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Provisional Agenda item 6.1

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ORIGINAL: SPANISH

ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN CENTER ON HEALTH SCIENCES INFORMATION (BIREME)

1. Article VI of the new Statute of the Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME),¹ approved by the 49th Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) (CD49.R5 [2009]), establishes that the Advisory Committee of BIREME shall be made up of one member appointed by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB) and another appointed by the Government of Brazil as permanent members, and that five members shall be selected and named by the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference of PAHO on a rotating basis from among the BIREME membership (which currently includes all of the Member States, Participating States and Associate Members of PAHO), taking geographical representation into account.

2. The BIREME Advisory Committee is charged, among other duties, with making recommendations to the Director of the PASB regarding the programmatic functions of BIREME, based on PAHO's Strategic Plan and Technical Cooperation Work Plan and on recommendations from the Members of BIREME's Scientific Committee (Article VI, 4(a)).²

3. The 49th Directing Council named the five nonpermanent members of BIREME's Advisory Committee (CD49.R6 [2009]), as reflected in the following list, which also includes the dates on which the current Members' terms expire:

¹ BIREME is PAHO's Pan American Center devoted to providing technical cooperation to the Region of the Americas in the area of health sciences information and communications.

² CD49/17 (2009), Annex A.

Jamaica	December 2011
Mexico	December 2011
Argentina	December 2012
Chile	December 2012
Dominican Republic	December 2012

4. The Directing Council is responsible for electing the nonpermanent members of the BIREME Advisory Committee to replace Jamaica and Mexico, whose term on the Committee will expire at the end of 2011. Nonpermanent members of BIREME's Advisory Committee must be rotated every three years.

5. Once the two Members have been elected, the Council is requested to consider the advisability of adopting the proposed resolution in Annex A.

Annex



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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE
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INFORMATION (BIREME)**

THE 51st DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind that Article VI of the new Statute of BIREME establishes that the Advisory Committee of BIREME is to be comprised of one representative appointed by the Director of PASB and one by the Government of Brazil as permanent members, and that five nonpermanent members are to be selected and named by the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference of PAHO from among the BIREME membership (which at this time include all PAHO Member States, Participating States, and Associated States), taking geographical representation into account;

Recalling that Article VI further states that the five nonpermanent members of the BIREME Advisory Committee should be rotated every three years, and that the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference of PAHO may indicate a shorter rotation period in cases where it is necessary to maintain balance among members of the Advisory Committee;

Considering that _____ and _____ were elected to serve on the BIREME Advisory Committee beginning 1 January 2012, due to the expiration of the term of Jamaica and Mexico,

RESOLVES:

1. To declare _____ and _____ elected as nonpermanent members of the BIREME Advisory Committee for a three-year term.
2. To thank Jamaica and Mexico for the services provided to the Organization by their delegates on the BIREME Advisory Committee over the past two years.

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