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OBSERVERS FROM SUBREGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS. CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY

On behalf of the Secretary-General of CARICOM, Mr. A. A. Moore sent a letter to Dr. Héctor R. Acuña, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, on 12 February 1979 with the following proposal: "That the Secretariat be permitted to designate a representative to attend meetings of the Governing Bodies of your Organization as an observer and that both agencies facilitate the exchange of information and documentation."

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau sent a reply to Dr. Kurleigh King, Secretary-General of CARICOM, on 15 March 1979 stating: "I will be pleased to present this proposal to the next meetings of the Executive Committee and to the Directing Council of PAHO for their consideration."

CARICOM

The Caribbean Community and Common Market of CARICOM was established by the Treaty of Chaguaramas in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, and became effective on 1 August 1973. Its main purpose is regional economic integration. The principal organs established for the Community are the Conference of Heads of Governments of Member States and the Common Market Council.

CARICOM has three areas of activity: economic integration, the operation of common services such as the Caribbean Examinations Council and functional cooperation in non-economic areas, such as health and education, and finally the coordination of the foreign policies of the independent countries of the subregion.

There are 12 countries in the Caribbean who are members of CARICOM: Antigua, Barbados*, Belize*, Dominica*, Grenada*, Guyana*, Jamaica*, Montserrat, St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia*, St. Vincent and Trinidad and Tobago*. Bahamas* has an associate member status. CARICOM only serves the English-speaking countries of the Caribbean at present.

*Independent States

The Commonwealth Caribbean Regional Secretariat, recognized as the Community Secretariat, is the principal administrative organ of CARICOM and is based in Georgetown, Guyana.

The Secretary-General, who leads the Secretariat, is appointed by the Heads of Government Conference and is the Chief Administrative Officer of the Community.

The Health Desk: Under the Treaty, it is the duty of the Secretariat to study the health problems of the Community, prepare programs, and carry out the decisions of the Health Ministers Conference. The Health Desk is headed by an experienced medical officer and has advisers in nursing, administration, sanitary engineering and nutrition.

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau brought the request of the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) to the attention of the Executive Committee at its 82nd Meeting, which proceeded to constitute a Working Party to examine the matter. After studying the report submitted by the Working Party, the Executive Committee adopted the following Resolution XXIII:

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having constituted a Working Party which examined the application presented by the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and related documents, and presented a report and recommendations on the matter,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to present to the Executive Committee at its 84th Meeting a study on procedures applicable to the establishment of relations with intergovernmental organizations and to the status of their observers, in the light of Article 26 of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization and Article 70 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization.

2. To recommend to the Directing Council in its XXVI Meeting that it approve the following resolution:

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the application presented by the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), and related documents, for authority to appoint an observer to the meetings of the Governing Bodies of the Organization;

Considering that Article 26 of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization vests decisions on applications of this nature in the Conference and Directing Council; and

Noting Resolution XXIII of the 82nd Meeting of the Executive Committee, and especially its reference to the study requested of the Director on the status of observers,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the application presented by the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) for authority to appoint an observer to the meetings of the Directing Council and the Pan American Sanitary Conference.

2. To request the Director to transmit this decision to the Secretariat of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

Annexes

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CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY SECRETARIAT
Third Floor, Bank of Guyana Building
Avenue of the Republic, Georgetown

No. 97/31/1

12 February 1979

Dear Dr. Acuna,

Please be so good as to refer to correspondence ending with our letter dated 4 February 1976 and subsequent discussions with Mr. McIntyre about relationships between PAHO and the Secretariat.

I understand that the time is now ripe for me to re-open this question, and I shall be grateful for any action that you may be able to take.

Our proposal is that the Secretariat be permitted to designate a representative to attend meetings of the Governing Bodies of your Organisation as an observer and that both agencies facilitate the exchange of information and documentation.

Please accept renewed assurances of the highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

(A. A. Moore for)
SECRETARY-GENERAL

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PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

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15 March 1979

Dear Sir:

I refer to your letter No. 97/31/1 dated 12 February 1979 and to your proposal that the Secretariat of CARICOM be permitted to designate a representative to attend meetings of the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Health Organization.

I will be pleased to present this proposal to the next meetings of the Executive Committee and to the Directing Council of PAHO for their consideration.

Sincerely,

(signed)

Héctor R. Acuña
Director

Dr. Kurleigh King
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