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B. FORTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

Background

1. This document presents the declarations and resolutions of relevance for the activities of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) adopted during the Forty-sixth Regular Session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), held in the city of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, from 13 to 15 June 2016. The agenda, detailed documents, and resolutions can be consulted at: www.oas.org/en/council/AG/regular/46RGA/documents.asp.
 2. The ministers of foreign affairs of the Member States of the American hemisphere and other official delegates attended the meeting, as did representatives of the governments accredited as permanent observers and representatives of Inter-American System agencies, among them PAHO and the bodies that compose the Summit Implementation Review Group. The minister of foreign affairs of the Dominican Republic, Andrés Navarro, was elected president of this regular session of the General Assembly.
 3. The theme of the General Assembly was “Institutional strengthening for sustainable development in the Americas.” The president of the Dominican Republic, Danilo Medina, opened the meeting along with the secretary-general of the OAS, Luis Almagro, and the minister of foreign affairs of the host country.
 4. The majority of the recommendations and resolutions had been discussed and agreed upon earlier by the Permanent Council. The items on which a consensus had not been reached and new items proposed by the Member States were discussed by the General Committee of the Assembly or in special working groups that met in parallel with the plenary meeting.
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5. Among the declarations of the Assembly, the “Declaration on Zika Virus: Inter-American Cooperation to Meet a Global Health Threat” was of particular importance and significance for the work of PAHO in this area, as it further raises the visibility of the health emergency due to Zika, draws attention to the real risks of pandemics and epidemics, emphasizes the need for countries to implement the International Health Regulations’ core capacities and other concrete actions in response to the Zika virus, and reinforces PAHO’s leadership role in supporting Member States’ efforts to prepare for, prevent, and respond to the virus.

6. The declarations and resolutions of interest to the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Health Organization and related to its work as the specialized health agency of the Inter-American System have been selected (see table below).

7. The Forty-seventh Regular Session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States will be held in Mexico in June 2017.

Action by the Directing Council

8. The Directing Council is invited to take note of this report.

Table: Declarations and resolutions adopted by the Forty-sixth Regular Session of the OAS General Assembly that are related to PAHO activities

Declarations of the OAS General Assembly	Relation to PAHO activities
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/DEC. 81 (XLVI-O/16)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DECLARATION ON INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMERICAS</p>	<p>Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Region of the Americas (Document CE158/INF/7 [2016])</p> <p>In response to Member States’ requests, PAHO prepared a publication titled “Preparing the Region of the Americas to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goal on Health.” This document was a unique effort by PAHO to support implementation of the SDGs, specifically SDG 3 (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages)</p>

Declarations of the OAS General Assembly	Relation to PAHO activities
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/DEC. 84 (XLVI-O/16)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DECLARATION ON ZIKA VIRUS: INTER-AMERICAN COOPERATION TO MEET A GLOBAL HEALTH THREAT</p>	<p>Strategy for Enhancing National Capacity to Respond to Zika Virus Epidemic in the Americas</p> <p>Strategy for Arboviral Disease Prevention and Control (Resolution CE158.R3 [2016]) (Document CE158/20, Rev. 1 [2016])</p> <p>Integrated Vector Management: A Comprehensive Response to Vector-Borne Diseases (Resolution CD48.R8 [2008]) (Document CD48/14, Rev. 1 [2008])</p> <p>Implementing the International Health Regulations (IHR-2005) (Document CD50/INF/6 [2005]) (Document CE158/INF/5 [2016])</p> <p>International Health Regulations and Ebola Virus Disease (Document CD54/INF/4 [2015])</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/DEC. 85(XLVI-O/16)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DECLARATION ON PROMOTION AND STRENGTHENING OF THE SOCIAL CHARTER OF THE AMERICAS</p>	<p>Linkage with the Health Agenda for the Americas</p> <p>Linkage with the Strategic Plan of the Pan American Health Organization 2014-2019</p> <p>Strategy for Universal Access to Health and Universal Health Coverage (Resolution CD53.R14 [2014]) (Document CD53/5, Rev. 2 [2014])</p> <p>Social Protection in Health (Resolution CD52.R11 [2013]) (Document CD52/5 [2013])</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/DEC. 88 (XLVI-O/16)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DECLARATION CLIMATE CHANGE, FOOD SECURITY AND MIGRATION IN THE AMERICAS</p>	<p>Strategy and Plan of Action on Climate Change (Resolution CD51.R15 [2011]) (Document CD51/6, Rev. 1 [2011]) (Progress report CD53/INF/6 [2014])</p> <p>Health of Migrants (Resolution CE158.R11 [2016]) (Document CE158/16, Rev. 1 [2016])</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">AG/DEC. 89 (XLVI-O/16)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DECLARATION EXTENSION OF THE DECADE OF THE AMERICAS FOR THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR THE DECADE OF THE AMERICAS FOR THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (2016-2026)</p>	<p>Disability: Prevention and Rehabilitation in the Context of the Right to the Enjoyment of the Highest Attainable Standard of Physical and Mental Health and Other Related Rights (Resolution CD47.R1 [2006]) (Document CD47/15 and CD47/15, Corrig. [2006])</p> <p>Linkage with the Gender and Cultural Diversity Unit</p> <p>Health and Human Rights (Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]) (Document CD50/12 [2010])</p>

Resolutions of the Assembly	Relation to PAHO activities
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/RES. 2880 (XLVI-O/16)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADVANCING HEMISPHERIC SECURITY: A MULTIDIMENSIONAL APPROACH</p>	<p>Health, Human Security and Well-being (Resolution CD50.R16 [2010]) (Document CD50/17 [2010])</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/RES. 2888 (XLVI-O/16)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AMERICAN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES</p>	<p>Linkage with the Gender and Cultural Diversity Unit</p> <p>Health of the Indigenous Peoples in the Americas (Resolution CD47.R18 [2006]) (Document CD47/13 [2006])</p> <p>Health and Human Rights (Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]) (Document CD50/12 [2010])</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/RES.2891(XLVI-O/16)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE DECADE FOR PERSONS OF AFRICAN DESCENT IN THE AMERICAS (2016-2025)</p>	<p>Linkage with the Gender and Cultural Diversity Unit</p> <p>Health and Human Rights (Resolution CD50.R8 [2010])</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/RES. 2883 (XLVI-O/16)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INTER-AMERICAN PROGRAM FOR THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS, INCLUDING MIGRANT WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES</p>	<p>Linkage with the Gender and Cultural Diversity Unit</p> <p>Health and Human Rights (Resolution CD50.R8 [2010])</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">AG/RES. 2887 (XLVI-O/16)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS</p>	<p>Linkage with the Gender and Cultural Diversity Unit</p> <p>Health and Human Rights (Resolution CD50.R8 [2010])</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/RES. 2884 (XLVI-O/16)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SUPPORT FOR AND FOLLOW-UP TO THE SUMMITS OF THE AMERICAS PROCESS</p>	<p>PAHO is actively working on the implementation of the health-related Summit Mandates and reports on progress through the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG) and is a member of the Joint Summit Working Group (JSWG)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/RES.2882 (XLVI-O/16)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INTER-AMERICAN PROGRAM FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>Linkage with the Health Agenda for the Americas</p> <p>Linkage with the Strategic Plan of the Pan American Health Organization 2014-2019</p> <p>Linkage with the establishment of the SDG Alliance</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/RES.2881 (XLVI-O/16)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADVANCING HEMISPHERIC INITIATIVES ON INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>Linkage with the Health Agenda for the Americas</p> <p>Linkage with the Strategic Plan of the Pan American Health Organization 2014-2019</p> <p>Linkage with the establishment of the SDG Alliance</p>
