



PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
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## **36th DIRECTING COUNCIL**

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### ***RESOLUTION***

#### ***CD36.R2***

## **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE PAHO: ADMISSION, RIGHTS, AND OBLIGATIONS**

*THE 36th DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Considering,

That Article 2.B of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) establishes the principle of participation in the Organization of territories or groups of territories that are not fully responsible for the conduct of their international relations;

That the participation in PAHO of territories or groups of territories whose international relations are the responsibility of States whose seats of government are outside the Region is permitted by means of the category of Participating Governments (States), in accordance with said Article 2.B of the Constitution of PAHO and by means of Resolutions XV and XL of the V Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO (1951);

That the direct participation in PAHO of territories or groups of territories whose international relations are the responsibility of Member Governments (States) whose seats of government are in the Region has not been expressly covered:

That it is opportune to regulate, in light of the constitutional principle of participation, a modality of direct participation for a territory or groups of territories in the Region whose international

relations are the responsibility of States whose seats of government are in or outside the Region, within the limitations set forth in the present resolution;

That the category of Associate Member contemplated in the Constitution of the World Health Organization can be adopted by analogy under the Constitution of PAHO, and in accordance with the terms of the present resolution; and

That Article 2.B of the Constitution of PAHO determined that the form of participation and the rights and obligations of territories or groups of territories that are not responsible for their international relations are determined by the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference.

### *RESOLVES*

1. To adopt the following procedure for the admission as Associate Members of territories or groups of territories in the Region whose international relations are the responsibility of States with seats of government in or outside the Region:

#### A. Admission

The request for admission as an Associate Member must be presented to PAHO, as a distinct international legal person, by the State responsible for the international relations of the territory or groups of territories, by means of a communication addressed to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

The Director shall transmit the request to Member Governments (States) and shall include the issue in the provisional agenda of the following meeting of the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference.

A majority of members of the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference shall be required to approve such a request.

#### B. Obligations

Obligations of Associate Members of PAHO are the following:

a) In general, the same obligations as Member Governments (States), with the limitations set forth in the present resolution;

b) Payment of financial contributions, which shall be established, on a case by case basis, at the same time and following the same procedure as for Member or Participating Governments (States). Financial contributions of Associate Members shall be paid directly to PAHO.

#### C. Rights

Rights of Associate Members in the Organization are the following:

- a) To participate, with no vote, in the meetings of the Pan American Sanitary Conference, the Directing Council, and the Executive Committee of the Directing Council;
  - b) To participate with voice and vote in technical commissions or committees;
  - c) To have access to all technical cooperation services of PAHO, in accordance with established program and budget procedures applied to Member Governments (States);
  - d) To receive information and documentation produced or distributed by PAHO.
2. The present resolution shall enter into effect immediately and may be applied to any request for admission as Associate Member that the Director may have received.

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