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FINAL REPORT

Opening of the Session

1. The 147th Session of the Executive Committee was held at the Headquarters of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in Washington, D.C., on 1 October 2010. The session was attended by representatives of the following eight Members of the Executive Committee elected by the Directing Council: Argentina, Colombia, Grenada, Haiti, Peru, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, United States of America, and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). The ninth member, Guatemala, was unable to attend. Present in an observer capacity were representatives of Brazil, Canada, and Mexico.
2. Dr. Fernando Meneses González (Mexico, outgoing President of the Executive Committee) opened the session and welcomed the participants, extending a special welcome to the new members elected by the recently concluded 50th Directing Council—Grenada, Peru, and United States of America—and thanking the outgoing members—Bolivia, Mexico, and Suriname—for their service to the Committee.

Procedural Matters

Election of Officers

3. Pursuant to Rule 15 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee elected the following Member States to serve as officers for the period October 2010 to October 2011 (Decision CE147(D1)):

<i>President:</i>	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	(Hon. Dr. Douglas Slater)
<i>Vice President</i> ¹ :	Argentina	(Dr. Eduardo Bustos Villar)
<i>Rapporteur:</i>	United States of America	(Ms. Leah Hsu)

4. Dr. Mirta Roses Periago, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB), served as Secretary ex officio, and Dr. Jon Kim Andrus (Deputy Director, PASB) served as Technical Secretary.

Adoption of the Agenda (Document CE147/1, Rev. 1)

5. Pursuant to Rule 9 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee adopted, without change, the provisional agenda prepared by the Director (Decision CE147(D2)).

¹ Since the President of the Executive Committee had to leave the session early, the Delegate of Argentina took over as President *pro tempore* of the Executive Committee.

Committee Matters

Election of Two Members to the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration

6. The Committee elected the United States of America and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to serve on the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration on the expiration of the period of office on the Committee of Bolivia and Mexico. The Committee expressed appreciation to Bolivia and Mexico for their service (Decision CE147(D3)).

Appointment of One Member to the Audit Committee of PAHO (Document C147/2)

7. Dr. Heidi Jiménez (Legal Counsel, PASB) recalled that during the 50th Directing Council it had been announced that Ms. Carman LaPointe, one of the Audit Committee members selected by the Executive Committee at its 146th Session (Resolution CE146.R5), would not be able to serve her three-year term because she had been appointed Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services in New York. It was therefore necessary for the Executive Committee to select another member to serve on the Audit Committee in Ms. LaPointe's stead.

8. The Bureau had contacted the fourth candidate recommended by the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration, Ms. Amalia Lo Faso, who had expressed willingness to serve. The Committee was invited to give favorable consideration to the appointment of Ms. Lo Faso to fill the vacancy in the Audit Committee.

9. The Committee adopted Resolution CE147.R1, appointing Ms. Amalia Lo Faso to serve as member of the PAHO Audit Committee for an initial term of three years.

Governing Bodies Matters

Dates and Proposed Topics for the Fifth Session of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration

10. The Director proposed that the Fifth Session of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration (SPBA) should be held from 16 to 18 March 2011. She also proposed a tentative list of topics for discussion by the Governing Bodies in 2011 (Annex B), noting that, in addition to the routine items discussed every year, the Governing Bodies would be considering the proposed program and budget for 2012-2013 and the Mid-term evaluation of the Strategic Plan 2008-2012. She also noted that all of the proposed Matters for Information were reports mandated by resolutions of the Governing Bodies. She suggested that, as had been the practice in previous years, the Committee

might wish to allow a period of about a month for the Subcommittee's agenda to be finalized. During that time, the Bureau would review periodic reporting requirements, the mandates it had received from the recently concluded 50th Directing Council, and any proposed agenda items submitted by Member States. The provisional agenda for the Subcommittee's Fifth Session would then be circulated to Committee members for approval by electronic means.

11. The Executive Committee decided that the Fifth Session of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration would be held from 16 to 18 March 2011 and agreed that the Bureau would draw up the agenda within a period of 30 days, taking into account any items proposed by Member States, as well as items that were mandatory in accordance with the planning cycle of the Organization and resolutions of the Governing Bodies (Decision CE147(D4)).

Dates and Proposed Topics for the 148th Session of the Executive Committee

12. The Director proposed that the 148th Session of the Committee should be held from 20 to 24 June 2011.

13. In the ensuing discussion, it was pointed out that the proposed list of topics for the Executive Committee did not include a 10-year plan of action for the implementation of the Strategy for Substance Use and Public Health, although the 50th Directing Council had called for the preparation of such a plan (Resolution CD50.R2). In addition, clarification was requested concerning the origin and content of the item entitled "Concept Paper on Cultural Diversity Reaching Equity in Health."

14. The Director said that the 10-year plan of action on Substance Use and Public Health would be added to the list of topics for discussion first by the Executive Committee and then by the Directing Council. Responding to the question about the item on Cultural Diversity, she noted that there had been much discussion within the Governing Bodies in recent years of the intercultural aspects of health and of the need for training in intercultural sensitivity for health professionals, which would allow them to address the multidimensional aspects of health, particularly those working at the local level in the area of family and community health. She said that the title of the concept paper would be adjusted to better reflect that content.

15. The Committee decided to hold its 148th Session from 20 to 24 June 2011 (Decision CE147(D5)) and agreed that the Bureau would draw up the agenda within a period of 30 days, taking into account the views expressed by the Committee and any additional items proposed by Member States.

Dates of the 51st Directing Council, 63rd Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas

16. The Director proposed that the 51st Directing Council, 63rd Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, should be held at PAHO Headquarters in Washington, D.C., from 26 to 30 September 2011.

17. In the discussion that followed, a member of the Committee inquired whether the high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, scheduled tentatively to start on 19 September 2011, might overlap with the proposed dates of the 51st Directing Council.

18. The Director said that the high-level meetings of the General Assembly generally took place in the week preceding PAHO's Directing Council and assured the Committee that, in scheduling sessions of the Directing Council, the Bureau took careful account of the dates of both those meetings and the sessions of the other regional committees of WHO, since some Member States participated in the sessions of more than one Regional Committee. No overlap was expected in 2011. In 2012 the Directing Council would probably be held one week earlier than normal because the high-level meeting of the General Assembly was expected to take place during the week when the Directing Council would ordinarily be held. The 2012 session of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific Region of WHO would be held during that week instead.

19. The Committee decided that the 51st Directing Council, 63rd Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, would take place at PAHO Headquarters in Washington, D.C., from 26 to 30 September 2011 (Decision CE147(D6)).

Administrative and Financial Matters

Holding Account Energy-saving Windows Project: Future Request for Release of Balance of Funds (Document CE147/3)

20. Mr. Guillermo Birmingham (Director of Administration, PASB) outlined the content of Document CE147/3, which provided an update on the energy-efficient windows project approved by the Governing Bodies in 2008 (Resolution CD48.R1) and notified the Committee of the Secretariat's intent to seek approval for the release of the balance of funds to allow for commencement of the project in early 2011.

21. In response to a question from a Committee member, he clarified that the Bureau was not requesting immediate authorization from the Committee for the release of funds. It would first issue a request for proposals from potential vendors and then, once the exact cost of the project had been determined, would request the Committee to approve

the release of funds in January 2011, so that installation of the windows could begin as soon as weather conditions permitted.

22. The Director added that, as the funds would be needed before the Committee's 148th Session in June 2011, a special meeting would be convened electronically early in the year in order to obtain the necessary authorization.

23. The Committee took note of the report.

Other Matters

24. Information was requested on the status of the nomination and appointment of Members to the WHO Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development, pursuant to Resolution WHA63.28.

25. The Director said that 13 individuals, including 9 men and 4 women, had been nominated by 11 countries in the Americas. Those nominations had been submitted to the Director-General of WHO, who was expected to prepare a proposal concerning the composition of the Working Group after the final session of the Regional Committees in 2010. The list of nominees from the Americas would be provided to Members of the Committee.

Closure of the Session

26. Following the customary exchange of courtesies, the Vice-President, in the absence of the President, declared the 147th Session closed.

Resolutions and Decisions

Resolutions

27. The Executive Committee adopted the following resolution at its 147th Session:

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THE 147th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Considering that the 49th Directing Council, through Resolution CD49.R2 (2009), established the Audit Committee of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) to function as an independent expert advisory body to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB) and PAHO Member States;

Guided by the Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee, which establish the process to be followed in the assessment and appointment by the Executive Committee of the members of the PAHO Audit Committee;

Noting that the Terms of Reference of that Committee stipulate that members shall serve no more than two full terms of three years each;

Considering that a vacancy has arisen in the Audit Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Director of the PASB and the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration for their thorough work in identifying and nominating highly qualified candidates to serve on the PAHO Audit Committee.
2. To appoint Ms. Amalia Lo Faso to serve as a member of the PAHO Audit Committee for an initial term of three years.

(Single plenary, 1 October 2010)

Decisions

28. The following are the decisions taken by the Executive Committee in the course of the 147th Session:

CE147(D1) Election of Officers

Pursuant to Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee, the Committee elected the following Member States to serve as officers for the period from October 2010 to October 2011:

President:	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Vice President:	Argentina
Rapporteur:	United States of America

(Single plenary meeting, 1 October 2010)

CE147(D2) Adoption of the Agenda

Pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee, the Committee adopted the agenda submitted by the Director (Document CE147/1, Rev. 1).

(Single plenary meeting, 1 October 2010)

CE147(D3) Election of Two Members to the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration

The Executive Committee elected the United States of America and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to serve on the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration.

(Single plenary meeting, 1 October 2010)

CE147(D4) Dates and Proposed Topics for the Fifth Session of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration

The Committee decided that the Fifth Session of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration would be held from 16 to 18 March 2011. The Committee agreed that the Secretariat would draw up the provisional agenda and circulate it to Committee members within a period of 30 days, taking into account any input received from and items proposed by Member States.

(Single plenary meeting, 1 October 2010)

CE147(D5) Dates and Proposed Topics for the 148th Session of the Executive Committee

Pursuant to Article 17.A of the PAHO Constitution, the Committee set the dates for its first regular session in the year 2011, the 148th Session, to be held from 20 to 24 June 2011. The Committee agreed that the Secretariat would draw up the provisional agenda and circulate it to Committee members within a period of 30 days, taking into account any input received from and items proposed by Member States.

(Single plenary meeting, 1 October 2010)

CE147(D6) Dates of the 51st Directing Council, 63rd Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas

Pursuant to Article 12.A of the PAHO Constitution and Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council, the Committee authorized the Director to convene the 51st Directing Council, 63rd Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, in Washington, D.C., from 26 to 30 September 2011.

(Single plenary meeting, 1 October 2010)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the President of the Executive Committee and the Secretary ex officio, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, sign the present Final Report in the English language.

DONE in Washington, D.C., United States of America, on this first day of October in the year two thousand ten. The Secretary shall deposit the original texts in the archives of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and shall send copies thereof to the Member States of the Organization.

Eduardo Bustos Villar
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President pro tempore of the 147th Session
of the Executive Committee

Mirta Roses Periago
Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau
Secretary ex officio of the 147th Session
of the Executive Committee

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148th Session of the Executive Committee

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