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NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH PAHO

According to the *Principles Governing Relations between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations*, “The Executive Committee of PAHO will appoint three Members to the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations, whose terms will expire simultaneously with the expiration of their terms on the Executive Committee.”

The present members of the Standing Committee are Bolivia, Jamaica, and Peru.

1. Review of the Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs) in Official Relations with PAHO

Paragraph 5 of the *Principles* states, “The Standing Committee will normally review collaboration with each NGO with which PAHO has official working relations every four years and, based on the results of the biennial work plans and activities undertaken during the period under review and on the proposed work plan for the next four-year period, shall make a recommendation to the Executive Committee on the desirability of maintaining these relations.”

PAHO has official relations with 17 NGOs. Four of those are subject to review in 2002. Accordingly, the Standing Committee will review the following NGOs at its meeting in June and recommend to the Executive Committee, in each case, the continuation, or discontinuation of official relations:

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- International Organization of Consumers Unions (CI-ROLAC)
- Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry (COLABIOCLI)
- Latin American Union Against Sexually Transmitted Diseases (ULACETS)
- National Coalition of Hispanic Health and Human Services Organizations (COSSMHO), renamed the National Alliance for Hispanic Health

All of the NGOs mentioned above were granted less than the full four-year extension of official relations in previous meetings of the Standing Committee, in order to allow them time to prepare a satisfactory report on their collaborative activities with PAHO, as well as a proposed work plan for the next four-year period.

2. Applications Received

Paragraph 4.3 of the *Principles* states that during the June session of the Executive Committee, the Standing Committee will consider applications submitted by NGOs (in accordance with the criteria established in the *Principles*) and will make recommendations thereon to the Executive Committee.

Documentation was completed for the following applicant by 31 January 2002, the deadline for applications to be considered in 2002:

- InterAmerican Heart Foundation (IAHF)

The Standing Committee will consider this application at its June meeting and will make a recommendation thereon to the Executive Committee.