RESOLUTION

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PROPOSED PAHO BUDGET POLICY

THE 150th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having reviewed the Proposed PAHO Budget Policy (Document CE150/12, Rev. 1),

RESOLVES:

To recommend that the 28th Pan American Sanitary Conference adopt a resolution along the following lines:

PAHO BUDGET POLICY

THE 28th PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having reviewed the proposed PAHO Budget Policy (Document CSP28/___), which presents a revised Regional Budget Policy that defines a new way of allocating resources within the Pan American Health Organization;

Noting the recommendations contained in the evaluation of the existing policy made by the PAHO Office of Internal Oversight and Evaluation Services;

Recognizing that, although countries in the greatest need have received an influx of resources during the period of the existing policy, other countries have suffered budget reductions to levels that are unable to sustain a minimum country presence—yet
notwithstanding, in the spirit of solidarity, have agreed to a distribution of resources that is workable within realistic and practical settings;

Mindful of the need to be aligned with the reform process now underway in the World Health Organization, and its possible implications for the Pan American Health Organization;

Considering the comments made by the Executive Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Consultative Group on the PAHO Budget Policy and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB) for their efforts to recommend modifications and introduce new criteria for the allocation of Regular Budget funds and Voluntary Contributions, both across PAHO’s functional levels and among its country offices.

2. To take note of the proposed country budget allocation model for allocating resources among countries.

3. To approve the new PAHO Budget Policy with the following emphasis:

   (a) the Regular Budget allocation among the four functional levels of the Organization (i.e., Country, Inter-country, Subregional, and Regional) will be such that, with the aim of strengthening cooperation in countries, PASB will continuously strive to maintain optimal functional and organizational structures through internal and external assessments aimed at delivering the greatest level of impact in the countries, while still effectively responding to collective regional and subregional mandates;

   (b) the minimum Regular Budget share for the country level is initially set at 40% of the total Regular Budget, which is equal to the current share. The distribution among functional and organizational levels remains dynamic, allowing for budget ceiling adjustments throughout the planning process if necessary, always with the objective of improving results in countries;

   (c) in the reallocation of Regular Budget resources among countries, no country’s core allocation shall be reduced by more than 50% of its proportional allocation among countries as approved in the Program and Budget 2012-2013. Furthermore, in no instance may the resulting Regular Budget allocation be less than the computed floor component (designed to provide a minimum country presence, as defined in the Policy) of the core portion;

   (d) with regard to key countries (as originally identified in the Strategic Plan 2003-2007 for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau: Bolivia, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras,
(Sixth meeting, 20 June 2012)