REGIONAL AND GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH GOODS IN THE 21ST CENTURY AND THEIR RELATION TO PAHO MANDATE (Argentina)
Comments by the United States of America
(these comments pertain to the new revision of this document, not the original document)

- Under Paragraph 4, page 2: What is the source of the definition of "global public health goods"?

- Page 5, paragraph beginning "Thus, international or global health…" What is the source of the definitions of global health/international health?

- Page 5, paragraph beginning "The World Bank…" Please explain this concept further. It is not clear how the concept relates to security.

- Page 7, under "Financing Global Public Goods": it would seem that increasingly assistance is geared toward problems and not countries. For example, the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria," is disease specific. Perhaps the first sentence could be modified to reflect this.

- Page 8, first paragraph ("Furthermore, since the financing of global…") – these type of suggestions fall out of PAHO's domain and scope of work.

- Page 8, "Toward a new State" – It is not clear what the utility is of this section.

- Page 9, 13.3 and 13.4: It is not clear exactly what the paper proposes that PAHO do in support of these processes, particularly in terms of the negotiation and management of international agreements in health. We need to be careful not to suggest that PAHO undertake work that falls outside of its purview.

- Page 10, 13.10: PAHO should not be encouraged to enter into the trade debate. It is not its responsibility or mandate to create incentives and credit and financing facilities.

- Mention should be included in this section on the need for PAHO to promote health research capacity and training at national levels throughout the region in order to generate regional public health goods.

The last two comments refer to the first version of the document and may be useful

- It is unclear what strengthening the capacities of Ministries of Health technical teams to negotiate international health agreements to "guarantee timely and adequate supply of Regional Public Health Goods" means in paragraph 15.

<u>Role of PAHO/WHO in the management of Regional Public Health Goods</u> section: The initial reference (10.1) in the listing of "public health goods" usefully highlights research on public health. It will be a challenge, however, to develop a metric that would "establish the degree of contribution of this research to the development of health policies" referenced here with any accuracy.

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