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FINAL REPORT

Opening of the Session

1. The 157th Session of the Executive Committee was held at the Headquarters of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in Washington, D.C., on 2 October 2015. The session was attended by delegates of the following seven members of the Executive Committee elected by the Directing Council: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Trinidad and Tobago, and United States of America. Representatives of the other two members, Bahamas and Guatemala, were unable to attend. Representatives of Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Haiti, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, and Puerto Rico attended as observers.
2. Dr. María Esther Anchía (Costa Rica, Vice President of the Executive Committee) opened the session and welcomed the participants, extending a special welcome to the new members elected by the recently concluded 54th Directing Council: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, and Chile.

Procedural Matters

Officers

3. Pursuant to Rule 15 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee elected the following Member States to serve as officers for the period from October 2015 to October 2016 (Decision CE157[D1]):

<i>President:</i>	Ecuador	(H.E. Marco Vinicio Albuja Martínez)
<i>Vice President:</i>	Costa Rica	(Dr. María Esther Anchía)
<i>Rapporteur:</i>	Antigua and Barbuda	(Hon. Molwyn Morgorson Joseph, MP)

4. The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB), Dr. Carissa Etienne, served as Secretary ex officio, and the Deputy Director, Dr. Isabella Danel, served as Technical Secretary.

Adoption of the Agenda (Document CE157/I, Rev. 1)

5. Pursuant to Rule 9 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee adopted, without change, the provisional agenda prepared by the Director (Decision CE157[D2]).

Committee Matters

Election of Two Members to the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration

6. The Committee elected Antigua and Barbuda and Argentina to serve on the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration on the expiration of the periods of office of Canada and Jamaica on the Executive Committee. The Committee expressed appreciation to Canada and Jamaica for their service (Decision CE157[D3]).

Governing Bodies Matters

Proposed Dates for Meetings of the Governing Bodies of PAHO in 2016 (Document CE157/2)

a) 10th Session of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration

7. The Committee decided that the 10th Session of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration would be held from 30 March to 1 April 2016 (Decision CE157[D4]).

b) 158th Session of the Executive Committee

8. The Committee decided to hold its 158th Session from 20 to 24 June 2016 (Decision CE157[D5]).

c) 55th Directing Council, 68th Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas

9. The Committee decided that the 55th Directing Council, 68th Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, would be held from 26 to 30 September 2016 (Decision CE157[D6]).

Proposed Topics in 2016 (Documents CE157/3, Rev. 1, and CE157/4, Rev. 1)

a) 10th Session of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration

10. The Executive Committee considered the proposed topics for discussion by the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration during its 10th Session, as listed in Document CE157/3 (Annex C). The Director was requested to present an interim report on implementation of the program and budget, in accordance with Resolution CD54.R16, adopted by the recently concluded 54th Directing Council.

11. The Director pointed out that Resolution CD54.R16 requested her to establish, in consultation with Member States, a mechanism for the presentation of interim reports on the program and budget and suggested that the Subcommittee should consider a proposal for such a mechanism.

12. The Executive Committee agreed to the Director's suggestion and endorsed the list of topics contained in Document CE157/3, Rev. 1 (Annex D), with that change (Decision CE157[D7]).

b) 158th Session of the Executive Committee

13. The Director drew attention to the proposed topics for discussion by the Executive Committee during its 158th Session, as listed in Document CE158/4 (Annex E). She noted that the list included a number of reports under matters for information and suggested that, in order to expedite their consideration, those items might be dealt with in blocks. She also suggested that consideration of item 15, "Strategy on Human Resources for Universal Access to Health," should be deferred until 2017 in order to give the Bureau adequate time to engage in consultations at country level and ensure that the strategy put forward would be consensus-based and accurately reflect the views of Member States and the needs and priorities identified by them. In addition, she noted that the Bureau had already tentatively identified several topics for consideration in 2017 (listed in a table made available to Committee members) with the aim of ensuring ample time for consultation with Member States on the content of the respective documents.

14. In the ensuing discussion, several delegates expressed concern about the large number of program policy matters proposed for discussion and requested clarification of the criteria applied in selecting them for inclusion on the agenda. Delegates also pointed out that budget constraints and funding gaps might make it difficult to carry out the activities envisaged under the various proposed strategies and plans of action. It was suggested that some items might be merged in order to shorten the agenda somewhat and to avoid duplication of effort. For example, item 13 on access to new and high-cost medicines might be combined with item 14, a proposed strategy and plan of action on the rational use of medicines; item 43, the final report on the Regional Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS/STI, 2006-2015, might be combined with item 17, a proposed new plan of action for the prevention and control of HIV and sexually transmitted infections; and item 45, the final report on the Strategy and Plan of Action for Malaria, might be combined with item 16, a proposed new plan of action for malaria. It was also suggested that item 16 might be merged with item 19, the proposed strategy for arboviral disease prevention and control, as many of the interventions for combating malaria and arboviral diseases would be similar. Several delegates requested clarification regarding item 24, "Analysis of PAHO Mandates."

15. Firm support was expressed for the Director's suggestion to consider the information matters in blocks. Most delegates also supported the Director's suggestion to defer consideration of item 15 until 2017, although one delegate felt that it should not be deferred, in view of the high priority attached to the issue of human resources for health, as reaffirmed during the regional consultation on the Global Strategy on Human Resources for Health, held during the 54th Directing Council. It was suggested that it might be wise also to defer consideration of item 20, since the Sustainable Development Goals had just been adopted in September 2015 and it might therefore be premature to

attempt to define a strategy and plan of action for their implementation in the Region. The importance of timely distribution of all documents was stressed.

16. The Director said that the deadline for document distribution was six weeks in advance of the session in question. It was often a challenge for the Bureau to meet that deadline while also ensuring that the documents published were of the highest technical quality and that Member States had been adequately consulted on their content. It was for that reason that she had suggested the deferral of item 15 and had already begun to identify other topics for consideration in 2017. She agreed that it would be advisable also to postpone consideration of a strategy and plan of action for implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Region, but assured the Committee that the Bureau would continue to work with Member States to define indicators and explore how best to mesh the Goals with the Organization's Strategic Plan 2014-2019.

17. With regard to the criteria for inclusion of items on the agenda, she explained that some items were regional plans of action for the implementation of strategies adopted by Member States at the global level. Others, such as the plans of action on malaria and on HIV and sexually transmitted infections, had been included because the existing plans of action on those topics were coming to an end. Some items, such as those on strengthening public health policies across borders and access to new and high-cost medicines and technologies had been included in response to priorities identified by Member States. As to item 24, the aim was to assess whether PAHO mandates, some of which dated back many years, remained relevant and, if not, possibly to retire some of them.

18. The Bureau would examine the possibility of combining some agenda items as suggested. For example, the reports on the Strategy and Plan of Action for Malaria and the Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS/STI might be included as background on the proposed new plans of action on those issues.

19. The Committee endorsed the list of topics contained in Document CE157/4, Rev. 1 (Annex F), with the modifications proposed by Member States and by the Director (Decision CE157[D8]). It was agreed that the Bureau would continue to consult with Member States on the provisional agenda in the coming months.

Administrative and Financial Matters

Amendments to the PASB Staff Regulations and Rules (Document CE157/5)

20. Ms. Kate Rojkov (Director, Department of Human Resources Management, PASB) explained that one of the proposed amendments to the PASB Staff Rules set out in Annex A to Document CE157/5 was necessary to ensure consistency with the WHO staff rules and transparency in recruiting. The other amendments were proposed in order to ensure clarity and internal consistency with other PASB staff rules.

21. The Committee adopted Resolution CE157.R1, confirming the amendments to the PASB Staff Rules as reflected in Annex A of Document CE157/5.

Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules of PAHO (Document CE157/6, Rev. 1)

22. Mr. Gerald Anderson (Director of Administration, PASB) recalled that the 54th Directing Council had approved several amendments to the Financial Regulations of PAHO (see Resolution CD54.R3), which necessitated several corresponding amendments to the Financial Rules in order to introduce the concept of an integrated budget, ensure alignment with the Financial Regulations, and continue to strengthen results-based management within the Organization. The proposed amendments were set out in Annex A to Document CE157/6, Rev. 1.

23. In the ensuing discussion, a delegate inquired why the proposed amendment to Rule 102.1 made it optional for the Director to request performance assessments at six and 18 months into the budgetary period and expressed the view that such assessments constituted a best practice and should be obligatory.

24. The Director explained that the Bureau was required to report on budget performance at the end of the first year of each biennium and at the end of the biennium. She had opted also to have internal assessments conducted at six and 18 months into each biennium; however, it was the Director's prerogative to manage the program and budget as he or she saw fit, and another Director might not consider such assessments necessary.

25. After consultation with the Legal Counsel, the Executive Committee decided to replace the wording "The Director may request" in Rule 102.1 with "The Director shall request," thus making it obligatory for the Director to request performance monitoring and assessments at six and 18 months into each budgetary period. With that change, the Committee adopted Resolution CE157.R2, confirming the proposed amendments to the Financial Rules as reflected in the annex of Document CE157/6, Rev. 1.

Other Matters

26. The Bureau was asked to prepare information documents outlining the potential implications for the Region of decisions to be taken in the near future in the context of WHO reform, particularly with regard to governance and the framework of engagement with non-State actors. In relation to the latter, it was considered that information on PAHO's current guidelines for interaction with non-State actors would be especially useful to guide decision-making by Member States on the global framework. The Bureau was also asked to ensure that all documentation on WHO reform was distributed to the Member States of the Region. In addition, the Bureau was requested to provide information on PAHO's historical relationship with WHO and the manner in which global initiatives were incorporated at the regional level.

27. The Director said that, in response to earlier requests, the Bureau had already prepared a document on the relationship between PAHO and WHO, based on the Constitutions of the two organizations and other historical documents. The Bureau would send that information again to all Member States and would also make it available to

their permanent missions in Geneva. The Bureau would also provide the requested information on the possible implications of forthcoming WHO reform decisions for the Region. It should be understood, however, that the Bureau would be working on basis of WHO documents that were not final; if key provisions of those documents changed in the course of Member State negotiations, the implications for the Region might change as well.

Closure of the Session

28. Following the customary exchange of courtesies, the President declared the 157th Session closed.

Resolutions and Decisions

29. The following are the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Executive Committee in the course of the 157th Session:

Resolutions

CE157.R1: Amendments to the PASB Staff Rules

THE 157th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau submitted by the Director in Annex A to Document CE157/5;

Bearing in mind the provisions of Staff Rule 020 of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau; and

Recognizing the need for Staff Rules which facilitate and expedite the management of promotion, and position classification,

RESOLVES:

To confirm, in accordance with Staff Rule 020, the amendments to Staff Rules 320.4, 560.3, and 570, made by the Director, effective 2 October 2015, concerning salary determination, promotion by reclassification, and reduction in grade.

(Single plenary meeting, 2 October 2015)

CE157.R2: Amendments to the Financial Rules of the Pan American Health Organization

THE 157th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the Director’s proposed amendments to the Financial Rules of the Pan American Health Organization (Document CE157/6, Rev. 1);

Taking into consideration that the amendments will provide consistency with the amendments to the Financial Regulations adopted by the 54th Directing Council,

RESOLVES:

To confirm the amendments proposed by the Director to the Financial Rules of the Pan American Health Organization as they appear in the annex, and to make these amendments effective as of 1 January 2016.

To forward the amended Financial Rules of the Pan American Health Organization to the 55th Directing Council for information.

Annex

**AMENDMENTS TO THE FINANCIAL RULES OF PAHO
AS APPROVED BY THE 157th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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New Text
<i>Rule II—The Budgetary and Financial Reporting Periods</i>
102.1 The Program and Budget Performance monitoring and assessment shall be conducted at the end of the budgetary period; the mid-term assessment shall be conducted at the end of the first year of the budgetary period. The Director shall request six monthly performance monitoring and assessments at six and 18 months into the budgetary period.
<i>Rule III—The Program and Budget</i>
103.1 Biennial Work Plans shall be developed by each organizational entity and submitted to the Director for approval, to be used to implement the Program and Budget.
103.2 The Program and Budget is allocated to organizational entities at the appropriate level of the results hierarchy to guide the development of biennial workplans. Such budget allocations are independent of the sources of financing.

103.3 Planned costs are a breakdown of the Program and Budget in Biennial Work Plans and are independent of the sources of financing. An organizational entity can increase planned costs beyond the approved levels if additional resources to finance the biennial workplan are received.

Rule IV—Financing the Program and Budget

104.1 The Program and Budget approved by the Conference or Directing Council constitutes a budgetary authority to incur expenses for the purposes for which it was adopted. The Director may determine the amount of the allocations that would be prudent for making commitments, subject to availability of funding, and taking into account the available balance in the Working Capital Fund and other financial resources available to fund the approved Program and Budget.

104.2 Budgetary authority is granted in accordance with levels set by the Director, the approved resolution and the policies of the Conference, Directing Council and the Executive Committee.

104.8 In accordance with Regulation 4.5, a non-severable contractual agreement is one that cannot reasonably be subdivided or that results in a single or unified product. All requests for the carryover of Regular Budget appropriations pertaining to non-severable contractual agreements must be authorized by the Director of Administration. Delivery and payment of these commitments must occur in the first three months of the new budgetary period, and will be reported separately within the new Program and Budget. As authorized by the Director, the commitments and associated budgetary authority for those goods and services whose delivery was delayed due to unforeseen circumstances shall be carried forward to the subsequent budgetary period. Delivery and payment of these commitments must occur in the first six months of the new budgetary period, and will be reported separately within the new program and budget. The balance of any undelivered commitments will be credited to the budgetary surplus of the new budgetary period and will be available for use in accordance with the applicable Regulations.

Rule V—Assessed Contributions

105.1 The Director shall inform Members of the status of their assessed contributions at least two times per year, immediately following the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Conference or Directing Council.

105.2 As set forth in Financial Regulation 5.6, the Director shall determine the acceptability of payment of assessed contributions in currencies other than United States dollars subject to annual approval on a case-by-case basis. The approvals will stipulate any terms and conditions that the Director considers necessary to protect the Organization, including any limits to the amount authorized to be paid in local currency.

105.3 Any payments in currencies other than United States dollars that have not received prior approval from the Director, or do not comply with the terms of approval stipulated by the Director may be automatically returned to the relevant Member, and the assessed contribution concerned shall continue to be due and payable.

Rule VI—Voluntary Contributions

106.1 All voluntary contributions will be supported by a signed written agreement consistent with these Regulations and Rules, and policies and procedures in effect.

106.2 The Director may issue budgetary authority for expenses to be financed from sources other than the Assessed Contributions and Budgeted Miscellaneous Revenue in amounts consistent with the terms of the signed written agreement and industry best practices governing cash management. These funds will be administered in accordance with Rules 104.3 to 104.7 unless otherwise stated in these Rules.

106.3 Program Support Costs will be levied on all voluntary contributions unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Director.

106.4 The standard Service Charge will be levied on procurement funds activities unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Director.

Rule VII—Revenue – Other Sources

107.1 Other sources of revenue could include the net result of non-budgetary operational activities including, but not limited to, gains and losses on currency exchange, disposal of fixed assets, rebates, gifts, etc.

Rule VIII—Working Capital Fund and Borrowing

108.1 In addition to approved Program and Budget funding requirements, resources may be made available from the Working Capital Fund to finance unforeseeable and extraordinary expenses.

108.2 The term “unforeseeable expenses” means expenses arising from, or incidental to, the carrying out of a program in accord with the policies approved by the Conference or the Directing Council, which expenses were not foreseen when the estimates were made.

108.3 The term “extraordinary expenses” means expenses for items or objects outside the scope of the budget.

108.4 A designated officer shall be responsible for the preparation of information on the status of all commitments relating to unforeseeable and extraordinary expenses to be submitted to the Executive Committee, and shall prepare the supplemental estimates required in connection therewith for submission to the Conference or Directing Council.

(Single plenary meeting, 2 October 2015)

Decisions

Decision CE157(D1): Election of Officers

Pursuant to Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee, the Committee elected the following Member States to serve as officers for the period from October 2015 to September 2016:

Presidency:	Ecuador
Vice Presidency:	Costa Rica
Rapporteur:	Antigua and Barbuda

(Single plenary meeting, 2 October 2015)

Decision CE157(D2): Adoption of the Agenda

Pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee, the Committee adopted the agenda submitted by the Director (Document CE157/1, Rev. 1).

(Single plenary meeting, 2 October 2015)

Decision CE157(D3): Election of Two Members to the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration

The Executive Committee elected Antigua and Barbuda and Argentina to serve on the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration.

(Single plenary meeting, 2 October 2015)

Decision CE157(D4): Dates of the 10th Session of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration

The Executive Committee decided that the 10th Session of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration would be held from 30 March to 1 April 2016.

(Single plenary meeting, 2 October 2015)

Decision CE157(D5): Dates of the 158th Session of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee decided that the 158th Session of the Executive Committee would be held from 20 to 24 June 2016.

(Single plenary meeting, 2 October 2015)

Decision CE157(D6): Dates of the 55th Directing Council, 68th Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas

The Executive Committee decided that the 55th Directing Council, 68th Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, would be held from 26 to 30 September 2016.

(Single plenary meeting, 2 October 2015)

Decision CE157(D7): Topics for Discussion during the 10th Session of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration

The Executive Committee endorsed the list of topics for discussion by the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration contained in Document CE157/3, Rev. 1, with the modifications suggested by Member States and by the Director.

(Single plenary meeting, 2 October 2015)

Decision CE157(D8): Topics for Discussion during the 158th Session of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee endorsed the list of topics for discussion during its 158th Session contained in Document CE157/4, Rev. 1, with the modifications suggested by Member States and by the Director.

(Single plenary meeting, 2 October 2014)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the President of the Executive Committee and the Secretary ex officio, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, sign the present Final Report in the Spanish language.

DONE in Washington, D.C., United States of America, on this second day of October in the year two thousand fifteen. The Secretary shall deposit the original texts in the archives of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and shall send copies thereof to the Member States of the Organization. The Final Report will be published on the webpage of the Pan American Health Organization once approved by the President.

Marco Vinicio Albuja Martínez
Delegate of Ecuador
President of the 157th Session of the
Executive Committee

Carissa Etienne
Director of the
Pan American Sanitary Bureau
Secretary ex officio of the
157th Session of the Executive Committee

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- 2.1 Election of Officers
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4. PROGRAM POLICY MATTERS

- 4.1 Proposed Dates for Meetings of the Governing Bodies of PAHO in 2016:
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- 4.2 Proposed topics in 2016:
 - a) Tenth Session of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration
 - b) 158th Session of the Executive Committee

5. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS

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**DRAFT LIST OF PROPOSED TOPICS FOR 2016:
10th SESSION OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE
ON PROGRAM, BUDGET, AND ADMINISTRATION**

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4. Mid-term Evaluation of the PAHO Budget Policy
5. Refined Program Prioritization Methodology
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7. Appointment of One Member to the Audit Committee of PAHO

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 9. Proposal for the Use of the Budgetary Surplus
 10. Programming of the Revenue Surplus
 11. After-Service Health Insurance (ASHI)
 12. Report on the Master Capital Investment Strategy: Review and Reassessment of the Master Capital Investment Plan
 13. Amendments to the PASB Staff Regulations and Rules
 14. PASB Staffing Statistics
 15. Appointment of the External Auditor for 2018-2019 and 2020-2021
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Information Matters

17. Update on WHO Reform
18. Status of the PASB Management Information System (PMIS)
19. Draft Provisional Agenda for the 158th Session of the Executive Committee

**REVISED LIST OF PROPOSED TOPICS FOR 2016:
10th SESSION OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE
ON PROGRAM, BUDGET, AND ADMINISTRATION**

Procedural Matters

1. Election of Officers
2. Adoption of the Agenda

Program Policy Matters

3. Outline of the End-of-biennium Assessment of the Program and Budget 2014-2015
4. Program and Budget 2016-2017: Mechanisms for Interim Reporting to Member States [New item]
5. Mid-term Evaluation of the PAHO Budget Policy
6. Refined Program Prioritization Methodology
7. Nongovernmental Organizations in Official Relations with PAHO
8. Appointment of One Member to the Audit Committee of PAHO

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Administrative and Financial Matters (*cont.*)

17. Amendments to Financial Regulations and Financial Rules of PAHO (if any)

Information Matters

18. Update on WHO Reform
19. Status of the PASB Management Information System (PMIS)
20. Draft Provisional Agenda for the 158th Session of the Executive Committee

**DRAFT LIST OF PROPOSED TOPICS FOR 2016:
158th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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8. Report of the Audit Committee of PAHO
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Program Policy Matters

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 15. Strategy on Human Resources for Universal Access to Health
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Program Policy Matters (*cont.*)

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17. Plan of Action for the Prevention and Control of HIV and Sexually Transmitted Infections
18. Plan of Action for the Elimination of Neglected Infectious Diseases and Post-elimination Actions
19. Strategy for Arboviral Disease Prevention and Control
20. Strategy and Plan of Action for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Region of the Americas
21. Plan of Action for a Disaster-resilient Health Sector
22. Measles Elimination in the Region of the Americas
23. Strengthening Public Health Policies Across Borders (concept paper)
24. Analysis of PAHO Mandates

Administrative and Financial Matters

25. Report on the Collection of Assessed Contributions
26. Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for 2015
27. Proposal for the Use of the Balance of the Budgetary Surpluses
28. Programming of the Revenue Surplus
29. After-service Health Insurance (ASHI)
30. Report on the Master Capital Investment Strategy: Review and Reassessment of the Master Capital Investment Plan
31. Report of the Office of Internal Oversight and Evaluation Services
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37. Update on WHO Reform
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39. PAHO/WHO Collaborating Centers
40. Implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR)
(Resolution WHA68.5 [2015])
41. Regional Plan of Action for Strengthening Vital and Health Statistics: Final
Report
(Resolution CD48.R6 [2008])
42. Towards the Elimination of Onchocerciasis (River Blindness) in the Americas:
Final Report
(Resolution CD48.R12 [2008])
43. Regional Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS/STI, 2006-2015, of the Pan American
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3. Draft Provisional Agenda of the 55th Directing Council of PAHO, 68th Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas

Committee Matters

4. Report on the Tenth Session of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration
5. PAHO Award for Administration (2016)
6. Nongovernmental Organizations in Official Relations with PAHO
7. Annual Report of the Ethics Office (2015)
8. Report of the Audit Committee of PAHO
9. Appointment of One Member to the Audit Committee of PAHO

Program Policy Matters

10. Preliminary Report of the End-of-biennium Assessment of the Program and Budget 2014-2015
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 12. Mid-term Evaluation of the PAHO Budget Policy
 13. Refined Program Prioritization Methodology
 14. Access and Rational Use of Strategic to New and High-cost Medicines and Other Health Technologies (policy document)
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20. Measles Elimination in the Region of the Americas
21. Strengthening Public Health Policies Across Borders (concept paper)
22. Analysis of PAHO Mandates

Administrative and Financial Matters

23. Report on the Collection of Assessed Contributions
24. Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for 2015
25. Proposal for the Use of the Balance of the Budgetary Surpluses
26. Programming of the Revenue Surplus
27. After-service Health Insurance (ASHI)
28. Report on the Master Capital Investment Strategy: Review and Reassessment of the Master Capital Investment Plan
29. Report of the Office of Internal Oversight and Evaluation Services
30. Update on the Appointment of the External Auditor for 2018-2019 and 2020-2021
31. Amendments to the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules (if any)

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34. Statement by the Representative of the PAHO/WHO Staff Association

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