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REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTER-AMERICAN NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH PAHO: REVIEW OF THE LIST OF INTER-AMERICAN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH PAHO

The Director submits for consideration by the 103rd Meeting of the Executive Committee the list of inter-American nongovernmental organizations that have official relations with PAHO so that it may be reviewed by the Standing Subcommittee on Inter-American Nongovernmental Organizations of the Executive Committee in accordance with paragraph 1.9 of Resolution XX of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference (see Annex), which says: "Every three years the Executive Committee, acting through the standing subcommittee, will review the list of inter-American nongovernmental organizations with which PAHO has official working relations and decide whether they should be continued or suspended." The corresponding information on these inter-American nongovernmental organizations will be presented for consideration by the Standing Subcommittee.

List of Inter-American Nongovernmental Organizations that have Official Relations with PAHO

1. Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (ALIFAR)  
(Admitted in 1982; Resolution CE88.R5)
2. Latin American Federation of Hospitals  
(Admitted in 1979; Resolution CE82.R28)
3. Latin American Federation of the Pharmaceutical Industry (FIFARMA)  
(Admitted in 1979; Resolution CE83.R1)
4. Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools (FEPAFEM)  
(Admitted in 1965; Resolution CD16.R38)

5. Latin American and Caribbean Association of Public Health Education (ALAESP) (Admitted in 1985; Resolution CE95.R19)
6. Latin American Union against Sexually Transmitted Diseases (ULACETS) (Admitted in 1986; Resolution CE97.R12)
7. Inter-American College of Radiology (ICR) (Admitted in 1988; Resolution CE101.R15)
8. Latin American Confederation of Biochemistry (Admitted in 1988; Resolution CE101.R15)
9. Pan American Federation of Nursing Professionals (FEPPEN) (Admitted in 1988; Resolution CE101.R15)

Annex

**CSP20.R20** The XX Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Recalling that the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference adopted Resolution XXVIII<sup>1</sup> setting forth the criteria that the Pan American Health Organization was to observe when establishing official relations with inter-American nongovernmental organizations;

Considering that it is necessary to establish procedures for applying the criteria set forth in the above-mentioned Resolution XXVIII,

Recognizing the need to establish the privileges that an official relationship with PAHO confers on nongovernmental organizations;

Having considered the proposed procedures and privileges contained in Document CE80/14 presented by the Director to the Executive Committee at its 80th Meeting; and

Having taken note of Resolution XX<sup>2</sup> of the 80th Meeting of the Executive Committee,

Resolves

1 To adopt the following procedures for the establishment by the Pan American Health Organization of official relations with inter-American nongovernmental organizations

1 1 An inter-American nongovernmental organization may, of its own accord or by invitation, request official recognition and the establishment of working relations in areas of mutual interest.

1 2 To this end, the inter-American nongovernmental organization must submit with its application the following supporting documentation

1 2 1 Certified copies of its charter and by-laws

1 2 2 Certified copies of the charters and by-laws of its affiliates in the Hemisphere

1 2 3 An authenticated copy of the proceedings in which the governing body was elected and of the authorization of the assembly to establish relations with PAHO

1 2 4 A copy of the most recent periodic report on its activities

1 3 The letter of application will be circulated to all the Member Governments and their views obtained within a term of 60 days

1 4 The Executive Committee of PAHO will appoint a standing subcommittee composed of three members, one of whom will be rotated each year to ensure the continuity of the subcommittee's functions

1 4 1 The Director of PASB will forward to the standing subcommittee the applications for recognition and supporting documents received from inter-American nongovernmental organizations

1 4 2 If the documentation received is not sufficiently complete or satisfactory, the Director will also inform the subcommittee of the steps that have been taken

1 4 3 The Committee will review and analyze the documentation presented in detail. If a question arises, it may request the appearance of an authorized representative of the inter-American nongovernmental organization to clarify any matters relating to the applications

1.5 When the applications received have been properly reviewed, the standing subcommittee will make its recommendations to the Executive Committee on the recognition and the establishment of official working relations with the applying inter-American nongovernmental organization

In certain cases, the standing subcommittee may recommend that consideration of an application be postponed and that the Director be requested to contact the applying organization in order to determine the areas of common interest and the mutual benefits that would accrue from cooperation between the two organizations

1 6 Once it has considered the standing subcommittee's recommendations, the Executive Committee will decide whether or not to authorize relations with a given organization

1 7 Every year the Chairman of the Executive Committee will convey the decisions taken to the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference

1.8 The Director of PASB will inform each organization of the Executive Committee's decision on its application. If the decision is favorable, he will indicate the privileges conferred by the establishment of official relations

1 9 Every three years the Executive Committee, acting through the standing subcommittee, will review the list of inter-American nongovernmental organizations with which PAHO has official working relations and decide whether they should be continued or suspended

2. To establish that the status of official relations with PAHO shall confer on an inter-American nongovernmental organization the following privileges

2.1 The right to appoint an observer to participate without the right to vote, in the regular meetings of the Governing Bodies of PAHO, and in conferences and seminars conducted under the authority of PAHO

When matters of particular interest to the organization are discussed at these meetings, its observer may, at the request of the Chairman of the meeting or in the Chairman's acceding to a request from it, make a statement presenting its views

2 2 Active participation in the Technical Discussions that take place in connection with the meetings of the Directing Council or the Conference.

2 3 Access to nonconfidential documentation related to matters of interest to it

2 4 Collaboration, when requested by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, in the programming of joint activities in health matters of common interest

2 5 The right to submit a memorandum to the Director of PASB on programs going forward in areas of common interest, the Director will determine the nature and scope of its circulation. In the event of a memorandum being submitted which, in the view of the Director, should be placed on the agenda of the Directing Council, the memorandum will be put before the Executive Committee for possible inclusion on the agenda of the Council



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The members of the Subcommittee as designated by the Executive Committee were:

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| Dr. George Hardy, Jr. | - | Representative of the United States of America |
| Mr. Cornelius Lubin   | - | Representative of Saint Lucia                  |
| Dr. Jorge E. Salazar  | - | Representative of Panama                       |

Dr. Cornelius Lubin and Dr. Jorge E. Salazar were then designated to serve as Chairman and Rapporteur, respectively.

The following staff members attended as members of the Secretariat:

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| Dr. Enrique Fefer         | - | Regional Consultant on Drugs                               |
| Dr. Jorge Castellanos     | - | Regional Consultant on Health Policies                     |
| Dr. Caridad Borrás        | - | Regional Consultant on Radiological Health                 |
| Dr. José Roberto Ferreira | - | Coordinator, Health Manpower Development                   |
| Dr. Virgilio Escutia, Jr. | - | Regional Consultant on Health Laboratories                 |
| Nurse Maricel Manfredi    | - | Regional Consultant on Human Resources in Nursing          |
| Dr. Ronald St. John       | - | Coordinator, Health Situation and Trend Assessment Program |
| Dr. José María Paganini   | - | Coordinator, Health Services Development Program           |
| Dr. Irene Klinger         | - | External Relations Coordination Office                     |
| Dr. José María Salazar    | - | Chief, External Relations Coordination Office              |

The Subcommittee reviewed the status of the working relations of the following NGOs with PAHO: Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (ALIFAR); Latin American Federation of Hospitals; Latin American Federation of the Pharmaceutical Industry, (FIFARMA); Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools (FEPAFEM); Latin American and Caribbean Public Health Education Association (ALAESP); Latin American Union against Sexually Transmitted Diseases (ULACETS); Inter-American College of Radiology (ICR); Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry; and Pan American Federation of Nursing Professionals (FEPPEN).

The comments made by the various PAHO staff members responsible for the pertinent working relations were taken into account in the review. It was found that, in every case, the NGO in question had conducted activities of interest to PAHO and continued to meet the criteria set forth in Resolution XX of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference. Accordingly, it was unanimously determined that there was justification for the continuance of working relations with all of them.

In addition, it was decided to recommend to the Director that, in apprising the NGOs examined the results of this review, he invite them to intensify their activities in the fields of common interest to PAHO in their respective areas of work.

In view of the foregoing, the Subcommittee recommends that the Executive Committee consider the following proposed resolution:

Proposed Resolution

THE 103rd MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having studied the report of the permanent subcommittee of the Executive Committee charged with reviewing the list of nongovernmental organizations in official relations with PAHO; and

Taking into consideration Article 1.9 of Resolution XX of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference (1978),

RESOLVES:

1. To confirm PAHO's official relations with the Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (ALIFAR); the Latin American Federation of Hospitals; the Latin American Federation of the Pharmaceutical Industry (FIFARMA); the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools (FEPAFEM); the Latin American and Caribbean Public Health Education Association; the Latin American Union against Sexually Transmitted Diseases (ULACETS); the Inter-American College of Radiology (ICR); the Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry; and the Pan American Federation of Nursing Professionals (FEPPEN).

2. To request the Director to inform the above-mentioned organizations about this resolution.