RESOLUTION

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NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PAHO IN TECHNICAL COOPERATION

THE 146th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having reviewed Document CE146/12, National Institutions Associated with PAHO in Technical Cooperation,

RESOLVES:

To recommend that the Directing Council adopt a resolution along the following lines:

NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH PAHO IN TECHNICAL COOPERATION

THE 50th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed Document CD50/__, National Institutions Associated with PAHO in Technical Cooperation;

Recognizing that one of the fundamental objectives of PAHO/WHO is to strengthen national capacities for the sustainable achievement of national and global public health goals, and that these capacities must be based on broad approaches capable of affecting health determinants, ensuring intersectoral collaboration and promoting public-private initiatives and with civil society;

Noting that, over the years, PAHO/WHO technical cooperation with Member States has been significantly supported by the participation of national institutions and that formal institutional working relationships are needed for PAHO to function as a catalyst in mobilizing and strengthening these capacities;

Emphasizing that the present proposal complements the work that PAHO/WHO conducts with the WHO Collaborating Centers and Nongovernmental Organizations that are in Official Relations with PAHO/WHO,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve a new category of relationship with institutions to be known as National Institutions Associated with the Pan American Health Organization in Technical Cooperation (INACO)∗ and the procedures for their identification, designation, and monitoring.

2. To urge the Member States to:
   (a) make efforts to mobilize, utilize, and strengthen the capacities of INACOs to support health development at the national and subnational levels through strategic partnership with PAHO/WHO;
   (b) collaborate with PAHO/WHO in implementing a formal process for the selection of national institutions that participate in technical cooperation in health, as well as collaborating to create mechanisms to oversee and monitor the quality and effectiveness of cooperation activities;
   (c) analyze the existing capacities of institutions with potential to be designated as INACO.

* As designated by its Spanish acronym
3. Request the Director to:

(a) consolidate working relationships between PAHO/WHO and the national institutions of Member States by selecting and designating INACOs, thus promoting more efficient and effective coordination of national efforts aimed at achieving the goals and expected results of national and subnational health agendas and plans;

(b) provide technical support to Member States in identifying national institutions that might be designated as INACO, and in identifying mechanisms for overseeing and monitoring such institutions;

(c) promote and progressively develop networks of INACOs;

(d) work to mobilize additional national and international resources to support the work plans agreed upon between PAHO/WHO and INACOs.

(Eighth meeting, 24 June 2010)