

**REGIONAL AND GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH GOODS IN THE 21ST CENTURY AND THEIR
RELATION TO THE MANDATE OF PAHO**

(Comments from Mexico)

This document is a good beginning for discussing the Organization's role in the generation and administration of health-related global public goods. However, it is important to establish a clear distinction between the functions of international organizations (consensus building around areas of common interest, coordinated negotiations for the procurement of certain drugs and health inputs) and those related to the generation of what are properly known as global public goods (the promotion of research and technology development related to diseases of regional or global importance; the generation and dissemination of information and evidence; the development of international standards and regulations) and the control of externalities that transcend national borders through international collective action (surveillance and control of diseases that pose regional or global health threats).

In this regard, there is a need for a very specific list of global public goods in whose generation, promotion, dissemination, or coordination PAHO should be involved. Once these goods have been identified, the mechanisms for their generation, promotion, dissemination, or coordination can be discussed.
