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In accordance with Resolution CD44.R14 of the 44th Directing Council, an open-ended Working Group on PAHO in the 21st Century was established by the Executive Committee. As agreed during the Working Group's Fourth Meeting that took place 14 to 15 December 2004, in Brazil, the Fifth Meeting will be held from 17 to 18 February 2005, in Washington, D.C.

At the meeting in Brazil, the Working Group, after discussing a draft consolidated document on the deliberations of the Working Group, prepared by the Secretariat, decided on the next steps to be taken in the New Year, as follows:

- 17 January The following revised documents will be posted on the Group's website: "Managing Work and Education in Health" and "Science, Technology, Strategic Inputs, and Health Information," prepared by Brazil; "Scientific Research for Health in the Countries of the Latin American and Caribbean Region" prepared by Chile; and "Financial Resources for Health in the Americas," prepared by the Secretariat. Two new documents, being prepared by the Secretariat, will also be posted: "Relationships and Mechanisms of Coordination between PAHO and WHO," and "The Organizational Change Agenda of PAHO and WHO."
- 21 January Deadline for delivery of Member States' proposed recommendations on PAHO in the 21st Century.
- 21-28 January The Secretariat translates and posts the proposed recommendations on the website.
- 1 February Deadline for final comments of Member States on the documents of Brazil, Chile, and the Secretariat.
- 14 February Comments on the proposed recommendations of Member States and a revised consolidated document, prepared by the Secretariat, are posted on the website.

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Comments and contributions should be e-mailed to [paho21stcentury@paho.org](mailto:paho21stcentury@paho.org). The Group's website address is <http://stg.www.paho.org/english/gov/PAHO21stC.htm>.

At the upcoming meeting in February, the Group will review the work that is outlined above.

For your information, the Secretariat has informed me that the Regional Consultation on the WHO Eleventh General Program of Work, which is directly related to the task of the Working Group, will take place in Washington, D.C., from 14 to 16 February 2005.

A detailed agenda, as well as logistical arrangements for the fifth meeting of the Working Group, will shortly be communicated by the Director of PAHO.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jerome Walcott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial flourish.

Jerome X. Walcott, Chairman  
Working Group on PAHO  
in the 21st Century

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