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NEW SCALE OF ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS

Background

1. Article 24(A) of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) states that “The Organization shall be financed by annual contributions from Governments. The contributions from Member Governments shall be determined in conformity with Article 60 of the Pan American Sanitary Code” which states that “for the purpose of discharging the functions and duties imposed upon the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, a fund of not less than \$50,000 shall be collected by the Pan American Union, apportioned among the Signatory Governments on the same basis as are the expenses of the Pan American Union.” By virtue of this article, Member States of the Pan American Health Organization are assessed at the same rate as the Organization of American States (OAS), formerly known as the Pan American Union.
2. In addition to Member States, PAHO membership includes Associate Members and Participating States which are not Members of the OAS. The current Associate Members¹ are: Aruba, Curaçao, Puerto Rico, and Sint Maarten. The Participating States are: France, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The assessment rates of PAHO’s Associate Members and Participating States are determined using population parameters of the relevant territories in the Americas.
3. In June 2017, the OAS General Assembly adopted a transitional quota scale of assessments for the 2018 financial period, while the Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Affairs continues to review the current quota system and methodology. The next round of discussions by the special session of the General Assembly is scheduled for March 2018.

¹ The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico was admitted as an Associate Member of PAHO through Resolution [CD36.R3](#) (1992). Aruba, Curaçao, and Sint Maarten were admitted as Associate Members of PAHO through Resolution [CSP28.R1](#) (2012).

4. In September 2017, the 29th Pan American Sanitary Conference approved the PAHO adapted scale of assessed contributions for the 2018 financial period, based on the transitional scale adopted by the OAS General Assembly in June 2017 (Resolution CSP29.R13). The scale of assessments to be applied by PAHO for 2019 (the second year of the 2018-2019 biennium) will depend on the progress and outcome of the discussion by the OAS General Assembly regarding its own scale of assessments for the 2019 period and beyond.

Proposal

5. The Pan American Sanitary Bureau will propose an adjusted scale of assessments for PAHO for the 2019 financial period on the basis of the 2019 OAS quota scale of assessments, as and when that scale is adopted by the OAS General Assembly.

Action by the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration

6. The Subcommittee is invited to take note of this report and provide any comments or recommendations it might consider pertinent.

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