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B. FORTY-NINTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

Background

1. This document presents the resolutions of relevance for the activities of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) adopted during the forty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), held in the city of Medellín, Colombia, on 26-28 June 2019.¹
2. The meeting was attended by Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the OAS Member States and other official delegates, representatives of the governments accredited as permanent observers, representatives of agencies in the inter-American System, including PAHO, and entities belonging to the Summit Implementation Review Group. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, H.E. Carlos Holmes Trujillo, was elected president of this regular session of the General Assembly.
3. The theme of the forty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was “Innovating to Strengthen Hemispheric Multilateralism”. The President of Colombia, H.E. Iván Duque opened the meeting, along with the OAS Secretary General, Mr. Luis Almagro Lemes, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia.
4. The report of the General Committee indicated that no consensus was reached on three resolutions prior to the General Assembly and for this reason they were submitted for a vote. These included:
 - a) The Situation of Venezuela and the Venezuelan Migration Crisis: the resolution was approved with 20 country votes, eight votes against and five abstentions. One country was absent.

¹ The agenda, full documents, and resolutions can be consulted at: <http://scm.oas.org/ag/documentos/>.

- b) The Situation in Nicaragua: the resolution was approved with 20 votes, five votes against and eight abstentions. One country was absent.
- c) Strengthening the Ethics, Oversight, and Transparency of the Organization of American States: the resolution was approved with 25 country votes, three against, and five abstentions. One country was absent.

5. In addition, all resolutions and declarations adopted during the General Assembly received footnotes from several countries questioning their legal validity due to their non-recognition of the credentials of the Venezuelan delegation.

6. Prior to the start of the forty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly, a dialogue between the heads of delegation and representatives of civil society organizations and other social actors was held. Heads of delegations, including delegates of the Member States and delegates of the coalitions, the Secretary General, and the Assistant Secretary General participated in the dialogue. The delegate of each coalition, which were constituted by different organizations, was given three minutes to make an intervention. For each block of interventions, there was a round of interventions by country representatives. Diverse groups were present, such as pro-family and pro-life groups; pro-choice groups; LGBTI groups; trade unionists; and religious groups, such as evangelicals. The meeting was also attended by youth, indigenous peoples, and Afro-descendant groups.

7. The Joint Summit Working Group (JSWG) meeting was held during the General Assembly. The meeting was chaired by Peru, a host country and chair of the Eighth Summit of the Americas held in Lima, Peru, in 2018. Delegates from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, World Bank, the Development Bank of Latin America, the International Labour Organization, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, PAHO, and the OAS Secretariat participated. As part of a commitment made during the Eighth Summit, and in its function of supporting countries in their actions to implement the resolutions approved during the Summits of the Americas, the OAS Secretariat developed virtual tools for registration of countries' needs of technical cooperation and best practices in anti-corruption policies. To date, 16 countries and eight international agencies have been registered. A guide for the use of best practices has also been developed. The next Summit of the Americas will be held in the United States in 2021.

8. The Assembly was closed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia who highlighted the relevance of the OAS for the strengthening of multilateralism. The Secretary General congratulated Colombia for its commitment to multilateralism and stressed that an important agenda has been agreed with new instruments and tools.

9. A selected list of resolutions 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, is provided in the table below.

Action by the Directing Council

10. The Directing Council is invited to take note of this report.

Table: Resolutions adopted by the Forty-ninth Regular Session of the OAS General Assembly that are related to PAHO activities

Resolutions of the OAS General Assembly	Linkage to PAHO activities
<p>AG/CG/DOC. (XLIX-O/19)2 (Rev. 1)</p> <p>Promotion and Protection of Human Rights</p>	<p>Health of Migrants (Resolution CD55.R13 [2016]) (Document CD55/11, Rev.1 [2016])</p> <p>Health and Human Rights (Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]) (Document CD50/12 [2010])</p> <p>Plan of Action for Women's, Children's, and Adolescents' Health (Resolution CD56.R8 [2018]) (Document CD56/8 Rev.1 [2018])</p> <p>Plan of Action for Cervical Cancer Prevention and Control 2018-2030 (Resolution CD56.R9 [2018]) (Document CD56/9 [2018])</p> <p>Report of the Director on Addressing the Causes of Disparities in Health Services Access and Utilization for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Trans (LGBT) Persons (Document CD56/INF/11, Corr. [2018])</p> <p>Report of the Commission on Equity and Health Inequalities in the Americas (Document CD56/INF/8 [2018])</p>
<p>AG/CG/DOC. (XLIX-O/19)6</p> <p>The Situation in Nicaragua</p>	<p>Health and Human Rights (Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]) (Document CD50/12 [2010])</p>

Resolutions of the OAS General Assembly	Linkage to PAHO activities
<p>AG/CG/DOC. (XLIX-O/19)7 (Corr. 1)</p> <p>The Situation of Venezuela and the Venezuelan Migration Crisis</p>	<p>Health of Migrants (Resolution CD55.R13 [2016]) (Document CD55/11, Rev.1 [2016])</p> <p>Health and Human Rights (Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]) (Document CD50/12 [2010])</p> <p>Resilient Health Systems (Resolution CD55.R8 [2016]) (Document CD55/9 [2016])</p>
<p>AG/CG/DOC. (XLIX-O/19)8</p> <p>Advancing Hemispheric Security: A Multidimensional Approach</p>	<p>Health, Human Security and Well-being (Resolution CD50.R16 [2010]) (Document CD50/17 [2010])</p> <p>Health of Migrants (Resolution CD55.R13 [2016]) (Document CD55/11, Rev.1 [2016])</p> <p>Resilient Health Systems (Resolution CD55.R8 [2016]) (Document CD55/9 [2016])</p>
<p>AG/DOC. 5667</p> <p>Draft Hemispheric Plan of Action to Guide the Design of Public Policies to Prevent and Reduce Intentional Homicide</p>	<p>Plan of Action for Women's, Children's, and Adolescents' Health (Resolution CD56.R8 [2018]) (Document CD56/8 Rev.1 [2018])</p> <p>Plan of Action on Adolescent and Youth Health (Document CD55/INF/12 [2016])</p>
<p>AG/DOC.5660</p> <p>Increasing and Strengthening the Participation of Civil Society and Social Actors in the Activities of the Organization of American States and in the Summits of the Americas Process</p>	<p>Establishment of SDG Alliance</p> <p>Framework of Engagement with non-State Actors (Resolution CD55.R3 [2016]) (Document CD55/8, Rev. 1 [2016])</p>

Resolutions of the OAS General Assembly	Linkage to PAHO activities
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/DOC.5661</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Effective Participation of Indigenous Peoples and People of African Descent in OAS Activities</p>	<p>Linkage with the Health Plan for Indigenous Youth in Latin America and the Caribbean (2018)</p> <p>Linkage with the Health Plan for Afro-descendent Youth in Latin America and the Caribbean (2018)</p> <p>Policy on Ethnicity and Health (Resolution CSP29.R3 [2017]) (Document CSP29/7, Rev. 1 [2017])</p> <p>Health of Indigenous peoples (Resolution CD47.R18 [2006]) (Document CD47/13 [2006])</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/DOC.5669</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Advancing Hemispheric Initiatives on Integral Development</p>	<p>The Sustainable Health Agenda for the Americas 2018-2030 (Resolution CSP29.R2 [2017]) (Document CSP29/6, Rev. 3 [2017])</p> <p>The Strategic Plan of the Pan American Health Organization 2014-2019 (Amended) (Resolution CSP29.R5 [2017]) (Official Document 345 and Add. I [2017])</p> <p>Establishment of the SDG Alliance</p> <p>Health Promotion and Social Determinants of Health Unit</p> <p>Policy on Ethnicity and Health (Document CSP29/7, Rev. 1 [2017]) (Resolution CSP29.R3 [2017])</p> <p>Health and Human Rights (Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]) (Document CD50/12 [2010])</p> <p>Health, Human Security and Well-being (Resolution CD50.R16 [2010]) (Document CD50/17 [2010])</p>

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