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B. FIFTY-FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

Background

1. This document presents resolutions relevant to the activities of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) that were adopted during the Fifty-first Regular Session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), held in Washington, DC, on 10-12 November 2021, with Guatemala serving as host.¹
2. The meeting was attended by ministers of foreign affairs of the OAS Member States and other official delegates, representatives of the governments accredited as permanent observers, representatives of agencies in the inter-American system, including PAHO, and institutions belonging to the Joint Summit Working Group.² The (then) Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, Pedro Brolo, was elected president of this regular session of the General Assembly.
3. The theme of the Fifty-first Regular Session was “Towards Renewal in the Americas.” It addressed key issues such as the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the hemisphere, disaster resilience, integral development in the hemisphere, and hemispheric security. The OAS Secretary General, Luis Almagro Lemes, opened the meeting.
4. The General Assembly adopted a total of 17 resolutions and three declarations.³ All resolutions and declarations adopted by the General Assembly received footnotes from several delegations addressing issues related to the credentials of the delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

¹ The agenda, and full list of documents are available at:
<https://www.oas.org/en/council/AG/regular/51RGA/about.asp>.

² More information on the Joint Summit Working Group available at: <http://www.summit-americas.org/jswg.html>.

³ The proceedings including the certified texts of the declarations and resolutions are available at:
https://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_22/AG08489E09.docx.

5. Prior to the start of the Fifty-first Regular Session, a dialogue was held between the heads of delegation and representatives of civil society organizations and other social actors. The Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General participated in the dialogue. Representatives of civil society and social actors' coalitions, as well as representatives of youth, labor, and the private sector, explained the work they are doing in relation to the central theme of the General Assembly, renewal in the Americas. They also presented their recommendations to Member States on the same topic, followed by Member States' interventions. The diverse groups present included pro-family and pro-life groups, LGBTI groups, and religious groups, as well as representatives of indigenous and Afro-descendant peoples.

6. Member States adopted a resolution stating that the Fifty-second Regular Session of the General Assembly will be held in Lima, Peru, on 5-7 October 2022. The Fifty-first Regular Session was closed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, who thanked Member States for their support and the OAS Secretariat for making this Assembly possible. The OAS Secretary General recognized all work undertaken and highlighted the importance of the joint work still required to implement all the decisions adopted.

7. The table presented in the Annex, provides a selected list of resolutions of interest to the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Health Organization and related to its work as the specialized health agency of the inter-American system.

Action by the Pan American Sanitary Conference

8. The Conference is invited to take note of this report and provide any comments it deems pertinent.

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Table. Resolutions Adopted by the Fifty-first Regular Session of the OAS General Assembly in Relation to PAHO Mandates

Resolutions of the OAS General Assembly	Linkage to PAHO Mandates
AG/RES. 2967 (LI-O/21) Advancing Hemispheric Initiatives on Integral Development: Promoting Resilience	Sustainable Health Agenda for the Americas 2018-2030 Resolution CSP29.R2 (2017) Document CSP29/6, Rev. 3 (2017) Health of Migrants Resolution CD55.R13 (2016) Document CD55/11, Rev. 1 (2016)
AG/RES. 2968 (LI-O/21) Coordination of Volunteers in the Hemisphere in Response to Disasters and the Fight Against Hunger and Poverty – White Helmets Initiative	Plan of Action for Disaster Risk Reduction 2016-2021 Resolution CD55.R10 (2016) Document CD55/17, Rev. 1 (2016)
AG/RES. 2969 (LI-O/21) Inter-American Business Charter	Framework of Engagement with non-State Actors Resolution CD55.R3 (2016) Document CD55/8, Rev. 1 (2016)
AG/RES. 2970 (LI-O/21) Advancing Hemispheric Security: A Multidimensional Approach	Plan of Action for Women’s, Children’s, and Adolescents’ Health 2018-2030 Resolution CD56.R8 (2018) Document CD56/8, Rev. 1 (2018) Health, Human Security, and Well-being Resolution CD50.R16 (2010) Document CD50/17 (2010)
AG/RES. 2971 (LI-O/21) Program-Budget of the Organization for 2022	Strategic Plan of the Pan American Health Organization 2020-2025 Resolution CD57.R2 (2019) Official Document OD359 (2019) Program Budget of the Pan American Health Organization 2022-2023 Resolution CD59.R8 (2021) Official Document OD363 (2021)

Resolutions of the OAS General Assembly	Linkage to PAHO Mandates
<p>AG/RES. 2972 (LI-O/21) Increasing and Strengthening the Participation of Civil Society and Social Actors in the Activities of the Organization of American States and in the Summits of the Americas Process</p>	<p>Framework of Engagement with non-State Actors Resolution CD55.R3 (2016) Document CD55/8, Rev. 1 (2016)</p>
<p>AG/RES. 2976 (LI-O/21) Promotion and Protection of Human Rights</p>	<p>Report of the Director on Addressing the Causes of Disparities in Health Services Access and Utilization for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Trans (LGBT) Persons Document CD56/INF/11, Corr. (2018)</p> <p>Report of the Commission on Equity and Health Inequalities in the Americas Document CD56/INF/8 (2018)</p> <p>Policy on Ethnicity and Health Resolution CSP29.R3 (2017) Document CSP29/7, Rev. 1 (2017)</p>
<p>AG/RES. 2977 (LI-O/21) Developments in the COVID-19 Pandemic and Its Impact on the Hemisphere</p>	<p>Increasing Production Capacity for Essential Medicines and Health Technologies Resolution CD59.R3 (2021) Document CD59/8 (2021)</p> <p>Strategy for Building Resilient Health Systems and Post COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery to Sustain and Protect Public Health Gains Resolution CD59.R12 (2021) Document CD59/11 (2021)</p> <p>Reinvigorating Immunization as a Public Good for Universal Health Resolution CD59.R13 (2021) Document CD59/10 (2021)</p>

Resolutions of the OAS General Assembly	Linkage to PAHO Mandates
<p>AG/RES. 2979 (LI-O/21) Strengthening the Role of the Organization of American States in Advancing Disaster Resilience in the Hemisphere</p>	<p>Plan of Action for Disaster Risk Reduction 2016-2021 Resolution CD55.R10 (2016) Document CD55/17, Rev. 1 (2016)</p>
<p>AG/DEC. 104 (LI-O/21) Renewed Commitment to Sustainable Development in the Americas Post COVID-19</p>	<p>One Health: A Comprehensive Approach for Addressing Health Threats at the Human-Animal-Environment Interface Resolution CD59.R4 (2021) Document CD59/9 (2021)</p>

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