



PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



**38th DIRECTING COUNCIL**  
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***RESOLUTION***

***CD38.R5***

**NATIONAL AND INTER-AMERICAN NONGOVERNMENTAL  
ORGANIZATIONS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH PAHO**

*THE 38th DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Recalling that the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference, in Resolution CSP14.R28 (1954), set the criteria for establishing official relations between PAHO and inter-American nongovernmental organizations;

Mindful of the provisions in Resolution CSP20.R20 (1978) of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference defining the procedures for the establishment by the Pan American Health Organization of official relations with inter-American nongovernmental organizations;

Recalling that the 113th Meeting of the Executive Committee adopted Resolution CE113.R18 recommending the updating of the criteria for the establishment and maintenance of official relations between PAHO and inter-American NGOs;

Recognizing the important role of nongovernmental organizations and the complementarity of resources they represent in the network of governments, peoples, and PAHO/WHO striving for health development;

Emphasizing the need to mobilize national, international, and inter-American nongovernmental organizations for accelerated implementation of health for all strategies;

Taking into account that PAHO would benefit by having a written document containing the conceptual framework dealing with the development of informal working relations with nongovernmental organizations and with their admission into official relations similar to that of the World Health Organization (1987);<sup>1</sup> and

Having taken note of the recommendations of the Executive Committee (Resolution CE116.R6),

*RESOLVES*

To adopt the Principles Governing Relations between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations presented in Document CD38/10.

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