAHO Executive Committee, with regard to the issue of Women and Health and Development; and

Acting pursuant to Article 26 of the PAHO Constitution; and in accordance with Resolution XXVIII of the Pan American Sanitary Conference and Resolution XXXVIII of the XXVII Meeting of the PAHO Directing Council,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its satisfaction that the Inter-American Commission for Women has indicated its desire to enter into official relations with PAHO.

2. To declare that cooperation with the Inter-American Commission for Women and Health and Development will serve the best interests of PAHO and of the women in the Western Hemisphere.

3. To welcome the Inter-American Commission for Women into official relations with PAHO and thereby to accord it the status of Observer to PAHO, without vote, but with rights of participation (with the permission of the Chairman), in discussions of the issue of Women and Health and Development, in open meetings of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, the PAHO Directing Council and the PAHO Executive Committee.

Annexes

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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RESOLUTION XXXVIII OF THE XXVII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

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)