

166th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION

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PAHO GOVERNANCE REFORM

THE 166th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having reviewed the document *PAHO Governance Reform* (Document CE166/6);

Recognizing the importance of further strengthening of management by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) of technical cooperation projects funded by voluntary contributions so as to increase oversight and accountability to Member States, and to protect the Organization from institutional risks, including financial, legal, operational, technical, and reputational risks,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to review, refine, and present for consideration of the 58th Directing Council risk assessment and management criteria and frameworks, as set forth in document CE166/6, as well as a decision-making matrix based on types and levels of risk related to new technical cooperation projects funded by voluntary contributions, in consultation with an external, independent subject matter expert.
2. To recommend that the 58th Directing Council adopt a resolution along the following lines:

PAHO GOVERNANCE REFORM

THE 58th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed the document *PAHO Governance Reform* (Document CD58/_);

Recognizing the importance of further strengthening of PAHO management of technical cooperation projects funded by voluntary contributions so as to increase oversight

and accountability to Member States, and to protect the Organization from institutional risks, including financial, legal, operational, technical, and reputational risks,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for the advances made, and for the policies and procedures implemented to promote good governance, transparency, and accountability throughout the Organization.
2. To request the Director to:
 - a) seek and fully consider Executive Committee recommendations on any proposed technical cooperation project funded by voluntary contributions (including national voluntary contributions) that is expected to require an annual expenditure or receipt of funds by the Organization exceeding US\$ 25 million or presents a high level of institutional risk (including financial, legal, operational, technical, and reputational risks); this will require that the Director provides a synopsis to the Executive Committee, including a summary of the proposed project, its risk assessment results, and the results of its internal review process;
 - b) prepare a document to be presented at the 168th Session of the PAHO Executive Committee in June 2021 describing lessons learned from implementation of the above requests.

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