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REPORT OF THE AWARD COMMITTEE OF THE PAHO AWARD FOR HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP 2021

1. The Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Health Services Management and Leadership 2021 is composed of the Delegates of Barbados, Costa Rica, and the United States of America.
2. The Award Committee met on 22 June 2021, during the 168th Session of the Executive Committee, and examined the information on the candidates nominated by Member States, namely:

Name	Country
Dr. Nila Heredia Miranda	Bolivia
Dr. Catherine Hankins	Canada
Dr. Joanne Liu	Canada
Dr. Gladys Veronika Becerra Ricci	Peru
Dr. Liliana Frida Ma. Cárdenas	Peru
Dr. Claudio Wilbert Ramirez Atencio	Peru
Dr. Bharati Datta	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Dr. Malti Adhin	Suriname
Dr. Virginia Asin Oostburg	Suriname

3. The Award Committee recommended that the PAHO Award for Health Services Management and Leadership 2021 be granted to Dr. Joanne Liu, of Canada for her significant contributions to the Region through: *a)* her dedicated work assisting communities affected by the earthquake and cholera epidemic in Haiti; *b)* supporting health system strengthening efforts in Honduras; *c)* her leadership in health emergencies and crises responses around the world; and *d)* her commitment to delivering health services to those living in the most vulnerable situations, all of which encompass key PAHO values such as health equity and solidarity. Dr. Liu's advocacy for global action in times of crises has helped to further the discussions on health emergency responses. Her work has
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influenced how countries in the Region, and around the world, implement and advance medical humanitarianism, and her work on health emergencies will continue to be influential - which is critical in the current COVID-19 pandemic context, and as we look towards building back “better”.

4. The Award Committee recognizes the merits of the nine candidates. The Award Committee congratulates Dr. Joanne Liu.

5. The Committee recommends that the Executive Committee adopt a resolution along the following lines:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**PAHO AWARD FOR HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT
AND LEADERSHIP 2021**

THE 168th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

(PP1) Having examined the *Report of the Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Health Services and Leadership 2021* (Document CE168/5, Add. I);

(PP2) Bearing in mind the provisions of the procedures and guidelines for conferring the PAHO Award for Health Services and Leadership (previously known as the PAHO Award for Administration), as approved by the 56th Directing Council (2018),¹

RESOLVES:

(OP)1. To congratulate the candidates for the PAHO Award for Health Services Management and Leadership 2021 for their professionalism and outstanding work on behalf of their countries and the Region.

(OP)2. The Award Committee recommended that the PAHO Award for Health Services Management and Leadership 2021 be granted to Dr. Joanne Liu, of Canada for her significant contributions to the Region through: *a)* her dedicated work assisting communities affected by the earthquake and cholera epidemic in Haiti; *b)* supporting health system strengthening efforts in Honduras; *c)* her leadership in health emergencies and crises responses around the world; and *d)* her commitment to delivering health services to those living in the most vulnerable situations, all of which encompass key PAHO values such as health equity and solidarity. Dr. Liu’s advocacy for global action in times of crises has helped to further the discussions on health emergency responses. Her work has influenced how countries in the Region, and around the world, implement and advance

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medical humanitarianism, and her work on health emergencies will continue to be influential - which is critical in the current COVID-19 pandemic context, and as we look towards building back “better”.

(OP)3. To transmit the *Report of the Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Health Services Management and Leadership 2021* (Document CE168/5, Add. I), to the 59th Directing Council.
