

## **Canada Comments on the PAHO in the 21st Century Recommendations July 20, 2005**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH GOODS**

5.1 We recommend that this be re-worded to sound consistent with other recommendations. Also, it's not clear in English version what is meant by "knowledge" ie: (knowledge management? knowledge generation? knowledge of health problems? information?)

**Suggested re-word: PAHO should undertake needs assessments in the areas of health information, health services (technologies, HR, financing), and international support to contribute to the achievement of the strategic objectives established by the countries.**

9. This paragraph seems to cover many different issues: health needs identification, promotion of best practices in cost effective interventions, multi-sector collaboration, lowering trade barriers, credit and finance incentives, monitoring. What was the original intent for this recommendation? Should we re-word into 2 or 3 separate recommendations?

10. This paragraph repeats health financing point made in paragraph 9.

### **GOVERNANCE**

Suggested Action 2.1 – we recall that the group had agreed to indicate specific timelines for the provision of documents. We suggest re-wording the paragraph as follows.

#### **Suggested re-word**

**PAHO must: ensure the early translation of documents into English, French, Spanish and Portuguese as appropriate; ensure easy access to the documents; and ensure strict adherence to the rules for the provision of all relevant background materials to member countries, associate members and observer states:**

**Pan American Sanitary Conference: at least 30 days prior to session**

**Directing Council: at least 30 days prior to session**

**Executive Committee: at least 21 days prior to session (this should also apply to SPP)**

**Ref: Basic Documents of the Pan American Health Organization, 2002, Official Document No. 308**