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Provisional Agenda Item 3.3

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NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs) IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH PAHO

Report of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration

Applications for Admittance into Official Working Relations with PAHO

1. Section 4.3 of the *Principles Governing Relations between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations* states that, "During the March session, the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration will consider applications submitted by NGOs and will make recommendations thereon to the Executive Committee. It may invite a representative of the NGOs to speak before it in connection with the NGO's application. Should the applicant NGO be considered not to meet the established criteria, and bearing in mind the desirability of ensuring a valuable continuing partnership based on defined objectives and evidenced by a record of successful past collaboration and a framework for future collaborative activities, the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration may recommend postponement of consideration or rejection of an application."
2. This year, the Director did not have any applications to submit for the Subcommittee's consideration.

Review of the NGOs in Official Relations with PAHO

3. The Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration, composed of the Representatives of Bolivia, Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United States of America considered the background paper prepared by the Bureau, containing a profile of the NGOs in official relations with PAHO, and a history of its collaborative activities with PAHO.

4. Section 5 of the *Principles Governing Relations between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations* requires that, “The Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration 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.”

5. The Director submitted to the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration a report on seven of eight inter-American, nongovernmental organizations whose relations with PAHO were due for the four-year review. The information submitted by the NGOs in support of their applications for continuation of official formal relations, together with the Director's analysis, were made available to the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration.

6. The eight NGOs in question are:

- the American Society of Microbiology (ASM),
- the Inter-American Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering (AIDIS),
- the International Diabetes Federation (IDF),
- the Latin American and Caribbean Association of Public Health Education (ALAESPE),
- the Federación Latinoamericana de la Industria Farmacéutica (FIFARMA),
- the March of Dimes Foundation (MOD),
- the U.S. Pharmacopeia (USP), and
- the World Association for Sexual Health (WASH).

7. In light of the fact that the Bureau received no collaborative work plan from the Latin American and Caribbean Association of Public Health Education (ALAESPE), the technical area and the NGO mutually agreed not to recommend continuing official relations due to a decline in collaborative activities in recent years. ALAESPE has decided to develop a new four year collaborative plan of action for 2010-2013, and plans to re-submit its application to enter into official relations with PAHO in January 2010. The Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration decided to recommend to the Executive Committee that official relations with ALAESPE be discontinued.

8. Concerning the other seven NGOs in question, the Subcommittee recommends to the Executive Committee that these official relations be maintained through 2013.

Action by the Executive Committee

9. In light of the above, the Subcommittee proposes to the Executive Committee that it adopt the proposed resolution in Annex B.

Annexes



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Annex A

ANALYTICAL FORM TO LINK AGENDA ITEM WITH ORGANIZATIONAL AREAS

1. Agenda item: 3.3. NGOs in Official Relations with PAHO

2. Responsible unit: DD/ERP

3. Preparing officer: James Hill

4. List of collaborating centers and national institutions linked to this Agenda item: N.A.

5. Link between Agenda item and Health Agenda for the Americas 2008-2017:

Yes, this concerns continuing relations with seven out of eight NGOs in official relations with PAHO and all of the collaborative work plans must be relevant to both the Health Agenda for the Americas as well as PAHO's Strategic Plan. In fact, this part of the criteria used by the SPBA in making a recommendation to the Executive Committee.

6. Link between Agenda item and Strategic Plan 2008-2012:

Yes

7. Best practices in this area and examples from countries within the Region of the Americas:

This concerns continuing relations with seven out of eight NGOs in official relations with PAHO.

8. Financial implications of Agenda this item:

The collaborative work plans of NGOs in official relations with PAHO is financed out of the approved budget of the technical area concerned or the budget of the NGO. In brief, there are no financial implications over and above the approved Biennial Work Plan.



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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

REVIEW OF NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH PAHO

THE 144th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the report of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration (Document CE144/6); and

Mindful of the provisions of the *Principles Governing Relations between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations* (Resolution CESS.R1, January 2007),

RESOLVES:

1. To continue official relations between PAHO and the American Society of Microbiology (ASM), the Inter-American Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering (AIDIS), the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), the Latin American Federation of the Pharmaceutical Industry (FIFARMA), the March of Dimes Foundation (MOD), the U.S. Pharmacopeia (USP), and the World Association for Sexual Health (WAS).
2. To discontinue official relations between PAHO and the Latin American and Caribbean Association of Public Health Education (ALAESPE).
3. To request the Director to:
 - (a) advise the respective NGOs of the decisions taken by the Executive Committee;

- (b) continue developing dynamic working relations with inter-American NGOs of interest to the Organization in areas which fall within the program priorities that the Governing Bodies have adopted for PAHO; and
- (c) continue fostering relationships between Member States and NGOs working in the field of health.



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**Report on the Financial and Administrative Implications
for the Secretariat of the Resolution Proposed for Adoption**

1. Agenda item: 3.3. NGOs in Official Relations with PAHO.
2. Linkage to Program Budget 2008-2009: (a) Area of work: This resolution concerns continuing relations with seven out of eight NGOs in official relations with PAHO and all of their collaborative work plans must be relevant to one of the areas of work or strategic objectives of PAHO's Strategic Plan. (b) Expected result: Various – please refer to the NGO Background document for details.
3. Financial implications (a) Total estimated cost for implementation over the lifecycle of the resolution (estimated to the nearest US\$ 10,000, including staff and activities): N.A. (b) Estimated cost for the biennium 2008-2009 (estimated to the nearest US\$ 10,000, including staff and activities): N.A. (c) Of the estimated cost noted in (b), what can be subsumed under existing programmed activities? All.
4. Administrative implications (a) Indicate the levels of the Organization at which the work will be undertaken: At country level depending on the NGO. (b) Additional staffing requirements (indicate additional required staff full-time equivalents, noting necessary skills profile): None. (c) Time frames (indicate broad time frames for the implementation and evaluation): According to workplans.