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#### **B. SUBREGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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 that 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)
- Caucus of Caribbean Ministers of Health

##### **(c) South America**

- Andean Community of Nations: Andean Health Agency /Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS/CONHU)
- Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR): Working Subgroup No. 11/ Health (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

## **Resolutions and Agreements on Health Matters Adopted by Subregional Integration Entities<sup>1</sup> and Related to PAHO Activities**

### **(a) CENTRAL AMERICA**

#### ***Central American Integration System (SICA): Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic (COMISCA)***<sup>2</sup>

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 the regular 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 the technical assistance it provides in 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). Furthermore, PAHO/WHO has a permanent representative on the Executive Committee for Implementation of the Health Plan for Central America and the Dominican Republic (CEIP) and on the Advisory Committee of the Technical Commission on Surveillance in Health and Information Systems.

3. COMISCA holds regular sessions twice a year in the countries that hold the presidency *pro tempore*. The last regular meeting of COMISCA (XXXVII Regular Meeting of COMISCA, 3-4 December 2012) was held in the city of Managua (Nicaragua), the country that held the presidency *pro tempore* during the second half of 2012.

4. It should be noted that a special session of COMISCA was held on 22 February 2013 in the city of San José (Costa Rica), the country that holds the presidency *pro tempore* during the first half of 2013. At that time, the procedure for rotation of the COMISCA Executive Secretariat was presented and approved, as were the adjustments made by the Executive Committee to the 2013-2015 Health Plan and to the 2013 Annual Operating Plan for implementation of the Health Plan. The XXXVIII Regular Meeting of COMISCA took place in the city of San José (Costa Rica) from 27 June to 28 June.

5. 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

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<sup>1</sup> The meetings considered are the latest ones held within the framework of subregional bodies linked with health up to 31 July 2013.

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

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.

<b>Central American Integration System XXXVIII Regular Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic City of San José (Costa Rica), 27-28 June 2013</b>	
<b>Items approved by COMISCA</b>	<b>Relation to PAHO activities</b>
<p>Sustainability strategy for the comprehensive response to HIV – Report of the Regional Coordination Mechanism</p> <p>Progress on the 2nd Central American Diploma in Monitoring and Evaluation for Policy and Program Management of HIV/AIDS</p>	<p>Linked with HIV/AIDS technical programs.</p> <p>Linked with the Progress Report on the PAHO Regional Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS/STI, 2006-2015: Mid-term Evaluation (<a href="#">Document CSP28/INF/3(D) [2012]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with the technical program on health and laboratory services and the technical program on HIV.</p> <p>Linked with Strengthening National Regulatory Authorities for Medicines and Biologicals, (<a href="#">Resolution CD50.R9 [2010]</a>).</p>
<p>Joint negotiations on medicines</p>	<p>Linked with the Regional Revolving Fund for Strategic Public Health Supplies.</p> <p>Linked with the technical program on Drugs and Health Technologies.</p> <p>Regional Platform on Access and Innovation for Health Technologies (2012).</p> <p>Linked with Health Technology Assessment and Incorporation into Health Systems (<a href="#">Document CSP28/11</a> and <a href="#">Resolution CSP28.R9 [2012]</a>).</p>
<p>Risk Management in Health—CTEGERS</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 (<a href="#">Document CSP28/13</a> and <a href="#">Resolution CSP28.R19 [2012]</a>).</p>

<b>Central American Integration System XXXVIII Regular Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic City of San José (Costa Rica), 27-28 June 2013</b>	
<b>Items approved by COMISCA</b>	<b>Relation to PAHO activities</b>
Elimination of malaria in Mesoamerica and Hispaniola	<p>Linked with the Strategy and Plan of Action on Malaria (<a href="#">Document CD51/11 [2011]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with the initiative for the Elimination of Neglected Diseases and Other Poverty-related Infections (<a href="#">Document CD49/9 [2009]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with Integrated Vector Management: a Comprehensive Response to Vector-borne Diseases (<a href="#">Document CD48/13 [2008]</a>).</p>
Mesoamerican Public Health System	Linked with the technical program for subregional health cooperation.
Cooperation to strengthen national capabilities—IHR	Linked with Health Technology Assessment and Incorporation into Health Systems ( <a href="#">Document CSP28/11</a> and <a href="#">Resolution CSP28.R9 [2012]</a> ).
Chronic kidney disease	<p>Linked with the Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases, 2012-2025 (<a href="#">Document CSP28/9</a> and <a href="#">Resolution CSP28.R13 [2012]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with the Pan American Forum for Action on Noncommunicable Diseases (2012).</p> <p>Linked with the Report on the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (<a href="#">Document CD51/INF/4 [2011]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with 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 (<a href="#">Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]</a>).</p>
Central American survey of health and working conditions (ECCTS)	<p>Linked with the technical program on workers' health.</p> <p>Linked with the Regional Plan of Action on Workers' Health (May 2001).</p>

<b>Central American Integration System XXXVIII Regular Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic City of San José (Costa Rica), 27-28 June 2013</b>	
<b>Items approved by COMISCA</b>	<b>Relation to PAHO activities</b>
Neglected diseases	Linked with the initiative for the Elimination of Neglected Diseases and Other Poverty-related Infections ( <a href="#">Document CD49/9 [2009]</a> ).
Prevention and control of micronutrient deficiencies in Central America and the Dominican Republic	Linked with the Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on Nutrition in Health and Development 2006-2015: Mid-term Review ( <a href="#">Document CSP28/INF/3(C) [2012]</a> ).
Food safety and nutrition policy	Linked with the Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on Nutrition in Health and Development 2006-2015: Mid-term Review ( <a href="#">Document CSP28/INF/3(C) [2012]</a> ).
Obesity: a public health problem	Linked with the Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on Nutrition in Health and Development 2006-2015: Mid-term Review ( <a href="#">Document CSP28/INF/3(C) [2012]</a> ).  Linked with the Pan American Alliance on Nutrition and Development for the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.
Mental health	Linked with the Strategy and Plan of Action on Mental Health ( <a href="#">Resolution CD49.R17 [2009]</a> ).
Donation and transplantation of human organs and tissues	Linked with the Policy Framework for Human Organ Donation and Transplantation ( <a href="#">Resolution CD49.R18 [2009]</a> ).

***Meeting of the Health Sector of Central America and the Dominican Republic (RESSCAD)<sup>3</sup>***

6. 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

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

(RESSCAD). PAHO serves as the Technical Secretariat for this forum. Meetings are held once a year. In 2013, the XXIX RESSCAD was held from 16 to 18 July in Guatemala.

<b>RESSCAD</b> <b>XXIX Meeting of the Health Sector of Central America and the Dominican Republic</b> <b>Antigua (Guatemala) 16–18 July 2013</b>	
<b>Agreements adopted by RESSCAD</b>	<b>Relation to PAHO activities</b>
Governance and access to water with a human rights approach	<p>Linked with the technical program on sustainable development and environmental health.</p> <p>Linked with the Health and Human Rights (<a href="#">Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]</a>) and Health, Human Security, and Well-being (<a href="#">Resolution CD50.R16 [2010]</a>).</p>
The drug addiction situation in the Hemisphere and its impact on Central America	Linked with the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the OAS and PAHO to cooperate in reducing the demand for illicit drugs in the countries of the Americas (May 2012).
Medicines and health technologies: regulation, national drug authorities, and access	<p>Linked with Health Technology Assessment and Incorporation into Health Systems (<a href="#">Document CSP28/11</a> and <a href="#">Resolution CSP28.R9 [2012]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with Strengthening National Regulatory Authorities for Medicines and Biologicals (<a href="#">Resolution CD50.R9 [2010]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with the progress report on the Implementation of the Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation, and Intellectual Property (<a href="#">Document CD51/INF/5(B) [2011]</a>).</p>
Toward the Elimination of Neglected Infectious Diseases (NIDs) in Central America and the Dominican Republic	Linked with the initiative for the Elimination of Neglected Diseases and Other Poverty-related Infections ( <a href="#">Document CD49/9 [2009]</a> ).
Equity in health through primary health care interventions that impact social determinants	Linked with the Strategy for Health Personnel Competency Development in Primary Health Care-based Health Systems ( <a href="#">Resolution CD50.R7 [2010]</a> ).

<b>RESSCAD</b> <b>XXIX Meeting of the Health Sector of Central America and the Dominican Republic</b> <b>Antigua (Guatemala) 16–18 July 2013</b>	
<b>Agreements adopted by RESSCAD</b>	<b>Relation to PAHO activities</b>
Emergency medical care for persons in transit insured by social security institutions in Central America and the Dominican Republic	<p>Linked with: Health and Tourism (<a href="#">Document CD49/15</a> and <a href="#">Resolution CD49.R20 [2009]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with the strategies promoted by the Organization for the study of health services and systems, health economics, and the extension of social health protection.</p> <p>Linked with the Strategy for Health Personnel Competency Development in Primary Health Care-based Health Systems (<a href="#">Resolution CD50.R7 [2010]</a>).</p>
Chronic kidney disease from non-traditional causes (CKDnT)	<p>Linked with the Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (<a href="#">Document CSP28/9</a> and <a href="#">Resolution CSP28.R13 [2012]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with the Pan American Forum for Action on NCDs (2012).</p> <p>Linked with the Report on the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (<a href="#">Document CD51/INF/4 [2011]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with 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 (<a href="#">Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]</a>).</p>

**(b) CARIBBEAN**

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

7. Within the framework of CARICOM, the Ministers of Health meet in regular sessions in the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD). PAHO participates in this forum as the technical advisory agency on health. The last regular meeting was held in July 2012 in Providence (Guyana).

<b>CARICOM Twenty-third Meeting of the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD) Providence (Guyana), 10-11 July 2012 “Childhood and Youth”</b>	
<b>Main items addressed by COHSOD</b>	<b>Relation to PAHO activities</b>
Integrated agenda for children and youth	<p>Linked with Health and Human Rights (<a href="#">Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]</a>) and Health, Human Security, and Well-being (<a href="#">CD50.R16 [2010]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with the Strategy and the Plan of Action for Integrated Child Health (<a href="#">Document CSP28/10</a> and <a href="#">Resolution CSP28.R20 [2012]</a>).</p>
Regional Framework for the Action on the subject of childhood	<p>Linked with the Strategy and Plan of Action for Integrated Child Health (<a href="#">Document CSP28/10</a> and <a href="#">Resolution CSP28.R20 [2012]</a>).</p>
Violence against boys, girls, and young people	<p>Linked with Health and Human Rights (<a href="#">Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]</a>) and on Health, Human Security, and Well-being (<a href="#">Resolution CD50.R16 [2010]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with the Strategy and the Plan of Action for Integrated Child Health (<a href="#">Document CSP28/10</a> and <a href="#">Resolution CSP28.R20 [2012]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with the Plan of Action on Adolescent and Youth Health (<a href="#">Resolution CD49.R14 [2009]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with the program on gender and health.</p>
Health hazards in boys, girls, and adolescents	<p>Linked with the technical programs on health promotion and adolescent health.</p> <p>Linked with 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 (<a href="#">Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with the Plan of Action on Adolescent and Youth Health (<a href="#">Resolution CD49.R14 [2009]</a>).</p>



<b>CARICOM</b> <b>Twenty-third Meeting of the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD)</b> <b>Providence (Guyana), 10-11 July 2012</b> <b>“Childhood and Youth”</b>	
<b>Main items addressed by COHSOD</b>	<b>Relation to PAHO activities</b>
Toward the prohibition of corporal punishment	Linked with Health and Human Rights ( <a href="#">Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]</a> ).
Creation of institutional capacity to address violence with a gender approach	Linked with the program on gender and health.  Linked with the Plan of Action for Implementing the Gender Equality Policy ( <a href="#">Document CSP28/INF/3(B) [2012]</a> ).

*Caucus of Ministers of Health of the Caribbean*

8. PAHO offers its facilities for meetings of the Caucus of Ministers of Health of the Caribbean and, along with CARICOM, acts as secretariat. The most recent meeting of the Caucus was held 15-16 September 2012 in Washington D.C., before the 28th Pan American Sanitary Conference.

<b>CARICOM</b> <b>XXI Meeting of the Caucus of Ministers of Health of the Caribbean</b> <b>Washington D.C., PAHO Headquarters, 15-16 September 2012</b>	
<b>Items addressed</b>	<b>Relation to PAHO activities</b>
CARPHA	Linked with PAHO’s subregional work program with the Caribbean, especially CAREC and CFNI.
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)	Linked with the Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases ( <a href="#">Document CSP28/9</a> and <a href="#">Resolution CSP28.R13 [2012]</a> ); and the Report on the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases ( <a href="#">Document CD51/INF/4 [2011]</a> ).

<b>CARICOM</b> <b>XXI Meeting of the Caucus of Ministers of Health of the Caribbean</b> <b>Washington D.C., PAHO Headquarters, 15-16 September 2012</b>	
<b>Items addressed</b>	<b>Relation to PAHO activities</b>
	<p>Linked with 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 (<a href="#">Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]</a>).</p> <p>Pan American Forum for Action on NCDs (2012).</p>
Development of Human Resources for Health (Registration of nurses)	<p>Linked with Regional Goals for Human Resources for Health 2007-2015 (<a href="#">Document CSP28/INF/3 (G) [2012]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with the technical program for the development of human resources for health.</p> <p>Regional Observatory of Human Resources for Health.</p>
Elimination of the vertical transmission of HIV and congenital syphilis	<p>Linked with the progress report on the PAHO Regional Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS/STI, 2006-2015: Mid-term Evaluation (<a href="#">Document CSP28/INF/3(D) [2012]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with the Strategy and Plan of Action for Elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV and Congenital Syphilis (<a href="#">Resolution CD50.R12 [2010]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with the program for Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention and Control.</p>
PANCAP/CARPHA partnership and update on progress of Phase II of the Global Fund Round 9 Grant	<p>Linked with the progress report on the PAHO Regional Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS/STI, 2006-2015: Mid-term Evaluation (<a href="#">Document CSP28/INF/3(D) [2012]</a>).</p>
Updating of IHR implementation, including the handling of radioactive material and toxic chemicals	<p>Linked with the initiative: Radiation Protection and Safety of Radiation Sources: International Basic Safety Standards (<a href="#">Document CSP28/17</a> and <a href="#">Resolution CSP28.R15 [2012]</a>).</p>

<b>CARICOM</b>	
<b>XXI Meeting of the Caucus of Ministers of Health of the Caribbean Washington D.C., PAHO Headquarters, 15-16 September 2012</b>	
<b>Items addressed</b>	<b>Relation to PAHO activities</b>
	Linked with the Implementation of the International Health Regulations ( <a href="#">Document CD51/INF/5(D) [2011]</a> ).
Implementation of the regional pharmaceutical policy	Linked with Strengthening National Regulatory Authorities for Medicines and Biologicals ( <a href="#">Resolution CD50.R9 [2010]</a> ).
Review of the PAHO subregional cooperation framework	Linked with the Caribbean subregional Cooperation Program.
University of the West Indies: graduate-level programs in public health	Linked with Regional Goals for Human Resources for Health, 2007-2015 ( <a href="#">Document CSP28/INF/3(G) [2012]</a> ).  Linked with the technical program for the development of human resources for health.  Regional Observatory of Human Resources for Health.

**(c) SOUTH AMERICA*****Andean Community of Nations (CAN): Andean Health Agency/Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS/CONHU)***

9. Within the framework of the Andean Community of Nations, the Andean Agency of Health/Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS/CONHU) acts as technical secretariat of the Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Andean Area (REMSAA).<sup>4</sup> PAHO participates in these meetings as the technical advisory agency on health. The most recent REMSAA was held in Bogotá (Colombia), 21-23 November 2012. The XXXIV REMSAA will be held in Bolivia in 2013. The date has not yet been confirmed.

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

<b>Andean Community of Nations Andean Agency of Health/Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS-CONHU) XXXIII Regular Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Andean Area (REMSAA) Bogotá (Colombia), 21-23 November 2012</b>	
<b>Resolutions adopted</b>	<b>Relation to PAHO activities</b>
REMSAA XXXIII/474: Andean policy on the planning and management of human resources in health	<p>Linked with the technical program for the development of human resources for health.</p> <p>Regional Observatory of Human Resources for Health.</p> <p>Linked with Regional Goals for Human Resources for Health 2007-2015 (<a href="#">Document CSP28/INF/3(G) [2012]</a>).</p>
REMSAA XXXIII/475: Andean week of social response against dengue	<p>Linked with the progress report on the Current Dengue Situation (<a href="#">Document CSP28/INF/3(E) [2012]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with the regional dengue program (PAHO/GT-Dengue International).</p> <p>Linked with the technical program on dengue and <a href="#">Resolution CD44.R9 (2003)</a>.</p>
REMSAA XXXIII/476: Andean plan for health disaster risk management, 2013-2017	<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 (<a href="#">Document CSP28/13</a> and <a href="#">Resolution CSP28.R19 [2012]</a>).</p>
REMSAA XXXIII/477: Generic drug strategy of the countries of the Andean subregion	<p>Linked with the Strategic Fund and with the technical program on medicines and health technologies.</p> <p>Regional Platform on Access and Innovation for Health Technologies (2012).</p> <p>Linked with Health Technology Assessment and Incorporation into Health Systems (<a href="#">Document CSP28/11</a> and <a href="#">Resolution CSP28.R9 [2012]</a>).</p>

<b>Andean Community of Nations Andean Agency of Health/Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS-CONHU) XXXIII Regular Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Andean Area (REMSAA) Bogotá (Colombia), 21-23 November 2012</b>	
<b>Resolutions adopted</b>	<b>Relation to PAHO activities</b>
REMSAA XXXIII/478: Andean Policy: sexual and reproductive health for adolescents with emphasis on pregnancy prevention	Linked with the Adolescent and Youth Regional Strategy and Plan of Action, 2010-2018.  Linked with Health and Human Rights ( <a href="#">Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]</a> ) and Health, Human Security, and Well-being ( <a href="#">Resolution CD50.R16 [2010]</a> ).
REMSAA XXXIII/479: Plan of action on the Andean Disability Policy	Linked with the technical program on disability and rehabilitation.
REMSAA XXXIII/480: Andean subregional plan for a joint effort on HIV and blood transfusion safety, 2013-2017	Linked with the HIV/AIDS technical program.  Linked with the progress report on the PAHO Regional Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS/STI, 2006-2015: Mid-term Evaluation ( <a href="#">Document CSP28/INF/3(D) [2012]</a> ).  Improving Blood Availability and Transfusion Safety in the Americas, 2006-2010 ( <a href="#">Resolution CD48.R7 [2008]</a> ).  Progress Report on the Regional Initiative for Blood Safety and Plan of Action for 2006-2010 ( <a href="#">Document CD46/16 [2005]</a> ).  Strengthening Blood Banks in the Region of the Americas ( <a href="#">Document CD41/13 [1999]</a> ).
REMSAA XXXIII/481: Health situation of Andean migrants in Spain	Linked with Health and Human Rights ( <a href="#">Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]</a> ) and on Health, Human Security, and Well-being ( <a href="#">Resolution CD50.R16 [2010]</a> ).
REMSAA XXXIII/483: Strategic Plan 2013-2017 of the Andean Health Agency-Hipólito Unanue Agreement and Operating Plan 2013	Linked with the technical program that deals with subregional health cooperation.

***Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR): Working Subgroup 11 (SGT 11)***

10. In this area, it should be noted that meetings of Working Subgroup 11 on Health (SGT 11) adopt resolutions that are then submitted for the consideration of the Common

Market Group (GMC), 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 XL Regular Meeting of SGT 11 (Health) was held in Montevideo (Uruguay), from 8 to 12 April 2013. As always, resolutions submitted for the consideration of the GMC were adopted.

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 XXXIV Meeting of MERCOSUR Ministers of Health (RMS) was held from 14 to 15 June 2013 in the city of Montevideo (Uruguay).

<b>MERCOSUR XXXIV Meeting of MERCOSUR Ministers of Health Montevideo (Uruguay), 14-15 June 2013</b>	
<b>Agreements approved</b>	<b>Relation to PAHO activities</b>
Agreement 01/13: Dissemination of case studies of interventions on social determinants of health	<p>Linked with the technical program on sustainable development and environmental health.</p> <p>Linked with the progress report on social determinants of health (<a href="#">Document CSP28/INF/3-A</a> [2012])</p> <p>Linked with the Strategy and Plan of Action on Climate Change (<a href="#">Document CD51/6, Rev.1</a> and <a href="#">Resolution CD51.R15</a> [2011]).</p> <p>Linked with the Faces, Voices, and Places initiative.</p> <p>Linked with the World Conference on Social Determinants of Health (Rio de Janeiro [Brazil], October 2011) and the Regional Consultation on Social Determinants of Health (Costa Rica, August 2011).</p>

<b>MERCOSUR XXXIV Meeting of MERCOSUR Ministers of Health Montevideo (Uruguay), 14-15 June 2013</b>	
<b>Agreements approved</b>	<b>Relation to PAHO activities</b>
Agreement 02/13: Invitation to the Ministers responsible for social programs to support health-promotion initiatives to combat the continual increase in obesity and other noncommunicable chronic diseases	<p>Linked with the Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on Nutrition in Health and Development 2006-2015: Mid-term Review (<a href="#">Document CSP28/INF/3-C [2012]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with the Pan American Alliance on Nutrition and Development for the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.</p>
Declaration on universal access to diagnosis and treatment for tuberculosis control	<p>Linked with the Regional Strategy for Tuberculosis Control, 2005-2015 (<a href="#">Resolution CD46.R12 [2005]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with PAHO report: Tuberculosis in the Region of the Americas Regional Report 2011. Epidemiology, Control, and Financing.</p>
Declaration on sexual and reproductive health for Cairo+20	<p>Linked with the Plan of Action on Adolescent and Youth Health (<a href="#">Resolution CD49.R14 [2009]</a>).</p> <p>Linked with Health and Human Rights (<a href="#">Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]</a>) and Health, Human Security, and Well-being (<a href="#">Resolution CD50.R16 [2010]</a>).</p>
Declaration for the drafting of an action protocol for the donation of skin tissue for disaster situations	Linked with the Policy Framework for Human Organ Donation and Transplantation ( <a href="#">Resolution CD49.R18 [2009]</a> ).
Declaration on the management of chemical substances	<p>Linked with the technical program for sustainable development and environmental health.</p> <p>Linked with the initiative: Radiation Protection and Safety of Radiation Sources: International Basic Safety Standards (<a href="#">Document CSP28/17</a> and <a href="#">Resolution CSP28.R15 [2012]</a>).</p>

***Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO)***<sup>5</sup>

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)***<sup>6</sup>: ***South American Health Council***

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. Peru currently holds the *pro tempore* presidency and Suriname will be the next country. The most recent meeting of the CSS was held in Lima (Peru) on 4-5 September 2012.

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

<sup>6</sup> Link to information on the South American Health Council: [www.unasursg.org](http://www.unasursg.org).



<b>UNASUR VIII Meeting of the South American Health Council Lima (Peru), 4-5 September 2012</b>	
<b>Items addressed by the CSS</b>	<b>Relation to PAHO activities</b>
Plan for the risk and disaster management network	Linked with the program on emergency preparedness and disaster relief.  Linked with the Coordination of International Humanitarian Assistance in Health in Case of Disasters ( <a href="#">Document CSP28/13</a> and <a href="#">Resolution CSP28.R19 [2012]</a> ).
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, ( <a href="#">Resolution CD50.R9 [2010]</a> ).  Linked with the progress report on the Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation, and Intellectual Property. ( <a href="#">Document CD51/INF/5(B) [2011]</a> ).
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.