

US Comments on the PAHO in the 21st Century Recommendations

Under "Public Health Goods"

4.1 Recommend rewriting the recommendation to read: "PAHO will provide technical assistance for the construction of price and supplier databases of drugs, strategic inputs and health technologies."

7. This topic includes two separate items, the latter referring to "regional and subregional peace". We recommend eliminating that sentence. The latter appears out of context and without explanation as to the role of health in achieving peace. While health may be a diplomatic tool, this topic is better addressed by individual Member States than by PAHO.

9. Delete: "...while lowering unnecessary trade barriers." It is clearly outside PAHO's mandate to lower trade barriers.

Under Science and Technology

3. The word "guarantee" should be replaced with "ensure." Again, PAHO cannot guarantee access, but it can improve it.

Under Governance

1.1 - Language needs to be rewritten to be consistent. Proposed change: PAHO should engage in dialogue and consultation with Member States to PROMOTE their active participation in PAHO's activities.

2.1 Discussion focused on wanting to see the documents for ALL meetings 21 days in advance. Yet, the language here does not include a specific period of time.

5.1 The suggested action makes reference to "these three senior level posts" without clarifying which positions we are talking about.

8.1 What is the Committee 3.3.1 that is referred to??

14.1 Where did the specific suggested actions come from for this item? We do not recall agreeing to these.

18.1 We do not recall this as being part of the discussion. We were trying to move away from "flexible employment contracts".