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Review of PAHO's Collaboration with Inter-American and National NGOs in Official Relations

Introduction

1. Through resolution CESS.R1 (Revision of the Principles Governing Relations between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations), the Special Session of the Executive Committee, held on 11 January 2007, established that one of the functions of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration is to “review applications received and submit a recommendation for action by the Executive Committee. It will also periodically review collaboration with NGOs and make recommendations to the Executive Committee concerning renewal of such collaboration.”

Background

2. According to section 4.3 of the Principles, the task at hand for the Subcommittee is to review the application of new NGOs. To date, EMBARQ, the World Resource Institute Center for Sustainable Transport, has made a request to be admitted into official relations with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). The Subcommittee will also review collaboration with two NGOs which have been in official relations with the Organization for the past four years—the Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry (COLABIOCLI) and the National Alliance for Hispanic Health.

Progress Report

3. In December 2009, the Area Manager of External Relations, Resource Mobilization, and Partnerships wrote to both NGOs already in official relations with the Organization, advising them that the Subcommittee would review the collaboration between them and PAHO at their next meeting. Based on the results of the biennial collaborative workplan and activities undertaken during the four-year period under review and on the proposed workplan for the next four-year period, the Subcommittee would make a recommendation to the Executive Committee on the desirability of maintaining these relations. The NGOs in official relations were also asked to contact their technical focal points to analyze the results achieved in the previous workplan and define collaborative activities to be undertaken in the next four years.

4. Both NGOs responded before the 31 January 2010 deadline, sending a report on results achieved in the period under review, and a draft collaborative workplan for the next four years, as set forth in section 5.1 of the Principles.

5. Through Resolution CE144.R3, the Executive Committee requested that the Director “submit an annual report on relations between PAHO and the nongovernmental organizations in official relations that would allow for the evaluation of the contribution of this collaboration to the strategic objectives defined by the Organization in the Strategic Plan” (see Annex).

Proposal

6. The Pan American Sanitary Bureau requests that the Subcommittee consider this progress report. Once the reports have been reviewed and the draft collaborative workplans developed, a briefing document will be prepared for the Subcommittee’s review.

Action by the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration

7. The Subcommittee is requested to take note of the proposal made in paragraph six and instruct the Pan American Sanitary Bureau accordingly.

Annex

**DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PROGRAM, BUDGET,
AND ADMINISTRATION ON NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH PAHO SUBJECT TO REVISION**

1. This report is submitted in response to requests by the Member States serving on the Third Session of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration of the Executive Committee in March 2009 and Members serving on the 144th Session of the Executive Committee in June 2009 regarding the nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in official relations with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).
2. Among several recommendations regarding information on NGOs seeking admission into or renewal of official relations with the Organization, the Subcommittee specifically asked that the information should be more concise, standardized, and easy-to-follow. It also requested that the information clearly show how PAHO's collaboration with each NGO contributed toward achieving the strategic objectives in the Organization's Strategic Plan.
3. Through Resolution CE144.R3, the Executive Committee requested that the Director "submit an annual report on relations between PAHO and the nongovernmental organizations in official relations that would allow for the evaluation of the contribution of this collaboration to the strategic objectives defined by the Organization in the Strategic Plan 2008-2012."
4. In March 2010, the Subcommittee will be reviewing the application of a new nongovernmental organization—EMBARQ, the World Resources Institute Center for Sustainable Transport—which has requested admission into official relations with PAHO.
5. The Subcommittee will also review the renewal of official relations of two NGOs: the Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry (COLABIOCLI) and the National Alliance for Hispanic Health.
6. EMBARQ's workplan has been thoroughly discussed with the relevant technical area and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau has concluded that it reflects one of the most important priorities under the strategic objective 3 in PAHO's Strategic Plan 2008-2012.¹ The organization's workplan addresses the convergence of sustainable transportation with issues that promote good public health, such as walking and biking (promotion of

¹ PAHO Strategic Plan 2008-2012, Amended: Strategic Objective 3 (SO3): To prevent and reduce disease, disability and premature death from chronic non-communicable conditions, mental disorders, violence and injuries.

physical activity), clean air, effective public transportation, road safety, and healthy urban lifestyles. It also is clear that the activities will promote current global efforts to stop climate change.

7. The Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry, which was founded in 1973, has been in official relations with PAHO since 1988. This NGO is made up of national institutions representing clinical laboratory professionals from Latin America and Spain. COLABIOCLI is a private, international nonprofit organization with no political, racial, or religious affiliation. In the past four years, PAHO and COLABIOCLI have collaborated in actions that have significantly improved the quality of clinical laboratory services.

8. In the next four years, COLABIOCLI and PAHO have agreed to collaborate in setting up a system for managing sustainable quality in the Region's clinical laboratories and in working to strengthen the health authorities' stewardship role in the regulation, registry, and qualification/licensing of health laboratories. COLABIOCLI also has agreed to develop programs of external evaluation of the quality, education, and training. It will also promote voluntary processes of accreditation of the sector as the most effective means to improve effective implementation of a system of quality management. This collaborative plan of action will serve to help PAHO achieve strategic objective 12 in PAHO's Strategic Plan 2008-2012.²

9. The National Alliance for Hispanic Health has been in official relations with PAHO since 1996. Founded in 1973, the Alliance is the oldest and largest network of Hispanic health and human service providers in the United States of America. The Alliance's progress report demonstrates excellent collaboration between the NGO and PAHO in the past four years. As it evolves and expands, the collaboration is giving added emphasis to chronic noncommunicable disease prevention and control, which is in keeping with the priorities of PAHO/WHO and the Alliance.

10. In the next four years, the collaborative relationship between the Alliance and PAHO will expand to address prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases that target the Hispanic community in the United States. This effort will be based on PAHO's Strategic Plan for 2008-2012 and the Alliance's demonstrated capacity of successful work at the community level. Strategic approaches based on strategic objective 3 in PAHO's Strategic Plan 2008-2012 will include education and advocacy to increase awareness of risk factors for the prevention and control of chronic illnesses, promotion of public and private partnerships, and fostering the exchange of information and lessons learned to improve the delivery of culturally and linguistically appropriate health

² PAHO Strategic Plan 2008-2012, Amended: Strategic Objective 12 (SO12): To ensure improved access, quality and use of medical products and technologies.

information to Hispanic consumers. The proposed workplan dealing with noncommunicable disease prevention has been discussed with the National Alliance and has been accepted by the relevant technical area as this plan of action would serve to help PAHO achieve strategic objective 3 in PAHO's Strategic Plan 2008-2012.³

11. Supplementary information will be provided to the Subcommittee in a concise background document including the following information:

- (a) basic information on each NGO;
- (b) report on collaboration over the past four years; and
- (c) program of work for the next four years.

12. This document will be reviewed and discussed in a closed session of the Subcommittee.

13. The following table presents the schedule of reviews by the Subcommittee:

SCHEDULE OF SPBA REVIEWS OF PAHO NGOS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS (as of 26 June 2009 as per adoption of Resolution CE144.R3)				
	Date Admitted	Last Reviewed	Term	Scheduled to be Reviewed
International Organization of Consumers Unions (CI-ROLAC) Organización Internacional de Asociaciones de Consumidores (CI-ROLAC)	1996	2008	-	Discontinued
Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry Confederación Latinoamericana de Bioquímica Clínica (COLABIOCLI)	1988	2006	4	2010
Latin American Union against Sexually Transmitted Diseases Unión Latinoamericana contra las Enfermedades de Transmisión Sexual (ULACETS)	1986	2004	-	Discontinued
National Alliance for Hispanic Health and Human Services Alianza Nacional para la Salud de los Hispánicos	1996	2006	4	2010
Inter-American College of Radiology Colegio Interamericano de Radiología (ICR)	1988	2008	4	2012
Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries Asociación Latinoamericana de Industrias Farmacéuticas (ALIFAR)	2000	2008	4	2012

³ See footnote 1.

	Date Admitted	Last Reviewed	Term	Scheduled to be Reviewed
Latin American Federation of Hospitals Federación Latinoamericana de Hospitales (FLH)	1979	2008	4	2012
Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools Federación Panamericana de Asociaciones de Facultades (Escuelas) de Medicina (FEPAFEM)	1965	2008	4	2012
Pan American Federation of Nursing Professionals Federación Panamericana de Profesionales de Enfermería (FEPPEN)	1988	2008	4	2012
American Society of Microbiology (ASM) Sociedad Americana de Microbiología (SAM)	2001	2009	4	2013
Inter-American Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering Asociación Interamericana de Ingeniería Sanitaria y Ambiental (AIDIS)	1995	2009	4	2013
Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network Red de Salud de las Mujeres Latinoamericanas y del Caribe (RSMLAC)	2004	2008	4	2012
International Diabetes Federation (IDF) Federación Internacional de la Diabetes (IDF)	1996	2009	4	2013
Latin American and Caribbean Association of Public Health Education Asociación Latinoamericana y del Caribe de Educación en Salud Pública (ALAESP)	1985	2009	-	Discontinued
Latin American Federation of the Pharmaceutical Industry Federación Latinoamericana de la Industria Farmacéutica (FIFARMA)	1979	2009	4	2013
March of Dimes March of Dimes	2001	2009	4	2013
US Pharmacopeia (USP) US Pharmacopeia (USP)	1997	2009	4	2013
World Association of Sexology Asociación Mundial de Sexología	2001	2009	4	2013
Medical Confederation of Latin America and the Caribbean Confederación Médica Latinoamericana y del Caribe (COMFEMEL)	2005	2007	-	Discontinued