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A. 65th WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

1. The 65th World Health Assembly of the World Health Organization (WHO) was held on 21-26 May 2012 in Geneva (Switzerland), and attended by representatives and delegates from 194 Member States. Professor Thérèse N'Dri-Yoman, Minister of Health and AIDS Control of Ivory Coast, occupied the Presidency of the Assembly. Five countries served as vice-presidents: Afghanistan, Indonesia, Solomon Islands, Paraguay, and the Republic of Moldova, in representation of their respective regions.

2. At the opening of the Assembly, Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of WHO, highlighted the enormous achievements in health that the countries have made in recent decades. She noted that many describe the first decade of the 21st century as “the golden age for health development” since, for the first time, health moved to the top of the socioeconomic development agenda thanks in part to the report that was prepared on macroeconomics and health. She stressed that despite the uncertain future of the world economy, the achievements that have been made suggest that this unprecedented momentum will continue and that the best days for public health are still ahead of us.

3. She highlighted the progress made in certain countries, in particular the BRICS group—Brazil, the Russian Federation, India, China, and South Africa—remarking that “These countries have become the biggest suppliers of essential medicines, in affordable generic form, to the great benefit of the developing world. BRICS countries also offer an alternative model for health development, including technology transfer, based more on equal partnerships than on the traditional donor-recipient model.”

4. She drew attention to the need to provide guidance and advice for the effective implementation of the International Health Regulations and she pointed out the need to get back to the basics, like primary health care, access to essential medicines, and universal coverage. The Assembly nominated the Director-General to a second term as head of WHO. Dr. Chan underscored that the foremost challenge in the next five years will be to direct WHO in such a way as to keep up the unprecedented momentum for better health that marked the start of this century.

5. The Committee on Credentials, comprised of the delegates of 9 Member States, was appointed, with Mexico and Guyana serving as representatives for the Region of the Americas.

6. The agenda of the Assembly contained 20 general items, the majority of them related to technical and health matters, and the rest to administrative, budgetary, and institutional matters. As on previous occasions, these matters were addressed in the committees and the plenary. The World Health Assembly adopted 23 resolutions and made 11 decisions, as shown in Table 1.

7. The full versions of these resolutions and decisions, along with other documents related to the World Health Assembly, can be consulted on the WHO website: http://apps.who.int/gb/e/e_wha65.html.

8. Tables 1 and 2 attached contain a summary of the resolutions adopted and the related PAHO resolutions.

Other Matters: Executive Board

9. The 131st Session of the Executive Board took place on 28 and 29 May. Dr. Joy Saint John, Director General of Health of Barbados was Chair of the Executive Board. Cuba, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, and the United States of America were the remaining members of the Region.

10. The agenda of the 131st Session of the Executive Board included 11 items, chief among them the WHO reform, the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits, and radiation protection and safety of radiation sources. The Board made nine decisions and adopted two resolutions during this session.

11. Finally, the Board took note of the reports submitted and approved the date and location of the 66th World Health Assembly, among other matters. It was agreed that the 66th World Health Assembly would be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from 20 May 2013 to 28 May 2013 at the latest. The Board also decided to hold its 132nd session at WHO headquarters, Geneva, from Monday, 21 January 2013 to Tuesday, 29 January 2013 at the latest. The Executive Board's Programme, Budget, and Administration Committee will hold a special session on 6-7 December 2012, in order to work on aspects of the reform that were still pending from the World Health Assembly, relating to the transparency, predictability, and flexibility of WHO financing and to matters raised in the regional committees concerning the Organization's Twelfth General Programme of Work. This Committee will hold its 17th session on 17-18 January 2013, at WHO headquarters, and its 18th session on 15-16 May 2013, at WHO headquarters in Geneva.

12. The complete versions of these reports, as well as other related documents can be consulted on the WHO website: http://apps.who.int/gb/e/e_eb131.html

Action by the Executive Committee

13. The Executive Committee is requested to take note of these resolutions and consider their implications for the Region of the Americas.

Table 1: Technical and Health Policy Matters

Resolution	Items (and Reference Documents)	PAHO Resolutions and Documents
<p>Strengthening noncommunicable disease policies to promote active ageing WHA65.3</p>	<p>Strengthening noncommunicable disease policies to promote active ageing A65/6 A65/6, Add. 1 EB130/6 EB130/7 EB130/8 EB130.R6</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiovascular Disease, Especially Hypertension, CD42.R9 (2000) • Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, CD43.R12 (2001) • Disability: Prevention and Rehabilitation in the Context of the Right to the Enjoyment of the Highest Attainable Standard of Physical and Mental Health and Other Related Rights, CD47.R1(2006) • Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet, Physical Activity, and Health, CD47.R9 (2006) • Public Health Response to Chronic Diseases, CSP26.R15 (2002) • Health and Aging CSP26.R20(2002) • Population-based and Individual Approaches to the Prevention and Management of Diabetes and Obesity, CD48.R9 (2008) • Plan of Action on the Health of Older Persons including Active and Healthy Aging, CD49.R15(2009) • Strengthening the Capacity of Member States to Implement the Provisions and Guidelines of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control CD50.R6(2010)
<p>The global burden of mental disorders and the need for a comprehensive, coordinated response from health and social sectors at the country level WHA65.4</p>	<p>The global burden of mental disorders and the need for a comprehensive, coordinated response from health and social sectors at the country level A65/10 EB130/9 EB130.R8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health, CD43.R10(2001) • Disability: Prevention and Rehabilitation in the Context of the Right to the Enjoyment of the Highest Attainable Standard of Physical and Mental Health and Other Related Rights, CD47.R1(2006) • Strategy and Plan of Action on Mental Health, CD49.R17(2009) • Plan of Action on Psychoactive Substance Use and Public Health, CD51.R7 (2011)

Resolution	Items (and Reference Documents)	PAHO Resolutions and Documents
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy and Plan of Action on Epilepsy, CD51.R8(2011)
<p>Poliomyelitis: intensification of the global eradication initiative WHA65.5</p>	<p>Poliomyelitis: intensification of the global eradication initiative A65/20 EB130/19 EB130.R10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccines and Immunization, CD42.R8(2000). • Vaccines and Immunization, CD43.R1(2001) • Sustaining Immunization Programs - Elimination of Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome (CRS), CD44.R1(2003) • Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) and its Contribution to Child Survival in the Attainment of the Millennium Development Goals, CD44/12(2003) • Regional Strategy for Sustaining National Immunization Programs in the Americas, CD47.R10(2006) • Strengthening Immunization Programs CD50.R5(2010) • Vaccines and Immunization, CSP25/R11 (1998) • Vaccines and immunization, CSP26.R9(2002) • Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI), CSP26.R10(2002)

Resolution	Items (and Reference Documents)	PAHO Resolutions and Documents
Maternal, infant and young child nutrition WHA65.6	Maternal, infant and young child nutrition A65/11 EB130/10 EB130/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infant and Young Child Nutrition CD42/31(2000) • Child Health, CD42.R12 (2000) • Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) and its Contribution to Child Survival in the Attainment of the Millennium Development Goals, CD44/12(2003) • Millennium Development Goals and Health Targets, CD45.R3(2004) • Neonatal Health in the Context of Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health for the Attainment of the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration CD47/R19 (2006) • Strategy and Regional Plan of Action on Nutrition in Health and Development. CD47.R8(2006) • Regional Strategy and Plan of Action for Neonatal Health Within the Continuum of Maternal, Newborn, and Child Care, CD48.R4, Rev. 1(2008) • Strategy and Plan of Action for the Reduction of Chronic Malnutrition CD50.R11(2010) • Plan of Action to Accelerate the Reduction in Maternal Mortality and Serious Maternal Morbidity CD51.R12 (2011) • Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI), CSP26.R10(2002) • Regional Strategy for Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Reduction, CSP26.R13(2002)
Implementation of the recommendations of the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health WHA65.7	Implementation of the recommendations of the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health A65/15 EB130/14 EB130.R3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Millennium Development Goals and Health Targets, CD45.R3(2004) • Neonatal Health in the Context of Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health for the Attainment of the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration CD47/R19(2006) • Regional Strategy and Plan of Action

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		<p>for Neonatal Health Within the Continuum of Maternal, Newborn, and Child Care, CD48.R4, Rev. 1(2008)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan of Action to Accelerate the Reduction in Maternal Mortality and Serious Maternal Morbidity CD51.R12 (2011)
<p>Outcome of the World Conference on Social Determinants of Health WHA65.8</p>	<p>Outcome of the World Conference on Social Determinants of Health A65/16 EB130/15 EB130.R11</p>	<p>Panel on primary health care: addressing health determinants and strengthening health systems. Summary of the Panel on primary health care: addressing health determinants and strengthening health systems CD48/14, Rev. 1(2008); CD48/14, Add I (2008); CD48/14, Add. I, Corrig.(2008); CD48/14, Add. II (2008); CD48/14, Add. II Corrig.(2008)</p>
<p>Global vaccine action plan WHA65.17</p>	<p>Global vaccine action plan A65/22 EB130/21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccines and immunization, CD42.R8(2000) • Vaccines and Immunization, CD43.R1(2001) • Sustaining Immunization Programs - Elimination of Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome (CRS), CD44.R1(2003) • Regional Strategy for Sustaining National Immunization Programs in the Americas, CD47.R10(2006) • Strengthening Immunization Programs CD50.R5(2010) • Vaccines and Immunization, CSP25/R11(1998) • Vaccines and immunization, CSP26.R9(2002)
<p>World Immunization Week WHA65.18</p>	<p>World Immunization Week A65/22 EB130/21 EB130.R12</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccines and Immunization, CD42.R8(2000) • Vaccines and Immunization, CD43.R1(2001) • Sustaining Immunization Programs - Elimination of Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome (CRS),

Resolution	Items (and Reference Documents)	PAHO Resolutions and Documents
		<p>CD44.R1(2003)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Strategy for Sustaining National Immunization Programs in the Americas, CD47.R10(2006) Strengthening Immunization Programs CD50.R5(2010) Vaccines and Immunization, CSP25/R11(1998) Vaccines and immunization, CSP26.R9(2002)
<p>Substandard/spurious/ falsely-labelled/ falsified/counterfeit medical products WHA65.19</p>	<p>Substandard/spurious/ falsely-labelled/falsified/counterfeit medical products A65/23 EB130/22 EB130.R13</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to Medicines, CD45.R7(2004) Public Health, Health Research, Production, and Access to Essential Medicines, CD47.R7(2006) Public Health, Innovation, and Intellectual Property: A Regional Perspective, CD48.R15 (2008) Strengthening National Regulatory Authorities for Medicines and Biologicals, CD50.R9(2010)
<p>WHO's response, and role as the health cluster lead, in meeting the growing demands of health in humanitarian emergencies WHA65.20</p>	<p>WHO's response, and role as the health cluster lead, in meeting the growing demands of health in humanitarian emergencies A65/25 EB130/24 EB130.R14</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on Reducing the Impact of Disasters on Health Facilities, CD45/27 (2004) Progress Report on National and Regional Health Disaster Preparedness and Response, CD47/INF/4 (2006) Roundtable on Safe Hospitals, CD49/22 (2009) Report on the Roundtable on Safe Hospitals: A Goal within Our Reach, CD49/22, Add. I (2009) Plan of Action on Safe Hospitals, CD50.R15 (2010) Safe Hospitals: A Regional Initiative on Disaster-Resilient Health Facilities, CSP27.R14 (2007)
<p>Elimination of schistosomiasis WHA65.21</p>	<p>Elimination of schistosomiasis A65/21 EB130/20 EB130.R9</p>	<p>Elimination of neglected diseases and other poverty-related infections, CD49.R19(2009)</p>
<p>Follow up of the Report of the Consultative Expert Working</p>	<p>Follow up of the Report of the Consultative Expert Working</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy on Research for Health, CD49.R10(2009)

Resolution	Items (and Reference Documents)	PAHO Resolutions and Documents
Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination WHA65.22	Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination A65/24, Annex and Corr. 1 EB130/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health, Innovation, and Intellectual Property: A Regional Perspective, CD48.R15(2008)
Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) WHA65.23	Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) A65/17 and A65/17 Add. 1 EB130/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Health Regulations, CD43.R13(2001) Progress Report on Technical Matters: International Health Regulations (includes the report on the [H1N1] Pandemic 2009), CD49/INF/2, Rev.1(2009) Progress Report on Technical Matters: Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)CD50/INF/6(2010) International Health Security: Implementing the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005), CSP27.R13 (2007).

Table 2: Administrative and Budgetary Matters

Resolution	Items (and Reference Documents)	PAHO Resolutions and Documents
Appointment of the Director-General WHA65.1	Appointment of the Director-General A65/INF.DOC./1 EB130/3 EB130.R4	
Election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization: report of the working group WHA65.15	Election of the Director-General of the World Health Organization: report of the working group A65/38 EB130/29 Corr.1	Process for the Election of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the Nomination of the Regional Director of the World Health Organization for the Americas CE150/INF/1

B. SUBREGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

1. This document presents the main resolutions and agreements of interest to the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Health Organization adopted in different intergovernmental regional and subregional entities linked with health.

(a) Ibero-America

- *Ibero-American Summits: Ibero-American Conference of Ministers of Health*

(b) Central America

- *Central American Integration System (SICA): Council of Central American Ministers of Health (COMISCA)*
- *Council Women Ministers for Central American Women (COMMCA)*
- *Special Meeting of the Health Sector of Central America and the Dominican Republic (RESSCAD)*

(c) Caribbean

- *Caribbean Community (CARICOM): Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD)*

(d) South America

- *Andean Community of Nations: Andean Health Agency/Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS/CONHU)*
- *Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR): Working Subgroup No. 11/Health (SGT 11)*
- *Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO): New ACTO Strategic Agenda 2012-2020: Regional Health Action*
- *Union of South American Nations (UNASUR): South American Health Council*

2. Resolutions and agreements of interest to the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Health Organization and related to its work as the specialized health agency of the Inter-American System have been selected.

Action by the Executive Committee

3. The Executive Committee is invited to take note of this report.

Resolutions and agreements on health matters approved by subregional integration¹ agencies and related to PAHO activities

(a) *Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB)*

Every year, several sectoral meetings are held prior to the Presidential Summit. In the case of health, that meeting is the Ibero-American Conference of Ministers of Health, which issues a declaration and submits a series of paragraphs for consideration by the Heads of State and Government for inclusion in the final presidential declaration that is adopted. The most recent of these meetings, the XIII Ibero-American Conference of Ministers of Health, was held in June 2011 in Paraguay, the country that held the Presidency *pro tempore* that year. In October 2011, the XXI Summit of Heads of State and Government was also held in Paraguay.

In 2012, the XXII Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government of Ibero-America will take place on 16-17 November in Cádiz, Spain. The theme of the Summit is “The Bicentennial of the Cádiz Constitution: Renewing relations.” An Ibero-American Conference of Ministers of Health has not been programmed for 2012.

(b) *Central American Integration System (SICA)*

The Council of Central American Ministers of Health and the Dominican Republic (COMISCA) of the Central American Integration System (SICA) meets in regular sessions twice the year in the countries that hold the presidency *pro tempore*. The last meeting of COMISCA (XXXV Regular Meeting of COMISCA, 1-2 December) was held in El Salvador, the country that held the presidency *pro tempore* during the second half of 2011. The Ministers and Ministries of Health participate in this forum. PAHO/WHO participates in the regular meetings of the Council by invitation of the Executive Secretariat of COMISCA as the lead agency in health matters in the Region and because of the technical assistance it provides in the thematic Technical Commissions (Technical Commission on Pharmaceuticals, Human Resources, Chronic Noncommunicable Diseases, and cancer; Technical Commission on Surveillance in Health and Information Systems and the Regional Coordinating Mechanism on HIV/AIDS). Furthermore, PAHO/WHO has a permanent representative on the Executive Committee for Implementation of the Agenda and Health Plan of Central America and the Dominican Republic (CEIP) and on the Advisory Committee of the Technical Commission on Surveillance in Health and Information Systems.

¹ The meetings considered are those held within the framework of the subregional bodies linked with health from June 2011 to May 2012.

Link to information on COMISCA:

<http://www.sica.int/busqueda/Noticias.aspx?IDItem=64580&IDCat=3&IdEnt=143&Idm=1IdmStyle=1>

Central American Integration System XXXV Regular Meeting of the Council of Central American Ministers of Health San Salvador (El Salvador), 1-2 December 2011	
Items approved by COMISCA	Relation to PAHO activities
Chronic kidney disease	Linked with the technical program on chronic diseases.
Chronic diseases and cancer	Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet and Physical Activity, and Health, (Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]). Report on the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (Information Document CD51/INF/4, 2011).
Access to medicines	Linked with the Strategic Fund and the technical program on Essential Medicines and Health Technologies.
Gender and health	Linked with the Plan of Action for Implementing the Gender Equality Policy (Resolution CD49.R12 [2009]).
Nutrition and Food Security (NFS)	Linked with the Pan American Alliance for Nutrition and Development.
Regional Coordinating Mechanism of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS (as technical advisory body to COMISCA on HIV)	Linked with the technical program on HIV/AIDS.
Human Resources Development	Linked with the technical program on Human Resources Development for Health. Regional Observatory of Human Resources for Health.
Health Information and Surveillance Systems–COTEVISI	Linked with the Regional Plan of Action for Strengthening Vital and Health Statistics (Resolution CD48.R6 [2008]).
Health Research	Linked with the research and health area, EVIPNet.

Central American Integration System XXXV Regular Meeting of the Council of Central American Ministers of Health San Salvador (El Salvador), 1-2 December 2011	
Items approved by COMISCA	Relation to PAHO activities
PATH - New technologies for preventing and impacting priority public health problems in Central America: the experience with cervical cancer screening.	Linked with the technical program on chronic diseases. Linked with the Plan of Action to Accelerate the Reduction in Maternal Mortality and Severe Maternal Morbidity (Resolution CD51.R12, [2011]).
Monitoring and evaluation system for regional health processes	Linked with the country support team that coordinates subregional cooperation.
Regional HIV laboratory Framework agreement between SICA and the Gorgas Commemorative Institute for Health Studies	Linked with the technical program on health and laboratory services and the technical program on HIV. Linked with Strengthening National Regulatory Authorities for Medicines and Biologicals (Resolution CD50.R9 [2010]).
Mesoamerican Public Health System	Linked with PAHO's subregional work program with Central America and the Health Plan for Central America and the Dominican Republic 2010-2015.

(c) ***Special Meeting of the Health Sector of Central America and the Dominican Republic (RESSCAD)***

Another forum in which the Ministers of Health of Central America and the Dominican Republic participate along with the social security and water and sanitation institutions and where health sector issues are discussed is the Special Meeting of the Health Sector of Central America and the Dominican Republic (RESSCAD). PAHO serves as the Technical Secretariat for this forum. Meetings are held once a year, the last one in Panama in 2011. The XXVIII RESSCAD has been scheduled for 5-6 July 2012 in the Dominican Republic.

<http://new.paho.org/resscad/>

RESSCAD	
XXVII Special Meeting of the Health Sector of Central America and the Dominican Republic Panama (Panama), 5-7 October 2011 “Financing Health Systems: The Road to Universal Coverage”	
Agreements adopted by RESSCAD	Relation to PAHO activities
PAN XXVII RESSCAD 1 Chronic diseases: challenges for implementation of the policy declaration of the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Non-communicable diseases	Regional Strategy and Plan of Action for an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet and Physical Activity, and Health (Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]). Pan American Forum for Action on NCDs (2012). Report on the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (Information Document CD51/INF/4 [2011]).
PAN XXVII RESSCAD 2 Implementation of the Health Plan for Central America and the Dominican Republic	Linked with PAHO’s subregional work program with Central America. Linked with the work program of the External Relations, Resource Mobilization, and Partnerships Area.
PAN XXVII RESSCAD 3 Measles situation	Linked with the Integrated Surveillance Information System for Vaccine-preventable Diseases (ISIS). Linked with the technical program on immunization. Strengthening Immunization Programs (Resolution CD50.R5 [2010]).
PAN XXVII RESSCAD 4 Implementation of the International Health Regulations (IHR)	Linked with the technical program on Health Surveillance, Disease Prevention and Control. Information document on the Implementation of the International Health Regulations (Information Document CD51/INF/5–D [2011]).
PAN XXVII RESSCAD 5 Drinking water and sanitation coverage	Linked with the technical program on Sustainable Development and Environmental Health.
PAN XXVII RESSCAD 6 Social security in the Central American and Dominican Republic integration process	Linked with strategies promoted by the Organization for the analysis of health systems and services, health economics, financing, and the extension of social protection in health. Linked with the Strategy for Health Personnel Competency Development in Primary Health Care-based Health Systems, (Resolution CD50.R7 [2010]).

(d) Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

Within the framework of CARICOM, the Ministers of Health meet in regular sessions in the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD). The last regular meeting was held in February of this year in Guyana. A special meeting of COHSOD was subsequently held in Saint Lucia on 27-28 April. PAHO participates in this forum as the technical advisory agency on health and offers its facilities for the meetings of the Caucus of Caribbean Community Ministers of Health, whose Secretariat it shares with CARICOM and partners from Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA). The last meeting of the Caucus was held on 24-25 September 2011, in Washington, D.C.

CARICOM Twenty-second Meeting of the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD) Georgetown (Guyana), 2-3 February 2012 “Culture, Youth, and Sport”	
Main items addressed by COHSOD	Relation to PAHO activities
Chronic non-communicable diseases	<p>Pan American Forum for Action on NCDs (2012).</p> <p>Report on the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (Information Document CD51.INF/4 [2011]).</p> <p>Linked with the Regional Strategy and Plan of Action for an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet, Physical Activity, and Health (Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]).</p>
Sport and tourism	Linked with the technical program on health promotion.
Caribbean Community Crime Prevention and Social Development Action Plan	<p>Linked with Health and Human Rights (Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]) and with Health, Human Security, and Well-being (Resolution CD50.R16 [2010]).</p> <p>Linked with the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the OAS and PAHO to cooperate in reducing the demand for illicit drugs in the countries of the Americas (May 2012).</p>

Youth	<p>Linked with the technical programs on health promotion and adolescent health.</p> <p>Linked with the Regional Strategy and Plan of Action for an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet, Physical Activity, and Health (Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]).</p> <p>Linked with the Strategy and Plan of Action on Adolescent and Youth Health (Resolution CD49.R14 [2009]).</p>
Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)	Linked with PAHO's subregional work program with the Caribbean, especially CAREC and CFNI.

<p style="text-align: center;">CARICOM Special Meeting of the Council for Human and Social Development (COHSOD) Saint Lucia, 27-28 April 2012</p>	
Main items addressed	Relation to PAHO activities
<p>Sustainability of national responses to HIV</p> <p>Integration of HIV services into primary health care</p> <p>PANCAP response to the results of the United Nations High-level Meeting on HIV and AIDS</p> <p>Elimination of vertical transmission of HIV and congenital syphilis</p>	<p>Linked with the technical program on HIV.</p> <p>Linked with the Program for Health Surveillance, Disease Prevention and Control.</p> <p>Linked with the Strategy and Plan of Action for the Elimination of Mother-to-child Transmission of HIV and Congenital Syphilis. (Resolution CD50. R12 [2010]).</p>
Regional laboratory networks and standards	Linked with the technical program on health and laboratory services.
Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) (Human resources, financial matters, development, research, laboratory issues, social marketing, and resource mobilization plan)	Linked with PAHO's subregional work program with the Caribbean, especially CAREC and CFNI.

CARICOM XX Meeting of the Caucus of Caribbean Community Ministers of Health Washington. D.C., PAHO Headquarters, 24-25 September 2011	
Items addressed	Relation to PAHO activities
CARPHA	Linked with PAHO's subregional work program with the Caribbean, especially CAREC and CFNI.
Noncommunicable diseases	<p>Pan American Forum for Action on NCDs (2012).</p> <p>Report on the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases (Document CD51.INF/4 [2011]).</p> <p>Linked with the regional Strategy and Plan of Action for an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet, Physical Activity, and Health (Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]).</p>
HIV/AIDS	Linked with the technical program on HIV.
Development of Human Resources for Health (Registration of nurses, regional registration of physicians, CHART report)	<p>Linked with the technical program for the development of human resources for health.</p> <p>Regional Observatory of Human Resources in Health.</p>
Pneumococcal and human papillomavirus vaccines in CARICOM	<p>Linked with the technical program on immunization.</p> <p>Linked with technical program on chronic diseases, including cancer.</p> <p>Report on the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases (Information document CD51/INF/4 (2011).</p> <p>Regional Strategy and Plan of Action for an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet, Physical Activity, and Health (Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]).</p> <p>Linked with the information document Immunization: Challenges and Outlook (CD51/INF/5-A 2011).</p> <p>Linked with the resolution Strengthening Immunization Programs (CD50.R5 [2010]).</p>

CARICOM	
XX Meeting of the Caucus of Caribbean Community Ministers of Health Washington. D.C., PAHO Headquarters, 24-25 September 2011	
Items addressed	Relation to PAHO activities
Implementation of the IHR in the English-speaking and Dutch Caribbean	Linked with the technical program on Health Surveillance, Disease Prevention and Control. Information document on Implementation of the International Health Regulations (CD51/INF/5-D [2011]).
Violence prevention	Linked with health and human rights (Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]) and with health, human security, and well-being (Resolution CD50.R16 [2010]). Linked with the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the OAS and PAHO to cooperate in reducing the demand for illicit drugs in the countries of the Americas. (May 2012).

(e) ***Andean Community of Nations (CAN)***

Within the framework of the Andean Community of Nations, the Ministers of Health of the Andean Area meet in regular sessions once a year and also hold special meetings. The Andean Health Agency/Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS/CONHU) serves as Technical Secretariat for the Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Andean Area (REMSAA). The last gathering of REMSAA was a special meeting (XXVI Special REMSAA, Lima, Peru, 6-7 December 2011). PAHO participates in these meetings as the technical advisory agency on health.

Link to information on REMSAA:

<http://www.orasconhu.org/remsa/resoluciones-7>

Andean Community of Nations Andean Health Agency/Hipólito Unanue Agreement (ORAS-CONHU) XXVI Special Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Andean Area (REMSAA) Lima, Peru, 6-7 December 2011	
Resolutions adopted	Relation to PAHO activities
REMSAA XXVI-1: Andean border health plan	Linked with technical program on subregional cooperation in health.
REMSAA XXVI-2: Prevention, control, and management of noncommunicable diseases	Regional Strategy and Plan of Action for an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet, Physical Activity, and Health (Resolution CD47.R9 [2006]). Report on the United Nations High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases (Information Document CD51/INF/4 [2011]).
REMSAA XXVI-3: Prevention of adolescent pregnancy	Linked with the Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on Adolescent and Youth Health 2010-2018.
REMSAA XXVI-4: Intercultural health	Linked with Health and Human Rights (Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]) and with Health, Human Security, and Well-being (Resolution CD50.R16 [2010]).
REMSAA XXVI-5 People of African descent	Linked with the technical program on cultural diversity and health. Linked with Health and Human Rights (Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]).
REMSAA XXVI-6: Prevention and control of hepatitis B, syphilis, HIV, and other sexually transmitted infections	Linked with the Strategy and Plan of Action for the Elimination of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV and Congenital Syphilis. (Resolution CD50.R12 [2010]). Linked with the Program for Health Surveillance, Disease Prevention and Control.
REMSAA XXVI-7: Andean pharmaceutical policy: ethical criteria for drug promotion, advertising, and surveillance	Linked with the Initiative for Strengthening National Regulatory Authorities for Medicines and Biologicals (Resolution CD50.R9 [2010]). Linked with the progress report on the Global Strategy and Plan of Action on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property (Information Document CD51/INF/5-B [2011]).
REMSAA XXVI-8: Andean Network for Health Technology Assessment	Regional Platform on Access and Innovation for Health (2012). Linked with the subregional work program for South America.

(f) *Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR)*

In this area, it should be noted that the SGT 11 meetings adopt resolutions that are then submitted for the consideration of the Common Market Group (GMC), discuss proposed resolutions that are sent for internal consultation, and analyze resolutions that constitute recommendations in each Commission of the SGT 11 (the Commission on Health Care, the Commission on Health Products, and the Commission on Health Surveillance, in addition to the resolutions on national coordination). In general, these are issues related to regulation and the harmonization of standards. PAHO participates in its capacity as the technical advisory agency on health. The latest of these meetings, the XXXVIII Regular Meeting of Working Subgroup No. 11, "Health," was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 17-20 April 2012. On that occasion, the following resolutions submitted for the consideration of the GMC were adopted:

- 1) Res. 02/08 Health technology assessment request form
- 2) Res. 02/11 MERCOSUR Technical Regulation on good manufacturing practices for home health care products
- 3) Res.1/12 MERCOSUR Technical Regulation on the list of permissible colorants for personal hygiene and cosmetic products and perfumes.
- 4) Res.03/12 MERCOSUR health professions

Furthermore, regular sessions of the meetings of MERCOSUR ministers of health are also held at least twice a year (one under each presidency *pro tempore*). The XXXI Meeting of MERCOSUR Ministers of Health (RMS) was held on 7 December 2011 in Montevideo, Uruguay. The next RMS is programmed for 7 June 2012 in Mendoza Province, Argentina.

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Agreements approved	Relation to PAHO activities
MERCOSUR/RMS/Acuerto 10/11 Strengthening actions in the MERCOSUR region on the social determinants of health	<p>Linked with the technical program on Sustainable Development and Environmental Health and with activities of the program on Health Promotion.</p> <p>Linked with the Faces, Voices, and Places Initiative.</p> <p>Linked with the World Conference on the Social Determinants of Health (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, October 2011) and the Regional Consultation on Social Determinants of Health (Costa Rica, August 2011).</p>
MERCOSUR/RMS/Acuerto 11/11 Responsible use of alcohol in MERCOSUR	<p>Linked with the program on alcohol and substance abuse.</p> <p>Linked with Plan of Action to Reduce the Harmful Use of Alcohol (Resolution CD51.R14).</p>
MERCOSUR/RMS/Agree 12/11 Signing of the Epidemiological Surveillance Report of the Intergovernmental Commission on HIV/AIDS of MERCOSUR and Associated States	Linked with the Regional Initiative for the Elimination of Mother-to-child Transmission of HIV and Congenital Syphilis (Resolution CD50.R12 2010).
MERCOSUR/RMS/Acuerto 13/11 Change in the name of the Intergovernmental Dengue Control Commission to Intergovernmental Commission on Vector-borne Disease Control	<p>Linked with the work of Health Surveillance, Disease Prevention and Control/ Communicable Disease Prevention and Control programs.</p> <p>Integrated Vector Management: A Comprehensive Response to Vector Control (Resolution CD48.R8 [2008]).</p>
MERCOSUR/RMS/Acuerto 14/11 Health authority focal point network for the prevention and control of counterfeit drugs and medical products in MERCOSUR	<p>Linked with the Pan American Network on Drug Regulatory Harmonization and Strengthening National Regulatory Authorities for Medicines and Biologicals (Resolution CD50.R9 [2010]).</p> <p>Linked with the subregional work program for South America.</p>
Public Declaration by the MERCOSUR Ministers of Health: Declaration of Interest in the seminar on indicators of the nutritional status of pregnant woman, to be held in Buenos Aires, from 28 to 30 May 2012.	<p>Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on Nutrition in Health and Development, 2006-2015 and Resolution CD47.R8 (2006).</p> <p>Linked with the Pan American Alliance for Nutrition and Development for the Achievement of the MDGs.</p>

(g) *Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO)*

In November 2010, during the X Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the member countries of ACTO (the highest body of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty-ACT), held in Lima, Peru, the new Strategic Agenda 2012-2020 was approved.

The items on this new Strategic Agenda include, Regional Health Management, whose execution is the responsibility of the Health Coordination Office of ACTO's Permanent Secretariat. PAHO/WHO has been engaged in technical cooperation activities with this Coordination Office in relation to the health chapter of the new Strategic Agenda and the preparation of a health situation analysis of the Amazon region. The purpose of ACTO's Regional Health Management is to support activities to achieve the Millennium Development Goals in the Amazon region and coordinate with UNASUR-Health to avoid the duplication of efforts.

This technical cooperation was formalized with the signing of a Framework Agreement between the two organizations during the 51st Directing Council of PAHO (2011).

The XI Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs was held in Manaus, Brazil, in November 2011. On that occasion, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs adopted the Declaration of Manaus and the Declaration of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the ACTO Member Countries for the Rio+20 Conference.

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