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B. SUBREGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. This document presents the principal agreements and resolutions of interest to the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) adopted by different intergovernmental regional and subregional entities linked with public health and that are related to PAHO's work as the specialized health agency of the Inter-American System.

a) Central America

- Central American Integration System (SICA): Council of Central American Ministers of Health (COMISCA)
- Meeting of the Health Sector of Central America and the Dominican Republic (RESSCAD)

b) Caribbean

- Caribbean Community (CARICOM): Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD)
- Caucus of Caribbean Ministers of Health

c) South America

- Andean Community of Nations: Andean Health Agency /Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS/CONHU)
- Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR): Working Subgroup No. 11/ Health (SGT 11)
- Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO): new ACTO Strategic Agenda 2012-2020: Regional Health Management
- Union of South American Nations (UNASUR): South American Health Council

Resolutions and Agreements on Health Matters Adopted by Subregional Integration Entities¹ and Related to PAHO Activities

a) *Central American Integration System (SICA)*

Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic (COMISCA)²

2. The Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic (COMISCA) of the Central American Integration System (SICA) is the forum that brings together the Ministers and Ministries of Health. The Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) participates in the regular meetings of the Council by invitation of the Executive Secretariat of COMISCA as the lead agency in health matters in the Region and because of the technical assistance it provides in the thematic Technical Commissions (Technical Commission on Pharmaceuticals, Human Resources, Chronic Noncommunicable Diseases, and Cancer; Technical Commission on Surveillance in Health and Information Systems; and the Regional Coordinating Mechanism on HIV/AIDS). Furthermore, PAHO/WHO has a permanent representative on the Executive Committee for Implementation of the Health Plan for Central America and the Dominican Republic (CEIP) and on the Advisory Committee of the Technical Commission on Surveillance in Health and Information Systems.

3. COMISCA holds regular sessions twice a year in the countries that hold the presidency *pro tempore*. The last regular meeting of COMISCA (XXXVII Regular Meeting of COMISCA, 3-4 December 2012) was held in the city of Managua (Nicaragua), the country that held the presidency *pro tempore* during the second half of 2012.

4. It should be noted that a special session of COMISCA was held on 22 February 2013 in the city of San José (Costa Rica), the country that holds the presidency *pro tempore* during the first half of 2013. At that time, the procedure for rotation of the COMISCA Executive Secretariat was presented and approved, as were the adjustments made by the Executive Committee to the 2013-2015 Health Plan and to the 2013 Annual Operating Plan for implementation of the Health Plan. Since Costa Rica holds the SICA presidency *pro tempore*, the XXXVIII Regular Meeting of COMISCA will take place in San José in the month of June.

¹ The meetings considered are those held within the framework of subregional bodies linked with health between June 2011 and April 2013.

² Link to information on COMISCA: <http://www.sica.int/comisca/>

5. PAHO/WHO also participates in the Central American System within the framework of the Mesoamerican Integration and Development Project, which is governed by the mandates arising from the Summit of Heads of State and of Government of the Tuxtla Dialogue and Consensus-building Mechanism. The project has an Executive Board (with permanent headquarters in El Salvador) and an Inter-institutional Technical Group (GTI), in which PAHO participates together with other partners to coordinate actions with the different initiatives in the Mesoamerican Project. PAHO/WHO does not receive or implement resources to finance the Master Plans, but does contribute a technical perspective to guide interventions in health in order to ensure that they are coherent with regional and global methods and goals.

Central American Integration System XXXVII Regular Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic City of Managua (Nicaragua), 3-4 December 2012	
Items approved by COMISCA	Relation to PAHO activities
Sustainability strategy for the comprehensive response to HIV	Linked with HIV/AIDS technical programs.
Regional laboratory on HIV infection	Linked with the Progress Report on the PAHO Regional Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS/STI, 2006-2015: Mid-term Evaluation (CSP28/INF/3(D) [2012]).
	Linked with the technical program on health and laboratory services and the technical program on HIV.
	Linked with the resolution on Strengthening National Regulatory Authorities for Medicines and Biologicals, (CD50.R9 [2010]).
Joint negotiations on medicines	Linked with the Regional Revolving Fund for Strategic Public Health Supplies.
	Linked with the technical program on Drugs and Health Technologies.
	Regional Platform on Access and Innovation for Health Technologies (2012).
	Linked with Health Technology Assessment and Incorporation into Health Systems (CSP28/11 and CSP28.R9 [2012]).
Report on the work of the Commissions of the Health Plan for Central America and the Dominican Republic 2010-2015	Linked with the country support team that coordinates the subregional cooperation program.
Mid-term evaluation of the Health Plan for Central America and the Dominican Republic	

Central American Integration System XXXVII Regular Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic City of Managua (Nicaragua), 3-4 December 2012	
Items approved by COMISCA	Relation to PAHO activities
Risk Management in Health—CTEGERS	<p>Linked with the program on emergency preparedness and disaster relief.</p> <p>Linked with the resolution on Coordination of International Humanitarian Assistance in Health in Case of Disasters (CSP28/13 and CSP28.R19 [2012]).</p>
<p>Regional network of National Reference Laboratories (REDLAB).</p> <p>Cooperation to strengthen national capabilities—IHR.</p>	<p>Linked with the resolution: Strengthening National Regulatory Authorities for Medicines and Biologicals (CD50.R9 [2010]).</p> <p>Linked with the resolution: Health Technology Assessment and Incorporation into Health Systems (CSP28/11 and CSP28.R9 [2012]).</p>
Technical Commission on Human Resources (CTRH)	<p>Linked with the technical program for the development of human resources for health.</p> <p>Regional Observatory of Human Resources in Health.</p> <p>Linked with the Regional Goals for Human Resources for Health 2007-2015 (CSP28/INF/3(G) [2012]).</p>
Nutritional quality assurance of foods and harmonization of food fortification regulations (subjects presented by INCAP)	Linked with the Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on Nutrition in Health and Development 2006-2015: Mid-term Review (CSP28/INF/3(C) [2012]).
Proposal to guarantee the availability of critical drugs and maternal and child supplies (Central America)	<p>Linked with the resolution: Strengthening National Regulatory Authorities for Medicines and Biologicals, (CD50.R9 [2010]).</p> <p>Linked with the technical program on maternal-child health and with the Latin American Center for Perinatology, Women, and Reproductive Health (CLAP).</p>
Prominence of Nicaraguan young people in the transformation of the health model	<p>Linked with the technical programs on health promotion and adolescent health.</p> <p>Linked with the Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases,</p>

Central American Integration System XXXVII Regular Meeting of the Council of Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic City of Managua (Nicaragua), 3-4 December 2012	
Items approved by COMISCA	Relation to PAHO activities
	including Diet, Physical Activity, and Health (Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]). Linked with the Strategy and Plan of Action on Adolescent and Youth Health (Resolution CD49.R14 [2009])
Donation and transplantation of human organs and tissues	Linked with the Policy Framework for Human Organ Donation and Transplantation (CD49.R18 [2009])
Chronic kidney disease	Linked with the Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (2012-2025 (CSP28/9 and CSP28.R13 [2012]) Linked with the Pan American Forum for Action on Noncommunicable Diseases (2012). Linked with the Report on the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (Information Document CD51/INF/4 [2011]). Linked with the Regional Strategy and Plan of Action for an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet, Physical Activity, and Health (Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]).

Meeting of the Health Sector of Central America and the Dominican Republic (RESSCAD)³

6. The Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic participate along with the social security and water and sanitation institutions in the Meeting of the Health Sector of Central America and the Dominican Republic (RESSCAD). PAHO serves as the Technical Secretariat for this forum. Meetings are held once a year, the last one in the Dominican Republic on 5-6 July 2012. In 2013, the XIX RESSCAD has been scheduled for the month of July in Guatemala.

³ Link to information on RESSCAD: <http://new.paho.org/resscad/>

b) *Caribbean Community (CARICOM)*

Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD)

7. Within the framework of CARICOM, the Ministers of Health meet in regular sessions in the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD). PAHO participates in this forum as the technical advisory agency on health. The last regular meeting was held in July 2012 in Providence (Guyana).

CARICOM Twenty-third Meeting of the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD) Providence (Guyana), 10-11 July 2012 “Childhood and Youth”	
Main items addressed by COHSOD	Relation to PAHO activities
Integrated agenda for children and youth	<p>Linked with the resolutions on Health and Human Rights (CD50.R8 [2010]) and on Health, Human Security, and Well-being (CD50.R16 [2010]).</p> <p>Linked with the Strategy and the Plan of Action for Integrated Child Health (CSP28/10 and CSP28.R20 [2012]).</p>
Regional Framework for the Action on the subject of childhood	<p>Linked with the Strategy and Plan of Action for Integrated Child Health (CSP28/10 and CSP28.R20 [2012]).</p>
Violence against boys, girls, and young people	<p>Linked with the resolutions on Health and Human Rights (CD50.R8 [2010]) and on Health, Human Security, and Well-being (CD50.R16 [2010]).</p> <p>Linked with the Strategy and the Plan of Action for Integrated Child Health (CSP28/10 and CSP28.R20 [2012]).</p> <p>Linked with the Plan of Action on Adolescent and Youth Health (Resolution CD49.R14 [2009]).</p> <p>Linked with the program on gender and health.</p>

CARICOM Twenty-third Meeting of the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD) Providence (Guyana), 10-11 July 2012 “Childhood and Youth”	
Main items addressed by COHSOD	Relation to PAHO activities
Health hazards in boys, girls, and adolescents	<p>Linked with the technical programs on health promotion and adolescent health.</p> <p>Linked with the Regional Strategy and Plan of Action for an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet, Physical Activity, and Health (Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]).</p> <p>Linked with the Plan of Action on Adolescent and Youth Health (Resolution CD49.R14 [2009]).</p>
Toward the prohibition of corporal punishment	Linked with the Resolution on Health and Human Rights (CD50.R8 [2010])
Creation of institutional capacity to address violence with a gender approach	<p>Linked with the program on gender and health.</p> <p>Linked with the Plan of Action for Implementing the Gender Equality Policy (CSP28/INF/3(B) [2012])</p>

Caucus of Ministers of Health of the Caribbean

8. PAHO offers its facilities for meetings of the Caucus of Ministers of Health of the Caribbean and, along with CARICOM, acts as secretariat. The most recent meeting of the Caucus was held 15-16 September 2012 in Washington D.C., before the 28th Pan American Sanitary Conference.

CARICOM XXI Meeting of the Caucus of Ministers of Health of the Caribbean Washington D.C., PAHO Headquarters, 15-16 September 2012	
Items addressed	Relation to PAHO activities
CARPHA	Linked with PAHO's subregional work program with the Caribbean, especially CAREC and CFNI.

CARICOM XXI Meeting of the Caucus of Ministers of Health of the Caribbean Washington D.C., PAHO Headquarters, 15-16 September 2012	
Items addressed	Relation to PAHO activities
Noncommunicable diseases: Report on the implementation of the Declaration of Port of Spain and of the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly (2011)	<p>Linked with the Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (CSP28/9 and CSP28.R13 [2012]); and the Report on the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (Information Document CD51/INF/4 [2011]).</p> <p>Linked with the regional Strategy and Plan of Action for an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet, Physical Activity, and Health (Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]).</p> <p>Pan American Forum for Action on NCDs (2012).</p>
Development of Human Resources for Health (Registration of nurses)	<p>Linked with Regional Goals for Human Resources for Health 2007-2015 (CSP28/INF/3(G) [2012]).</p> <p>Linked with the technical program for the development of human resources for health.</p> <p>Regional Observatory of Human Resources for Health.</p>
Elimination of the vertical transmission of HIV and congenital syphilis	<p>Linked with the progress report on the PAHO Regional Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS/STI, 2006-2015: Mid-term Evaluation (CSP28/INF/3(D) [2012]).</p> <p>Linked with the Strategy and Plan of Action for Elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV and Congenital Syphilis (Resolution CD50.R12 [2010]).</p> <p>Linked with the program for Health Surveillance and Disease Prevention and Control.</p>
PANCAP/CARPHA partnership and update on progress of Phase II of the Global Fund Round 9 Grant	Linked with the progress report on the PAHO Regional Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS/STI, 2006-2015: Mid-term Evaluation (CSP28/INF/3(D) [2012]).

CARICOM XXI Meeting of the Caucus of Ministers of Health of the Caribbean Washington D.C., PAHO Headquarters, 15-16 September 2012	
Items addressed	Relation to PAHO activities
Updating of IHR implementation, including the handling of radioactive material and toxic chemicals	Linked with Radiation Protection and Safety of Radiation Sources: International Basic Safety Standards (CSP28/17 and Resolution CSP28.R15 [2012]). Information document on Implementation of the International Health Regulations (CD51/INF/5(D) [2011]).
Implementation of the regional pharmaceutical policy	Linked with Strengthening National Regulatory Authorities for Medicines and Biologicals, (CD50.R9 [2010]).
Review of the PAHO subregional cooperation framework	Linked with the Caribbean subregional Cooperation Program.
University of the West Indies: graduate-level programs in public health	Linked with Regional Goals for Human Resources for Health, 2007-2015 (CSP28/INF/3(G) [2012]). Linked with the technical program for the development of human resources for health. Regional Observatory of Human Resources for Health.

c) *South America*

Andean Community of Nations (CAN): Andean Health Agency/Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS/CONHU)

9. Within the framework of the Andean Community of Nations, the Andean Agency of Health/Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS/CONHU) acts as technical secretariat of the Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Andean Area (REMSAA).⁴ PAHO participates in these meetings as the technical advisory agency on health. The most recent REMSAA was held in Bogotá (Colombia), 21-23 November 2012. The XXXIV REMSAA will be held in Bolivia in 2013. The date has not yet been confirmed.

⁴ Link to information on REMSAA: <http://www.orasconhu.org/remsa/resoluciones-8>

Andean Community of Nations Andean Agency of Health/Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS-CONHU) XXXIII Regular Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Andean Area (REMSAA) Bogotá (Colombia), 21-23 November 2012	
Resolutions adopted	Relation to PAHO activities
REMSAA XXXIII/474: Andean policy on the planning and management of human resources in health	<p>Linked with the technical program for the development of human resources for health.</p> <p>Regional Observatory of Human Resources for Health.</p> <p>Linked with Regional Goals for Human Resources for Health 2007-2015 (CSP28/INF/3(G) [2012]).</p>
REMSAA XXXIII/475: Andean week of social response against dengue	<p>Linked with the progress report on the Current Dengue Situation (CSP28/INF/3(E) [2012]).</p> <p>Linked with the regional dengue program (PAHO/GT-Dengue International).</p> <p>Linked with the technical program on dengue and Resolution CD44.R9 [2003].</p>
REMSAA XXXIII/476: Andean plan for health disaster risk management, 2013-2017	<p>Linked with the program on emergency preparedness and disaster relief.</p> <p>Linked with the Coordination of International Humanitarian Assistance in Health in Case of Disasters (CSP28/13 and CSP28.R19 [2012]).</p>
REMSAA XXXIII/477: Generic drug strategy of the countries of the Andean subregion	<p>Linked with the Strategic Fund and with the technical program on medicines and health technologies.</p> <p>Regional Platform on Access and Innovation for Health Technologies (2012).</p> <p>Linked with Health Technology Assessment and Incorporation into Health Systems (CSP28/11 and CSP28.R9 [2012]).</p>

Andean Community of Nations Andean Agency of Health/Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS-CONHU) XXXIII Regular Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Andean Area (REMSAA) Bogotá (Colombia), 21-23 November 2012	
Resolutions adopted	Relation to PAHO activities
REMSAA XXXIII/478: Andean Policy: sexual and reproductive health for adolescents with emphasis on pregnancy prevention	Linked with the Adolescent and Youth Regional Strategy and Plan of Action, 2010-2018. Linked with the resolutions on Health and Human Rights (CD50.R8 [2010]) and on Health, Human Security, and Well-being (CD50.R16 [2010]).
REMSAA XXXIII/479: Plan of action on the Andean Disability Policy.	Linked with the technical program on disability and rehabilitation.
REMSAA XXXIII/480: Andean subregional plan for a joint effort on HIV and blood transfusion safety, 2013-2017	Linked with the HIV/AIDS technical program. Linked with the progress report on the PAHO Regional Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS/STI, 2006-2015: Mid-term Evaluation (CSP28/INF/3(D) [2012]). Improving Blood Availability and Transfusion Safety in the Americas, 2006-2010 (CD48.R7 [2008]). Progress Report on the Regional Initiative for Blood Safety, 2006-2010 (CD46/16 [2005]). Strengthening Blood Banks in the Region of the Americas (CD41/13 [1999]).
REMSAA XXXIII/481: Health situation of Andean migrants in Spain	Linked with the resolutions on Health and Human Rights (CD50.R8 [2010]) and on Health, Human Security, and Well-being (CD50.R16 [2010]).
REMSAA XXXIII/483: Strategic Plan 2013-2017 of the Andean Health Agency-Hipólito Unanue Agreement and Operating Plan 2013.	Linked with the technical program that deals with subregional health cooperation.

Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR)

10. In this area, it should be noted that meetings of sub-working group no. 11 on health (SGT 11) adopt resolutions that are then submitted for the consideration of the Common Market Group (GMC), discuss proposed resolutions that are sent for internal consultation, and analyze resolutions that constitute recommendations in each

Commission of SGT 11 (the Commission on Health Care, the Commission on Health Products, and the Commission on Health Surveillance, in addition to the resolutions on national coordination). In general, these are issues related to regulation and the harmonization of standards. PAHO participates in its capacity as the technical advisory agency on health. The latest of these meetings, the XXXIX Regular Meeting of SGT 11 (Health) was held in Salvador, Bahia (Brazil), 10-14 September 2012. As always, resolutions submitted for the consideration of the GMC were adopted.

11. Furthermore, regular sessions of the meetings of MERCOSUR ministers of health are held at least twice a year (one under each *pro tempore* presidency, which rotates every six months). The XXXIII Meeting of MERCOSUR Ministers of Health (RMS) was held 13-15 November 2012, in the city of Porto Alegre (Brazil).

MERCOSUR XXXIII Meeting of MERCOSUR Ministers of Health Porto Alegre (Brazil), 13-15 November 2012	
Agreements approved	Relation to PAHO activities
Agreement 02/12: Regional strategy for control of tuberculosis in MERCOSUR	<p>Linked with the Regional Strategy for Tuberculosis Control, 2005-2015 (CD46.R12 [2005]).</p> <p>Linked with PAHO report: Tuberculosis in the Region of the Americas Regional Report 2011. Epidemiology, Control, and Financing.</p>
Agreement 03/12: Plan for strengthening integrated management strategies for the prevention and control of dengue in MERCOSUR	<p>Linked with the progress report on the Current Dengue Situation (CSP28/INF/3(E) [2012]).</p> <p>Linked with the regional dengue program (PAHO/GT-Dengue International).</p> <p>Linked with the technical program on dengue and Resolution CD44.R9 [2003].</p>
Agreement 05/12: Strengthening health actions on HIV infection for persons deprived of liberty in MERCOSUR countries	<p>Linked with the progress report on the PAHO Regional Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS/STI, 2006-2015: Mid-term Evaluation (CSP28/INF/3(D) [2012]).</p> <p>Linked with the resolutions on Health and Human Rights (CD50.R8 [2010]) and on Health, Human Security, and Well-being (CD50.R16 [2010]).</p>

MERCOSUR XXXIII Meeting of MERCOSUR Ministers of Health Porto Alegre (Brazil), 13-15 November 2012	
Agreements approved	Relation to PAHO activities
Agreement 06/12: Inclusion of the millennium goal for chronic noncommunicable diseases and WHO goals for chronic noncommunicable diseases for 2013; and support for global, regional and national plans of action.	<p>Linked with the Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (CSP28/9 and CSP28.R13 [2012])</p> <p>Linked with the Report on the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (Information Document CD51/INF/4 [2011]).</p> <p>Linked with the regional Strategy and Plan of Action for an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet, Physical Activity, and Health (Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]).</p> <p>Linked with the Pan American Forum for Action on noncommunicable diseases (2012).</p>
Agreement 07/12: Implementation of the HIV prevention, care, and support project in MERCOSUR border areas	Linked with the progress report on the PAHO Regional Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS/STI, 2006-2015: Mid-term Evaluation (CSP28/INF/3(D) [2012]).
Agreement 08/12: Development of a technical cooperation project for the prevention of obesity in MERCOSUR member countries	<p>Linked with the Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on Nutrition in Health and Development 2006-2015: Mid-term Review (CSP28/INF/3(C) [2012]).</p> <p>Linked with the Pan American Alliance on Nutrition and Development for the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.</p>
Declaration of interest in the design of a nutritional assessment instrument for pregnant adolescents	<p>Linked with the Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on Nutrition in Health and Development 2006-2015: Mid-term Review (CSP28/INF/3(C) [2012]).</p> <p>Linked with the Adolescent and Youth Regional Strategy and Plan of Action, 2010-2018.</p> <p>Linked with the resolutions on Health and Human Rights (CD50.R8 [2010]) and on Health, Human Security, and Well-being (CD50.R16 [2010]).</p>

Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO)⁵

12. Within the framework of the new Strategic Agenda 2012-2020, PAHO/WHO is engaged in technical cooperation activities with the Health Coordination Office of the ACTO Permanent Secretariat. This technical cooperation was formalized with the signing of a Framework Agreement between the two organizations during the 51st Directing Council of PAHO (2011).

Union of South American Nations (UNASUR)⁶

13. The South American Health Council (CSS) of UNASUR has a Coordinating Committee, a Technical Secretariat, and several technical groups. The Technical Secretariat, which is comprised of the President *pro tempore* and representatives of two countries (the preceding and following *pro tempore* presidents) convenes and supports the meetings of the Council. PAHO participates in the Coordinating Committee as an observer. Peru currently holds the *pro tempore* presidency and Suriname will be the next country. The most recent meeting of the CSS was held in Lima (Peru) on 4-5 September 2012.

UNASUR VIII Meeting of the South American Health Council Lima (Peru), 4-5 September 2012	
Items addressed by the CSS	Relation to PAHO activities
Plan for the risk and disaster management network	Linked with the program on emergency preparedness and disaster relief. Linked with the Coordination of International Humanitarian Assistance in Health in Case of Disasters (CSP28/13 and CSP28.R19 [2012]).
ISAGS Annual Operating Plan 2013	Linked with the subregional technical cooperation program for South America.
Medicines: price database and study of production capacity in South America	Linked with the initiative for Strengthening National Regulatory Authorities for Medicines and Biologicals, (Resolution CD50.R9 [2010]). Linked with the progress report on the Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation, and Intellectual Property. (Information document CD51/INF/5(B) [2011]).

⁵ Link to information on ACTO: <http://www.otca.info/portal/>

⁶ Link to information on the South American Health Council: www.unasursg.org

UNASUR VIII Meeting of the South American Health Council Lima (Peru), 4-5 September 2012	
Items addressed by the CSS	Relation to PAHO activities
Support proposal on the relationship with third parties in the field of the financing	Linked with external relations and resource mobilization area.
Proposed Declaration: South American Day of voluntary, free, and altruistic donation of breast milk.	Linked with the technical program on maternal and child nutrition. Linked with the Pan American Alliance on Nutrition and Development for the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.
Comprehensive care for disabilities	Linked with the technical program on disability and rehabilitation.

Action by the Executive Committee

14. The Executive Committee is invited to take note of this report.
