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INSTITUTIONAL REFORM OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN CENTER ON HEALTH SCIENCES INFORMATION (BIREME)

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ANALYTICAL FORM TO LINK AGENDA ITEM WITH ORGANIZATIONAL AREAS

1. Agenda item: 4.13 Institutional Reform of the Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME).

2. Responsible unit: Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME)

3. Preparing officer: Abel L. Packer, Director

4. List of collaborating centers and national institutions linked to this Agenda item:

BIREME coordinates the Virtual Health Library network, which involves the participation of most of the countries of the Region with more 2000 institutions directly related with the production, intermediation and use of scientific and technical information, knowledge and evidences. These institutions are linked to the national research, educational and healthcare systems and cooperate with the VHL products, services and events through their libraries, documentation and information centers, scientific journal editorials, information systems, etc.

5. Link between Agenda item and Health Agenda for the Americas 2008-2017:

BIREME is directly linked to the area of action of *Harnessing knowledge, science and technology*.

6. Link between Agenda item and Strategic Plan 2008-2012:

BIREME is directly link to the **Strategic Objective 11** oriented to strengthen the leadership, governance and scientific evidence in the health systems, with Focus on the **Expected Result 11.3** to strengthen countries capacity to increase equity access, dissemination and use of information, knowledge and evidences on health oriented to improve decision making. It is measured mainly by **Indicator 11.3.5**, number of countries that participate and use the Virtual Health Library to publish access and disseminate up to date information, knowledge and scientific evidences.

7. Best practices in this area and examples from countries within the Region of the Americas:

Cooperative production and networking of scientific and technical information products, services and events as national, regional and global public goods. Hundreds of institutions follow the same methodologies, standards and technologies, which allow multilingual operation, and are aligned with the international state of the art. BIREME's networking approach has contributed to increase the visibility, accessibility, quality, use and impact of the scientific and technical information generated in the Region and has contributed to the development of national capacity and infrastructure to collect, organize, preserve, publish, disseminate and evaluate national, regional and international scientific and technical literature.

8. Financial implications of Agenda this item:

The institutional reform of BIREME envisages the strengthening of its institutional and financial sustainability. The financial sustainability of BIREME will continue to be based on the regular financial contributions from the Government of Brazil, PAHO, grants, projects and selling of information product, services and tools.



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**Report on the Financial and Administrative Implications for the
Secretariat of the Resolution Proposed for Adoption**

<p>1. Agenda item: 4.13 Institutional Reform of the Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME).</p>
<p>2. Linkage to Program Budget 2008-2009:</p> <p>(a) Area of work: Knowledge Management and Communication. Strategic Objective 11 - To strengthen leadership, governance and the evidence base of health systems.</p> <p>(b) Expected result: 11.3. Contribute to the access, equitable dissemination, and utilization of knowledge and scientific evidence in the decision-making processes.</p>
<p>3. Financial implications</p> <p>(a) Total estimated cost for implementation over the lifecycle of the resolution (estimated to the nearest US\$ 10,000, including staff and activities): US\$ 40,000.00.</p> <p>(b) Estimated cost for the biennium 2008-2009 (estimated to the nearest US\$ 10,000, including staff and activities): US\$ 40,000.00.</p> <p>(c) Of the estimated cost noted in (b), what can be subsumed under existing programmed activities? All the resources will be subsumed under exiting programmed activities.</p>
<p>4. Administrative implications</p> <p>(a) Indicate the levels of the Organization at which the work will be undertaken: Director, Legal Office, PWR Brazil, Director of BIREME, with correspondent Administrative and Secretariat support.</p> <p>(b) Additional staffing requirements (indicate additional required staff full-time equivalents, noting necessary skills profile): No additional full-time staff requirements.</p> <p>(c) Time frames (indicate broad time frames for the implementation and evaluation): The legal reform of BIREME will be finished by 30 December 2009. The operation of BIREME under the new Statute is expected to be fully in place by June 2010 when the BIREME after the first meeting of the Advisory Committee and establishment of the Scientific Committee.</p>