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C. SUBREGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Background

1. This document presents the principal agreements and resolutions of interest to the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) adopted by different intergovernmental regional and subregional entities linked with public health and which are related to PAHO's work as the specialized health agency of the Inter-American System.

a) Central America

- Central American Integration System (SICA): Council of Central American Ministers of Health (COMISCA)
- Meeting of the Health Sector of Central America and the Dominican Republic (RESSCAD)

b) Caribbean

- Caribbean Community (CARICOM): Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD)

c) South America

- Andean Community of Nations: Andean Health Agency /Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS/CONHU)
 - Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR): Sub Working Group on Health No. 11/ (SGT 11)
 - Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO): new ACTO Strategic Agenda 2012-2020: Regional Health Management
 - Union of South American Nations (UNASUR): South American Health Council
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Resolutions and Agreements on Health Matters Adopted by Subregional Integration Entities¹ and Related to PAHO Activities

a) *Central American Integration System (SICA)*

*Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic (COMISCA)*²

2. The Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic (COMISCA) of the Central American Integration System (SICA) is the forum that brings together the Ministers and Ministries of Health. The Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) participates in meetings of the Council by invitation of the Executive Secretariat of COMISCA, as the lead agency in health matters in the Region, and because of its technical cooperation with the thematic Technical Commissions (Technical Commission on Pharmaceuticals, Human Resources, Chronic Noncommunicable Diseases, and Cancer; Technical Commission on Surveillance in Health and Information Systems); and the Regional Coordinating Mechanism on HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

3. COMISCA convenes regular sessions twice a year in the countries that hold the presidency *pro tempore*. The presidency is rotated among Member Countries every six months. The 39th regular meeting of COMISCA took place in Panama City, Panama, 5-6 December 2013, and the 40th regular meeting was held in the Dominican Republic on 26-27 June 2014.

| Central American Integration System 40th Regular Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 26-27 June 2014 | |
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| Items approved by COMISCA | Relation to PAHO activities |
| <p>Advances in the preparation of the SICA Regional Health Policy.</p> <p>The progress report on the preparation of the SICA Regional Health Policy was received and instructions were given to SE-COMISCA to continue on the critical path presented, in order for the policy to be approved at the special meeting of COMISCA in September 2014 and submitted for approval at the next Summit of Heads of State and Government of SICA in December 2014.</p> | <p>PAHO's 2014-2015 Subregional Technical Cooperation BWP for Central America includes programmatic components supporting SE-COMISCA's work plan, including technical cooperation for the drafting of a regional health policy.</p> |

¹ The meetings considered are those held within the framework of subregional bodies related to health between May 2013 and April 2014.

² Link to information on COMISCA: <http://www.sica.int/comisca/>.

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| Items approved by COMISCA | Relation to PAHO activities |
| <p>Proposed amendment to the COMISCA Regulations</p> <p>Final version will be presented for approval at the special meeting of COMISCA to be held this September.</p> | |
| <p>SE-COMISCA financial management report</p> <p>The financial management report by COMISCA's Executive Secretary was approved in May 2014.</p> <p>The following aspects were studied:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the possibility of establishing differentiated country quotas, considering the financial capacities of each Member State; • the possibility of modifying the quota system; • the possibility of replacing it with a system with incremental increases. | |
| <p>Implementation of the SE-COMISCA Strategic Plan</p> <p>The report on Organizational Development and the COMISCA Communications Strategy were received and IS-COMISCA was given instructions to continue these processes in its capacity as a secretariat that responds to the regional health initiatives.</p> | |
| <p>Signing of agreement with the Andean Health Agency/Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS/CONHU)</p> <p>Support was provided for cooperation leading to implementation of the Framework Agreement for Cooperation with ORAS/CONHU. The Executive Secretariat of this agency, represented by Dr. Caroline Chang Campos, was thanked for the interest shown in creating closer ties of cooperation and fraternity between the Andean region and Central American and the Dominican Republic.</p> | <p>Related to the resolution on Cooperation for Health Development in the Americas (Resolution CD52.R15)</p> |

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| <p>Current situation of chikungunya fever</p> <p>Commitment to strengthen actions at the first level of health care, aimed at stepping up epidemiological surveillance and measures for prevention and care in the Region and sharing experiences among member countries in order to be prepared for any health threat.</p> <p>PAHO/WHO and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are asked to continue supporting the Region in active surveillance of the disease, implementation of preventive measures, and strengthening of staff capacities in the ministries of health.</p> | <p>Relates to the following documents:</p> <p>a) Guía informativa sobre el chikungunya [Chikungunya Virus: Q&A]. Available in Spanish: http://www.paho.org/dor/images/stories/archivos/chikungunya/preguntas_chikungunya_mayo2014.pdf?ua=1</p> <p>b) Guía de manejo clínico para la infección por el virus chikungunya (CHIKV) [Guidelines for Clinical Management of Chikungunya Virus (CHIKV)]: Available in Spanish: http://www1.paho.org/dor/images/stories/archivos/chikungunya/guia_chikv2.pdf?ua=1</p> <p>c) Plan de Preparación y Respuesta Frente a Brotes de Fiebre Chikungunya [Preparedness and Response Plan for Chikungunya Fever Outbreaks]. Available in Spanish: http://www.paho.org/dor/images/stories/archivos/chikungunya/plan-de-contingencia-chikungunya-version-27-01-2014.pdf?ua=1</p> |
| <p>CDC-COMISCA Cooperative Agreement</p> <p>CDC is thanked for the support provided to the Region through the Cooperative Agreement, which has resulted in significant achievements in epidemiological surveillance, HIV/AIDS, risk management, and strengthening of national reference laboratories.</p> | |
| <p>Current situation of organ donation and transplantation in the Region</p> <p>PAHO/WHO's support is requested so that—in coordination with SE-COMISCA, the Ibero-American Network for Donation and Transplantation and representatives of the countries—the normative and regulatory frameworks for organ donation and transplantation can be updated and harmonized with international standards in order to ensure equitable access for the population that needs organs and to protect the poorest and most vulnerable groups.</p> | <p>Offers an opportunity to promote the PAHO Policy Framework for Human Organ Donation and Transplantation (Resolution CD49.R18 [2009]).</p> |

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| Commitment to strengthen the national structures for organ donation and transplantation; and request made for SE-COMISCA, in coordination with the Ibero-American Network for Donation and Transplantation and other partners, to promote the sharing of experiences and the implementation of training on this subject. | |
| <p>Results and good practices in the control Chagas disease in Central America</p> <p>The Government of Japan is thanked for the support provided through JICA to significantly counteract Chagas disease and help develop national capacity to continue working on this issue, especially in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua, where good practices on this subject were systematized.</p> | <p>Aligned with the Strategy and Plan of Action for Chagas Disease Prevention, Control, and Care (Resolution CD50.R17)</p> <p>Related to the report and resolution on the Elimination of Neglected Diseases and Other Poverty-Related Infections (Resolution CD49.R19)</p> |
| <p>MCR report</p> <p>Consideration was given to supporting and facilitating the signing of agreements for start-up funds for the Initiative for the Elimination of Malaria in Mesoamerica and Hispaniola (EMMIE) for El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Panama, as well as implementation of the Strategy for financial sustainability in the comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS in the countries, based on their action plans and monitoring activities.</p> | <p>Related to the resolution on the Strategy and Plan of Action for Malaria (Resolution CD51.R9)</p> <p>Coherent with the Regional Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS/STI, 2006-2015, of the Pan American Health Organization (Resolution CD46.R15 [2005]).</p> |
| <p>Strategy for the prevention of overweight and obesity in children and adolescents</p> <p>The strategy for the prevention of overweight and obesity in children and adolescents in the member countries of SICA was approved and the countries were urged to formulate action plans for its implementation, with an intersectoral and life course approach, and to mobilize the necessary technical and financial resources.</p> | <p>Offers an opportunity to advance regional strategies and plans on this subject.</p> <p>Plan of Action for the Prevention of Obesity in Children and Adolescents (Document CE154/16, Rev 1)</p> <p>Related to the Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (2012-2025) (CSP28/9, Rev. 1 and CSP28.R13 [2012]).</p> <p>Aligned with the Pan American Forum for Action on Noncommunicable Diseases (2012).</p> <p>Under the framework of the Report on the United Nations High-level Meeting of the</p> |

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| | <p>General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases (CD51/INF/4 [2011]).</p> <p>Related to the Regional Strategy and Plan of Action for an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet, Physical Activity, and Health (Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]).</p> |
| <p>Guidelines for enhanced primary health care</p> <p>It was decided to initiate an intensive process to strengthen the capacities of the countries of the region for the creation of multidisciplinary primary health care teams that provide high-quality, comprehensive, people-centered health care services, through the development of new strategies and mechanisms for collaborative work aimed at transforming how health professionals are educated.</p> | <p>Related and aligned with the Strategy for Health Personnel Competency Development in Primary Health Care-based Health Systems (Resolution CD50.R7)</p> |
| <p>Regional Strategic Plan for the Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy</p> <p>The Regional Strategic Plan for the Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy was approved and instructions were given to IS-COMISCA to initiate dialogue and seek consensus with other SICA entities for its implementation.</p> <p>The World Bank, the United Nations Population Fund, UNICEF, and the Pan American Health Organization were thanked for the support provided in the drafting of the core document, which was prepared and enriched with the contributions made by the countries through the Technical Commission on Gender and Health and the support of SE-COMISCA and ST-COMMCA.</p> <p>UNFPA, PAHO, World Bank, UNICEF, PARLACEN, and other COMISCA partners were requested to continue providing technical and financial support for the implementation of actions related to the Regional Strategic Plan for the Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy.</p> | <p>Related to the Plan of Action on Adolescent and Youth Health (Resolution CD49.R14)</p> |

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| SE-COMISCA was instructed to make the corresponding arrangements to raise the Regional Strategic Plan for the Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy to the highest level. | |
| <p>Report on the Mesoamerican Health Initiative 2015</p> <p>SE-COMISCA was instructed, in coordination with the Secretariat of the Mesoamerican Health Initiative 2015, to facilitate a space for analysis and the sharing of experiences with regard to the information generated by the Mesoamerican Health Initiative.</p> | |

4. During Panama's term as Pro Tempore Presidency of COMISCA, a meeting on Renewed Primary Health Care was convened in October. PAHO provided technical support in the development of the agenda and presented on Universal Health Coverage. Follow-up support was also provided in the development of guidelines on Primary Health Care for the countries.

5. Additionally, as part of the plan of work of the Dominican Republic's Pro Tempore Presidency of COMISCA for the first semester of 2014, a subregional meeting aimed at sharing experiences on common health issues related to Dengue Fever, Road Safety and Integrated Health Networks, was carried out under the auspices of the Ministry of Health of the Dominican Republic, with PAHO's technical cooperation.

6. PAHO/WHO also participates in the Central American System within the framework of the Mesoamerican Integration and Development Project, which is governed by the mandates arising from the Summit of Heads of State and of Government of the Tuxtla Dialogue and Consensus-building Mechanism. The project has an Executive Board (with permanent headquarters in El Salvador) and an Inter-institutional Technical Group (GTI), in which PAHO participates, together with other partners, to coordinate actions with the different initiatives in the Mesoamerican Project. PAHO/WHO does not receive or implement resources to finance the Master Plans, but does contribute a technical perspective to guide interventions in health, in order to ensure that they are coherent with regional and global methods and goals.

Meeting of the Health Sector of Central America and the Dominican Republic (RESSCAD)³

7. The Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic participate along with the social security and water and sanitation institutions in the Meeting of the Health Sector of Central America and the Dominican Republic (RESSCAD). PAHO serves as the Technical Secretariat for this forum. Meetings are held once a year; the last one was held in Antigua Guatemala, 5-6 July 2013. In 2014, the XXX RESSCAD will take place in El Salvador. El Salvador currently holds the Presidency Pro Tempore, and Honduras will assume the next Presidency Pro Tempore. The date for the transfer of presidency has not yet been confirmed.

b) *Caribbean Community (CARICOM)*

Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD)

8. The institutional council within CARICOM in which the Ministers of Health meet is the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD). The COHSOD is responsible for the promotion of health, education, and living and working conditions in the Caribbean Community. PAHO participates in this forum as the technical advisory agency on health. In addition, the Ministers of Health traditionally meet in Caucus at the PAHO headquarters just prior to the Pan American Sanitary Conference or the Directing Council. However in 2013 the meeting was convened as a COHSOD on 28-29 September 2013 in Washington D.C.

| CARICOM XXIV Meeting of the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD) Georgetown, Guyana, 2-3 May 2013 | |
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| Main items addressed by COHSOD | Relation to PAHO activities |
| Caribbean Public Health Agency, CARPHA updates. | PAHO's subregional program of work with the Caribbean. The 2012 Interagency Framework Agreement between PAHO and CARPHA, with the Office of Caribbean Program Coordination and the Office of the Assistant Director as focal points in the Caribbean and PAHO Headquarters, respectively. |
| Caribbean Cooperation in Health | PAHO's subregional program of work with the Caribbean. PAHO/WHO Subregional Cooperation Strategy for the Caribbean, 2010-2015. |

³ Link to information on RESSCAD: <http://new.paho.org/resscad/>

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| Main items addressed by COHSOD | Relation to PAHO activities |
| United Nations post-2015 Development Agenda | (Document CD52/12 (2013) Health in the post-2015 Development Agenda. |
| Noncommunicable Diseases | <p>Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (Document CSP28/9, Rev. 1 and Resolution CSP28.R13 [2012]); and the Report on the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (Information Document CD51/INF/4 [2011]).</p> <p>Regional Strategy and Plan of Action for an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet, Physical Activity, and Health (Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]).</p> <p>Pan American Forum for Action on NCDs (2012).</p> |
| Communicable Diseases – HIV/AIDS | <p>Progress report on the PAHO Regional Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS/STI, 2006-2015: Mid-term Evaluation (Information Document CSP28/INF/3(D) [2012]).</p> <p>The Strategy and Plan of Action for Elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV and Congenital Syphilis (Resolution CD50.R12 [2010]).</p> <p>Program for Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention and Control.</p> |
| Human Resources Matters | <p>Regional Goals for Human Resources for Health, 2007-2015 (Information Document CSP28/INF/3(G) [2012]).</p> <p>Technical program for the development of human resources for health.</p> <p>Regional Observatory of Human Resources for Health.</p> |
| Health Systems Strengthening | <p>Integrated Health Services Delivery Networks Framework, Concepts, Policy Options and a Road Map for Implementation in the Americas (PAHO 2010).</p> <p>Essential Public Health Functions (Resolution CD42.R14 [2000]).</p> |

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| Main items addressed by COHSOD | Relation to PAHO activities |
| A Regional Pharmaceutical Policy | <p>Access to Medicines(Resolution CD45.R7 [2004].</p> <p>Public Health, Health Research, Production and Access to Essential Medicines (Resolution CD47.R7 [2006].</p> <p>PAHO's subregional program of work with the Caribbean.</p> |
| Laboratory Quality Management Systems | <p>Strengthening National Regulatory Authorities for Medicines and Biologicals (Resolution CD50/R.9 [2010].</p> |
| International Health Regulations (IHR) | <p>Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) WHA64.1 [2013].</p> <p>Radiation Protection and Safety of Radiation Sources: International Basic Safety Standards (Document CSP28/17, Rev. 1 and Resolution CSP28.R15 [2012]).</p> <p>Information document on Implementation of the International Health Regulations (Information Document CD51/INF/5(D) [2011]).</p> |

| CARICOM XXV Meeting of the Council for Human and Social Development Washington D.C., PAHO Headquarters, 28-29 September 2013 | |
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| Items addressed | Relation to PAHO activities |
| HIV Policy Related Matters | <p>Progress report on the PAHO Regional Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS/STI, 2006-2015: Mid-term Evaluation (Information Document CSP28/INF/3(D) [2012]).</p> <p>The Strategy and Plan of Action for Elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV and Congenital Syphilis (Resolution CD50.R12 [2010]).</p> <p>Program for Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention and Control.</p> |
| Policy Matters with regard to the Caribbean Public Health Agency, CARPHA | <p>PAHO's subregional program of work with the Caribbean.</p> <p>The 2012 Interagency Framework Agreement between PAHO and CARPHA.</p> |

| CARICOM XXV Meeting of the Council for Human and Social Development Washington D.C., PAHO Headquarters, 28-29 September 2013 | |
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| Items addressed | Relation to PAHO activities |
| Noncommunicable diseases: Report on the implementation of the Declaration of Port of Spain and of the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly (2011) | <p>Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (Document CSP28/9, Rev. 1 and Resolution CSP28.R13 [2012]); and the Report on the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (Information Document CD51/INF/4 [2011]).</p> <p>Regional Strategy and Plan of Action for an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet, Physical Activity, and Health (Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]).</p> <p>Pan American Forum for Action on NCDs (2012).</p> |
| Financing Policy Options for Health Services | <p>PAHO's subregional program of work with the Caribbean.</p> <p>Essential Public Health functions CD42/15 [2000].</p> |
| Human Resources Matters | <p>Regional Goals for Human Resources for Health, 2007-2015 (Information Document CSP28/INF/3(G) [2012]).</p> <p>Technical program for the development of human resources for health.</p> <p>Regional Observatory of Human Resources for Health.</p> |
| Round Table discussion on Childhood Obesity | <p>Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (CSP28/9, Rev. 1 and CSP28.R13 [2012]).</p> <p>Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet, Physical Activity, and Health (2006-2015)(Document CD47/17, Rev. 1 [2006].</p> |
| Meeting the Compliance Requirements of International Health Regulations | <p>Radiation Protection and Safety of Radiation Sources: International Basic Safety Standards (Document CSP28/17, Rev. 1 and Resolution CSP28.R15 [2012]).</p> <p>Information document on Implementation of the International Health Regulations (Information Document CD51/INF/5(D) [2011]).</p> |

c) *South America****Andean Community (CAN): Andean Health Agency/Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS/CONHU)***

9. Within the framework of the Andean Community, the Andean Agency of Health/Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS/CONHU) acts as technical secretariat for the Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Andean Area (REMSAA).⁴ PAHO participates in these meetings as the technical advisory agency on health. The most recent REMSAA was held in Islas Galapagos (Ecuador), 26-27 March 2014. The XXXV REMSAA will be held in Bolivia. The date has not yet been confirmed.

| Andean Community of Nations Andean Agency of Health/Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS-CONHU) XXXIV Regular Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Andean Area (REMSAA) Galápagos, Ecuador, 26-27 March 2014 | |
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| Resolutions adopted | Relation to PAHO activities |
| Recommendation REMSAA XXXIV: Andean Observatory for Health Systems. | Linked with the technical program for health systems and services and the development of human resources for health. Regional Observatory of Human Resources for Health. |
| REMSAA XXXIII/489: Basic Indicators of Andean Countries for Monitoring National Health Systems for Universal Access. | Linked with the regional health services information system of PAHO (Resolution CD50.R7 and Document CD50/11). Linked with the technical program on Health System and Services. |
| REMSAA XXXIII/490: Andean policy on intercultural health. | Linked with the regional program on intercultural health of PAHO. Linked with the PAHO/WHO advocacy on intercultural approach in health services to guarantee access for indigenous and afro-descendant populations. |
| REMSAA XXXIII/488: Access to medicine. | Linked with the Strategic Fund and with the technical program on medicines and health technologies. Regional Platform on Access and Innovation for Health Technologies (2012). Linked with Health Technology Assessment and Incorporation into Health Systems (Document CSP28/11 and Resolution CSP28.R9 [2012]). |

⁴ Link to information on REMSAA: <http://www.orasconhu.org/remsa/resoluciones-8>.

| Andean Community of Nations Andean Agency of Health/Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS-CONHU) XXXIV Regular Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Andean Area (REMSAA) Galápagos, Ecuador, 26-27 March 2014 | |
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| Resolutions adopted | Relation to PAHO activities |
| REMSAA XXXIII/491: Implementation of the Andean Disability Policy | Linked with the technical program on disability and rehabilitation. |

Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR)

10. In this area, it should be noted that meetings of Sub Working Group on Health No. 11 (SGT 11) adopt resolutions that are then submitted for the consideration of the Common Market Group (GMC). They also discuss proposed resolutions that are sent for internal consultation, and analyze resolutions that constitute recommendations in each Commission of SGT 11 (the Commission on Health Care, the Commission on Health Products, and the Commission on Health Surveillance, in addition to the resolutions on national coordination). In general, these are issues related to regulation and the harmonization of standards. PAHO participates in its capacity as the technical advisory agency on health. The latest of these meetings, the MERCOSUR Common Market Group (GMC) - XCI was held in Montevideo, Uruguay, 7 June, 2013.

11. Furthermore, regular sessions of the meetings of MERCOSUR ministers of health are held at least twice a year (one under each pro tempore presidency, which rotates every six months). The XXXV Meeting of Ministers of Health of MERCOSUR was held in Caracas, República Bolivariana de Venezuela, and 22nd November, 2013. The date and venue of the next meeting have not yet been confirmed.

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| MERCOSUR Common Market Group (GMC)-XCI Montevideo, Uruguay, 7 June 2013 | |
| Agreements Approved | Relation to PAHO Resolutions/ Information Documents |
| Agreement 003/2013. Methodological Guide for economic evaluation studies of health technologies. | Resolution CD28.R9 (2012) Health Technology Assessment and Incorporation into Health Systems. |
| Agreement 004/2013. Minimum requirements to prepare contingency plans for international public health emergencies in entry points determined by the States according to the International Health Regulations (IHR). | Resolution CSP27.R13 (2007) International Health Security: Implementing the International Health Regulations (IHR (2005)). Resolution CD43.R13 (2001) International Health Regulations. |

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| MERCOSUR Common Market Group (GMC)-XCI Montevideo, Uruguay, 7 June 2013 | |
| Agreements Approved | Relation to PAHO Resolutions/ Information Documents |
| | Information Document CSP28/INF/3-F (2012) Progress Report on the International Health Regulations. |

| XXXV Meeting of Ministers of Health of MERCOSUR Caracas, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, 22 November 2013 | |
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| Agenda Items Addressed | Relation to PAHO Resolutions/ Information Documents |
| Evaluation of health technologies using a public health approach. | Resolution CSP28.R9 (2012) Health Technology Assessment and Incorporation into Health Systems. |
| Progress achieved in MERCOSUR Pharmaceuticals to obtain good quality medicines to become self-reliant in medicines manufacturing. | Resolution CD45.R7 (2004) Access to Medicines. Resolution CD50.R9 (2010) Strengthening National Regulatory Authorities for Medicines and Biologicals. |
| Epidemiological situation of the Region's priority diseases namely, dengue, measles, influenza, Tuberculosis and malaria. | Resolution CSP27.R2 (2007) Elimination of Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome in the Americas. Resolution CD46.R12 (2005) Regional Strategy for Tuberculosis Control for 2005-2015. Resolution CD51.R9 (2011) Strategy and Plan of Action for Malaria Control (for 2012-2015). Resolution CD44.R8 (2003) Influenza Pandemic: Preparation in the Hemisphere. |
| Binational border health actions and sharing of experiences in prevention and control to be intensified, in view of the upcoming Football World Cup 2014 particularly in epidemiological surveillance of measles, TB and malaria. | Resolution CSP27.R2 (2007) Elimination of Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome in the Americas. Resolution CD46.R12 (2005) Regional Strategy for Tuberculosis Control for 2005-2015. |

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| Agenda Items Addressed | Relation to PAHO Resolutions/ Information Documents |
| | Resolution CD51.R9 (2011) Strategy and Plan of Action for Malaria Control (for 2012-2015). |
| MERCOSUR Health Systems Observatory health systems profiles. Uruguay and Brazil profiles presented. | Resolution CD49.R22 (2009) Integrated Health Services Delivery Networks Based on Primary Health Care. |
| Brazil's <i>Mais Medicos</i> program was presented and discussed. | <i>Termo de Cooperação - 80</i> Increasing access for Brazilian Population to Primary Care Health Care. |
| Estrategia Regional de Defectos Congénitos y Discapacidad en el MERCOSUR. | Linked with the resolutions on Health and Human Rights (Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]) and on Health, Human Security, and Well-being (Resolution CD50.R16 [2010]). |

*Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO)*⁵

12. Within the framework of the new Strategic Agenda 2012-2020, PAHO/WHO is engaged in technical cooperation activities with the Health Coordination Office of the ACTO Permanent Secretariat. This technical cooperation was formalized with the signing of a Framework Agreement between the two organizations during the 51st Directing Council of PAHO (2011).

*Union of South American Nations (UNASUR)*⁶

13. The South American Health Council (CSS) of UNASUR has a Coordinating Committee, a Technical Secretariat, and several technical groups. The Technical Secretariat, which is comprised of the President *pro tempore* and representatives of two countries (the preceding and following *pro tempore* presidents) convenes and supports the meetings of the Council. PAHO participates in the Coordinating Committee as an observer. Suriname currently holds the *pro tempore* presidency; Uruguay will be the next *pro tempore* president, from August 2014.

⁵ Link to information on ACTO: <http://www.otca.info/portal/>.

⁶ Link to information on the South American Health Council: www.unasursg.org.

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| Special Meeting of the South American Health Coordinating Committee on the occasion of the 66th World Health Assembly (WHA) Geneva, Switzerland, 19-28 May 2013 | |
| Agenda Items Addressed | Relation to PAHO Resolutions/ Information Documents |
| <p>UNASUR members agreed to present a unified position on the following WHA agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmatic Budget 2014-2015 NCDs and Disabilities. • Health promotion during the life cycle. • Monitoring of the health related MDGs. • Inclusion of health in the Post 2015 MDGs. | <p>Resolution CSP28.R13 (2012) Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases.</p> <p>Resolution CD47.R9 (2006) Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet and Physical Activity.</p> <p>Information document CD52/INF/4-C (2013) MDGs and Health Targets in the Region of the Americas.</p> <p>Document CD52/12 (2013) Panel Discussion: Health in the Post-2015 Development Agenda: Panel on Progress and Challenges.</p> <p>Resolution CD47.R1 (2006) Disability: Prevention and Rehabilitation in the Context of the Right to the Enjoyment of the Highest Attainable Standard of Physical and Mental Health and Other Related Rights.</p> <p>Resolutions CD43.R11 (2001) and CD47.R20 (2006) Health Promotion in the Americas; and Health Promotion: Achievements and Aspirations Contained in the Ottawa and Bangkok Charters.</p> |

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| VIII Meeting of the South American Health Council Lima, Peru, 4-5 September 2013 | |
| Items addressed by the CSS | Relation to PAHO activities |
| <p>Plan for the risk and disaster management network.</p> | <p>Linked with the program on emergency preparedness and disaster relief.</p> <p>Linked with the Coordination of International Humanitarian Assistance in Health in Case of Disasters (Document CSP28/13 and Resolution CSP28.R19 [2012]).</p> |

| UNASUR VIII Meeting of the South American Health Council Lima, Peru, 4-5 September 2013 | |
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| Items addressed by the CSS | Relation to PAHO activities |
| South American Institute of Government in Health (ISAGS) Annual Operating Plan 2013. | Linked with the subregional technical cooperation program for South America. |
| Medicines: price database and study of production capacity in South America | Linked with the initiative for Strengthening National Regulatory Authorities for Medicines and Biologicals, (Resolution CD50.R9 [2010]). Linked with the progress report on the Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation, and Intellectual Property. (Information Document CD51/INF/5(B) [2011]). |
| Support proposal on the relationship with third parties in the field of the financing | Linked with external relations and resource mobilization area. |
| Proposed Declaration: South American Day of voluntary, free, and altruistic donation of breast milk. | Linked with the technical program on maternal and child nutrition. Linked with the Pan American Alliance on Nutrition and Development for the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. |
| Comprehensive care for disabilities | Linked with the technical program on disability and rehabilitation. |

Action by the Directing Council

14. The Directing Council is invited to take note of this report.

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