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RESOLUTION

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FRAMEWORK OF ENGAGEMENT WITH NON-STATE ACTORS

THE 55th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the report on the *Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors* (Document CD55/8, Rev.1), and the adoption of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA) by the 69th World Health Assembly through Resolution WHA69.10;

Noting that the engagement of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) with non-State actors can bring important benefits to public health in the Americas and to the Organization itself in fulfilment of its constitutional principles and objectives;

Recognizing that PAHO is an independent international organization with its own Constitution, and serves as an Inter-American Specialized Organization under the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS) and as the Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization (WHO) pursuant to an Agreement with WHO;

Underscoring the political commitment of PAHO Member States towards the consistent and coherent implementation of FENSA across the three levels of WHO,

RESOLVES:

1. To adopt the *Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors* which was adopted by the 69th World Health Assembly through Resolution WHA69.10;
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2. To replace the Guidelines of the Pan American Health Organization on Collaboration with Commercial Enterprises¹ and the Principles Governing Relations between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations² with FENSA;
3. To implement FENSA in a consistent and coherent manner, respecting PAHO's Constitution;
4. To request the Director:
 - a) to implement FENSA in a coherent and consistent manner, and in coordination with the Secretariat of WHO, with a view to achieving full operationalization within a two-year timeframe, taking into account PAHO's constitutional and legal framework;
 - b) to report on the implementation of FENSA to the Executive Committee at each of its June sessions under a standing agenda item, through its Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration, and to share this report with WHO.
5. To request the 29th Pan American Sanitary Conference to review progress on implementation of FENSA.

(Fourth meeting, 27 September 2016)

¹ Presented at the 46th Directing Council, Document CD46/28 (2005).

² Adopted by the 38th Directing Council in September 1995, revised by the 126th Session of the Executive Committee in June 2000; revised again by Resolution CESS.R1 of the special session of the Executive Committee on 11 January 2007; and amended by Resolution CE148.R7 (2011).