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FINAL REPORT¹

1. The 45th Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization, 56th Session of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, was held in Washington, D.C., from 27 September to 1 October 2004, as convened by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

Participants

2. The following Members and Participating States and Associate Members of the Pan American Health Organization were represented: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela. The Government of Spain was represented as an Observer State. The Executive Committee was represented by Hon. Herbert Sabaroche (Dominica), its President, and Mr. Salvador Rodezno Fuentes (Honduras), its Vice President.

3. The Council was also attended by Dr. Jong-wook LEE, Director-General of the World Health Organization. The following intergovernmental agencies were represented: Caribbean Community, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Hipólito Unanue Agreement, Inter-American Development Bank, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, International Atomic Energy Agency, Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS, Organization of American States, and the World Bank. Representatives of 19 nongovernmental organizations attended.

Opening of the Council

4. The Council was opened by the outgoing President (Bahamas), represented by the Hon. Senator Marcus Bethel. Speakers at the opening ceremony were Dr. Mirta Roses Periago, Director, Pan American Sanitary Bureau; Hon. Tommy Thompson, Secretary, Health and Human Services of the United States of America; and Dr. Jong-wook LEE, Director-General of the World Health Organization.

¹ This Final Report is in the nature of a summary and should thus be read in conjunction with the Proceedings of the Session, where the topics are explored in greater detail.

Officers

5. Pursuant to Rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure, the Head of Delegation of the Bahamas, which occupied the Presidency of the 44th Directing Council, presided until the elections for office of the 45th Council. As a result of the elections, the following delegates served as officers:

<i>President:</i>	Nicaragua	Dr. José Antonio Alvarado
<i>Vice Presidents:</i>	Cuba Peru	Dr. José Ramón Balaguer Cabrera Dr. Pilar Mazzetti Soler
<i>Rapporteur:</i>	Guyana	Hon. Leslie Ramsammy
<i>Secretary ex officio:</i>	Director, Pan American Sanitary Bureau	Dr. Mirta Roses Periago

6. During the fifth and seventh meetings, Dr. Pilar Mazzetti Soler (Peru) and Dr. José Ramón Balaguer Cabrera (Cuba), respectively, substituted for Dr José Antonio Alvarado as President.

Committee on Credentials

7. The Committee on Credentials was appointed pursuant to Rule 31 of the Rules of Procedure and was constituted as follows:

<i>President:</i>	Ecuador	Dr. Teófilo Lama Pico
<i>Members:</i>	Antigua and Barbuda Paraguay	Hon. H. John Maginley Dr. Jorge Palacios

8. The Committee on Credentials met twice and submitted its reports at the first and sixth meetings.

General Committee

9. With the election of France, Mexico, and United States of America to the General Committee, pursuant to Rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure the Committee was constituted as follows:

<i>President of the Council:</i>	Nicaragua	Dr. José Antonio Alvarado
<i>Vice Presidents of the Council:</i>	Cuba Peru	Dr. José Ramón Balaguer Cabrera Dr. Pilar Mazzetti Soler
<i>Rapporteur of the Council:</i>	Guyana	Dr. Leslie Ramsammy
<i>Members:</i>	France Mexico United States of America	Prof. Jacques Drucker Mr. Mauricio Bailón González Ms. Ann Blackwood

10. The General Committee met twice and submitted its respective reports at the second and seventh meetings of the Council.

Working Parties

11. At the first meeting, a working party, consisting of the Delegates of Canada, El Salvador, and Saint Kitts and Nevis, was established to study the application of Article 6.B of the PAHO Constitution to Member States more than two years in arrears in the payment of their quota contributions. The working party met once and submitted its report at the third meeting of the Council, at which time Resolution CD45.R1 on the subject was adopted.

Other Matters

12. In addition to the topics reflected in the resolutions and decisions and the agenda reproduced in their entirety in the present report, the following matters are noted.

13. At the first meeting:

- Dr. Jong-wook LEE, Director-General of the World Health Organization, made a presentation at the opening session, in which he emphasized the need for international cooperation for security, equity, and unity in public health, fundamental principles of the WHO Constitution.

- Mr. Miguel Ángel Rodríguez, Secretary General of the Organization of American States addressed the Council, reviewing the work of the OAS and the importance of cooperation between the OAS and PAHO in undertaking the challenges of the countries of the Region.
- A minute of silence was held in sympathy for the victims of the recent hurricanes in the Bahamas, Barbados, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Dominican Republic, state of Florida, Grenada, Haiti, and Saint Lucia.

14. At the second meeting, Item 10.2 Report of the XIII Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor was discussed, with the participation of three ministers of labor, underlining the need to improve the health and safety of the workers of the Americas and stressing the importance of international cooperation in this endeavor. A decision resulted from this item.

15. Also, at the second meeting, the PAHO Award for Administration, 2004, was presented to Dr. Gastão de Souza Campos of Brazil; the Abraham Horwitz Award for Leadership in Inter-American Health, 2004, was presented to Dr. Eduardo Salazar-Lindo, of Peru; and the Manuel Velasco-Suárez Award in Bioethics, 2004, was presented to Prof. María Graciela de Ortúzar, of Argentina.

16. The fourth meeting was devoted to a Special Session on the 25th Anniversary of the Declaration of Alma-Ata (Item 8), which included a special commemorative video presentation. Seven ministers of health, from different subregions, gave expositions on the importance of primary health care for the country and/or the subregion they represented. The need to establish a new regional agreement on primary health care and its role in national health development and the strengthening of the health infrastructure was underscored.

17. At the fifth meeting, the Delegate of Haiti read a statement from the Minister of Health about the great devastation in Haiti caused by hurricane Jeanne and thanking governments and national and international organizations that have assisted the country at this difficult time.

Meetings

18. The Directing Council held nine meetings.

Resolutions and Decisions

Resolutions

CD45.R1: Report on the Collection of Quota Contributions

THE 45th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CD45/17 and Add. I), and the concern expressed by the 134th Session of the Executive Committee with respect to the status of the collection of quota contributions;

Noting that all Member States subject to an approved deferred payment plan are in compliance with their plans; and

Noting that Venezuela is no longer subject to Article 6.B of the Constitution,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CD45/17 and Add. I).
2. To express appreciation to those Member States that have already made payments in 2004, and to urge all Members in arrears to meet their financial obligations to the Organization in an expeditious manner.
3. To congratulate the Member States that have fully met their quota obligations through 2004.
4. To compliment the Member States which have made significant payment efforts to reduce quota arrearages for prior years.
5. To take note that all Member States are in compliance with their approved payment plans and therefore shall retain the right to vote.
6. To restore the voting rights of Venezuela at this 45th Directing Council.
7. To request the Director to:

- (a) continue to monitor the implementation of special payment agreements by Member States in arrears for the payment of prior years' quota assessments;
- (b) advise the Executive Committee of Member States' compliance with their quota payment commitments;
- (c) report to the 46th Directing Council on the status of the collection of quota contributions for 2005 and prior years.

(Third meeting, 28 September 2004)

CD45.R2: Election Of Three Member States To The Executive Committee On The Expiration Of The Periods Of Office Of Dominican Republic, Honduras, And Peru

THE 45th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind the provision of Articles 4.D and 15.A of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization; and

Considering that Canada, Cuba, and Venezuela were elected to serve on the Executive Committee upon the expiration of the periods of Dominican Republic, Honduras, and Peru,

RESOLVES:

1. To declare Canada, Cuba, and Venezuela elected to membership on the Executive Committee for the period of three years.
2. To thank Dominican Republic, Honduras, and Peru for the services rendered to the Organization during the past three years by their delegates on the Executive Committee.

(Sixth meeting, 29 September 2004)

CD45.R3: Millennium Development Goals and Health Targets

THE 45th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen the report, “Millennium Development Goals and Health Targets” (Document CD45/8);

Acknowledging the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the strong commitment of the governments of the Region to their attainment;

Recognizing the close link between the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration and PAHO/WHO’s vision of health for all; and

Understanding the importance of the achievement of the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration for the reduction of health inequalities in the Region of the Americas,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Members States to:
 - (a) prepare and execute national plans of action for the attainment of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and the effective programming of development assistance resources;
 - (b) strengthen the political commitment to the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration at all levels of governance and consider the achievement of the goals a priority in regional, subregional, national, and local economic and social development plans;
 - (c) increase awareness and ownership of the health priorities set by the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration at the country level through a wide range of policy dialogues, partnerships, and intersectoral action;
 - (d) foster partnerships on the attainment of the development goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration in subregional political and economic fora in order to strengthen Member States’ commitment to health and social development with shared responsibility;
 - (e) intensify action on national health development and social protection in health, particularly at national and subnational levels to support progress on the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration;

- (f) better integrate national efforts to attain the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration with initiatives on health goals and targets and outcome-oriented health policies in the Americas;
 - (g) engage and increase cooperation with other partners to advance the agenda of the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration at regional, subregional, and country levels;
 - (h) support a strong civil society involvement at all levels to attain the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration, with a view to especially include adolescents, women, persons with disabilities, ethnic and racial groups, and indigenous populations;
 - (i) improve measurement and routine monitoring of progress of the attainment of the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration through high-quality, disaggregated health data;
 - (j) initiate, facilitate, and support research to strengthen the evidence base for the attainment of the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration and generate new knowledge, in particular relating to synergies for health.
2. To request the Director to:
- (a) renew efforts to support countries in the development and implementation of national plans of action for the attainment of the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration and in the effective programming of development assistance resources;
 - (b) continue to utilize the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration as a critical element of PAHO's cooperation in all relevant technical areas, particularly for those countries and population groups with the greatest need to attain the development goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration;
 - (c) continue to integrate and mainstream the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration in the PAHO program of work and in the results-based management;
 - (d) intensify efforts for mobilizing human and financial resources and partnerships to support the countries in the Americas in implementing their national strategies as applied to the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration that focus on health;

- (e) integrate PAHO's work on the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration with other strategic efforts in health development in the Region of the Americas, including the efforts by subregional and regional bodies, the poverty reduction strategies of the United Nations and development banks, and investment in health systems strengthening;
- (f) provide technical support to the regional meeting of ministers of health that will take place in Argentina, in June 2005, to assess progress on the health-related goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration;
- (g) continuously monitor the national and regional advancement towards the health-related goals, evaluate experiences, and share best practices among countries.

(Sixth meeting, 29 September 2004)

CD45.R4: Strategy for Increasing the Rate of Collection of Quota Assessments - Amendments to the PAHO Financial Regulations

THE 45th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the report of the Director on the strategy for increasing the rate of collection of quota assessments (Document CD45/16);

Noting that while quota collections for the 2002-2003 biennium exceeded amounts collected in each of the last three biennia, the Director is committed to improving the collection rate of quota arrearages; and

Noting the proposed strategy to improve the collection rate would require a revision to the Organization's Financial Regulations and Rules,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the report of the Director on the Strategy for Increasing the Rate of Collection of Quota Assessments (Document CD45/16).
2. To thank the Member States that have already made payments for 2004 and to urge the other Member States to pay all their outstanding contributions as soon as possible.

3. To approve the revision to the Organization's Financial Regulations, permitting payment of quota assessments in local currency, as follows:

Financial Regulation VI

6.6 Contributions shall be assessed in U.S. dollars ~~and paid in U.S. dollars~~, ***and shall be paid in either U.S. dollars or such other currency or currencies as the Director shall determine.***

6.7 ***Payments in currencies other than U.S. dollars shall be credited to Members' accounts at the United Nations rate of exchange in effect on the date of receipt by the Pan American Health Organization or at the market rate of exchange should conversion of excess currency be deemed prudent.***

Former Financial Regulations 6.7 through 6.9 shall be renumbered 6.8 through 6.10.

4. To thank the Director for her initiatives and request that she continue to inform the Member States of any balances due and to report to the 46th Directing Council on the status of the collection of quota contributions.

(Seventh meeting, 30 September 2004)

CD45.R5: Draft Proposed Program Budget of the World Health Organization for the Financial Period 2006-2007

THE 45th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered Documents CD45/6 and CD45/INF/2, which refer to the draft program budget of the World Health Organization for the Financial Period 2006-2007, to be financed from both the regular budget and other sources of funds;

Welcoming the continuing efforts made throughout the Organization to strengthen coordination and accountability in a results-based management framework;

Concerned with the decline of the regular budget allocation to the Region over the last three biennia as a consequence of the implementation of Resolution WHA51.31;

Welcoming the Director-General's commitment to allocate a greater share of resources (both regular and other sources) to Regions and countries; and

Appreciating that the tentative proposed allocation, particularly in the regular budget portion, would increase the share of resources to the Region of the Americas, with respect to previous biennia,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to transmit to the Director-General of WHO the views of the 56th session of the Regional Committee of the Americas on the Proposed WHO Program Budget for 2006-2007, so that these can be taken into consideration when the program budget is further reviewed and discussed at the 114th Executive Board and at the 58th World Health Assembly.
2. To support the Director-General's policy of the proposed shift of resources to Regions and countries as expressed in the draft program budget of the World Health Organization.
3. To request WHO to consider the specific needs of the Region of the Americas, in particular the prioritization of Key Countries in greatest need and the greater vulnerability of the small island states, in the development of criteria for the strategic allocation of resources, from both regular and other sources, to the different Regions of WHO.

(Seventh meeting, 30 September 2004)

CD45.R6: Regional Program Budget Policy

THE 45th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered Document CD45/7 and its Addendum, which presents a new Regional Program Budget Policy that defines a new way of allocating resources within the Organization;

Recalling the Managerial Strategy for the Work of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in the Period 2003-2007, which states that the program budget would need to be strategic and flexible to support the implementation of the 11th General Program of Work of WHO and the Strategic Plan 2003-2007 for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;

Further recalling Resolution CD44.R10 of the 44th Directing Council, which noted the need to update the regional program budget policy to define criteria for a more equitable budgetary allocation among countries;

Aware that the Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly has terminated Resolution WHA51.31 and has called for a new method for allocation of resources across the Regions of WHO, and a framework for guiding the formulation of the program budgets of WHO;

Noting the increased focus on countries, in particular the Key Countries identified in the Strategic Plan 2003-2007 for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, as well as the Director-General's proposal for shifting resources to the Regions and countries;

Concerned that countries of the Americas should intensify efforts to attain the targets for the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration and other regional goals by 2015;

Recognizing that countries that have achieved basic health indicators continue to be challenged and to require external assistance, yet notwithstanding, in the spirit of solidarity have agreed to the redistribution of resources to countries of greater need; and

Considering the comments made by the Executive Committee and the Directing Council,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Consultative Group on the PAHO Regional Program Budget Policy and the Secretariat for its efforts to develop criteria for the allocation of regular and extrabudgetary funds by functional level and area of work, and among countries.
2. To take note of the proposed model for allocation of resources among countries.
3. To approve the new PAHO Regional Program Budget Policy as contained in Document CD45/7, *with the following amendments:*
 - (a) In the reallocation of resources among countries, no country's core allocation should be reduced by more than 40% of its proportional allocation among countries as approved in the Biennial Program Budget, 2004-2005.
 - (b) The allocation to Key Countries, as identified in the Strategic Plan 2003-2007 for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Bolivia, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, and Nicaragua), will be protected so that they do not experience reduction of their proportional share of the core budget with respect to the Biennial Program Budget, 2004-2005.

- (c) The minimum level for the subregional component of the program budget is increased to 7%.
 - (d) The objectives for the use of the variable allocation among countries will be presented to the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming for approval at the time of presentation of the proposed Biennial Program Budget.
4. To ensure that the country allocations in future PAHO program budgets, approved by the Council, are guided by the model approved in operative paragraph 3 above, to be phased in over three biennia, in consultation with the countries, to ensure the least disruption to technical cooperation programs.
5. To promote a prioritization in the allocation among areas of work that is consistent with the attainment of the health-related goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration.
6. To request the Director to:
- (a) apply the new Regional Program Budget Policy in the formulation of future program budgets, as decided by the Directing Council;
 - (b) present to the Directing Council or Pan American Sanitary Conference a thorough evaluation of the Regional Program Budget Policy after two biennia of implementation to ensure that it continues to respond to the changing health needs and equitable allocation of resources;
 - (c) collaborate with Member States to promote more effective modes of cooperation and to strengthen the capacity of those countries that will be receiving greater resources to ensure their effective and efficient use;
 - (d) ensure that the health information systems of all countries are improved to provide, among other things, reliable data that could be used for refining the model for allocation of resources among countries.

(Eighth meeting, 30 September 2004)

CD45.R7: Access to Medicines

THE 45th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the report of the Director on Access to Medicines (Document CD45/10);

Bearing in mind that access to medicines and other critical public health supplies is a global priority, mandated through the United Nations Millennium Declaration;

Taking into account the insufficient and inequitable access to essential medicines and other public health supplies that exist in countries of the Americas, not only for products required in the treatment of HIV/AIDS, TB, and malaria, but also products used in the prevention and treatment of noncommunicable diseases, such as diabetes, hypertension, cancer, renal insufficiency, and other diseases of public health significance;

Considering the challenges that Member States face in addressing the problem, in particular, in the selection of quality products, financing, procurement, cost containment, intellectual property regulation, and supply management; and

Acknowledging the achievements of countries in the Americas in developing medicines policy based on principles of safety, quality, and efficacy, and in collaborating to develop regulatory capacity in the Region through fora, such as the Pan American Network for Drug Regulatory Harmonization,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge Member States to:
 - (a) assign priority to the issue of access to essential medicines and other public health supplies, addressing the determinants of access at the national level with special focus on poor and marginalized populations;
 - (b) develop generic drug policies as a means to increase the availability and affordability of essential medicines, ensuring product quality and safety through effective regulation and promoting rational use through incentives aimed at both providers and users;
 - (c) promote policies for the prescription of drugs by generic name, with the object of reducing the impact of health expenditure, especially on the poorest populations, introducing competitive pricing in the markets, promoting rational use, and thus, improving access, while guaranteeing the safety and efficacy of drugs;

- (d) continue to implement a broad range of cost containment strategies for essential public health supplies to maximize efficiency and resource utilization, and to monitor and evaluate the impact of such strategies on price and access;
- (e) implement in the Region of the Americas Resolution WHA57.14 of the Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly, specifically to adapt national legislation in order to maximize the flexibilities contained in the World Trade Organization's Agreement on Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS), and to encourage that bilateral trade agreements take into account the Doha Ministerial Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health;
- (f) acknowledge the importance of supply management in ensuring continuity in access to medicines and essential public health supplies, and to strengthen accordingly pharmaceutical supply management systems.

2. To urge the Director to:

- (a) support the development of networks and partnerships with the active participation of key stakeholders to implement a program of work promoting the development of generic medicine policies in the Region, the development and monitoring of cost containment strategies in accordance with applicable international laws and agreements and the strengthening of supply management capacity;
- (b) continue to strengthen the Regional Revolving Fund for Strategic Public Health Supplies as a procurement mechanism in support of the technical program of work in promoting access to essential medicines in the Region;
- (c) emphasize promotion of the rational use of drugs through appropriate prescription, distribution, and use;
- (d) attempt to identify mechanisms for promoting research and development in the field of drugs for neglected diseases;
- (e) assist the Member States in the implementation of Resolutions WHA56.27, Intellectual property rights, innovation and public health, and WHA57.14, Scaling up treatment and care within a coordinated and comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS;
- (f) continue encouraging efforts to implement the Pharmaceutical Clearinghouse of the Americas to facilitate actions aimed at promoting access to drugs in the Member States.

(Ninth meeting, 1 October 2004)

CD45.R8: Disaster Preparedness and Response

THE 45th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Noting that the current hurricane season has caused great devastation in Bahamas, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, and United States of America and has raised an overwhelming expression of solidarity at this 45th Directing Council, particularly for Haiti, where it has exacerbated an already difficult situation;

Considering that in the last decade more than 24 million people have lost loved ones, homes, workplaces, and personal possessions to disasters and noting that the same number of people has been left without health services in the aftermath of disasters due to the loss of or severe damage to health facilities, with direct losses estimated at US\$ 3.12 billion, and that similar natural disaster events are bound to increase in frequency and magnitude;

Mindful of the existence of a regional disaster task force and administrative arrangements of the Secretariat to provide immediate assistance to affected countries;

RESOLVES:

1. To urge Member States to further strengthen their own disaster preparedness and mitigation programs through appropriate allocation of resources and political support to ensure that the health sector remains operational when the affected population most needs
2. To urge Member States to adopt “Hospitals Safe from Disasters” as a national risk reduction policy, set the goal that all new hospitals are built with a level of protection that better guarantees their remaining functional in disaster situations, and implement appropriate mitigation measures to reinforce existing health facilities, particularly those providing primary care.
3. To thank the Director and the Secretariat for the immediate and effective mobilization of disaster management experts to facilitate international health coordination and provide public health assistance to the affected countries.
4. To urge the Director to mobilize resources to strengthen the response capacity of the Organization’s disaster task force for the immediate mobilization of regional expertise and other resources, with special consideration for the most affected priority countries such as Haiti.

5. To request the Director to further improve the disaster management capacity of the Secretariat and to continue supporting Member States in building capacity including increased training opportunities for disaster preparedness, mitigation, and response.

(Ninth meeting, 1 October 2004)

CD45.R9: Observatory of Human Resources in Health

THE 45th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered Document CD45/9 on the Observatory of Human Resources in Health, as well as Resolution CE128.R3 on the Development and Strengthening of Human Resources Management in the Health Sector (2001); and

Recognizing the importance of the development of effective human resources policies and plans to achieve universal access to quality health services and meet priority health needs of our populations,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Member States to:
 - (a) address persistent and emerging issues related to the availability, composition, distribution, and performance of human resources in health, which constitute major obstacles to the goal of universal access to quality health services and equity in health;
 - (b) exert effective leadership in establishing a national agenda for human resources development and promote the active involvement of relevant stakeholders in all phases of the policy-making process;
 - (c) invest in the development of human resources to support the strategy of primary health care and the delivery of essential public health functions, as a critical contribution to the attainment of the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration;
 - (d) explore ways to better address the complexities of active recruitment of health professionals from the developing countries within a framework of managed migration;

- (e) intensify their involvement in the Observatory of Human Resources in Health, as an appropriate strategy to define priorities and formulate sustainable policies.
2. To request the Director to:
- (a) intensify technical cooperation with Member States in developing and implementing effective human resources policies and plans;
 - (b) promote technical cooperation between countries as an appropriate mechanism to address human resources issues of common interest, including continuing education programs;
 - (c) expand the scope of the Initiative of the Observatory of Human Resources to address new challenges to the development of human resources;
 - (d) contribute to the creation of a regional strategy to address priority problems derived from the flow of human resources among countries, including the promotion of the concept of responsible management of migration;
 - (e) evaluate the Initiative during the 2006-2007 biennium to define future developments in PAHO's technical cooperation in this field.

(Ninth meeting, 1 October 2004)

CD45.R10: Scaling-Up of Treatment within a Comprehensive Response to HIV/AIDS

THE 45th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the report, "Scaling-up of Treatment within a Comprehensive Response to HIV/AIDS" (Document CD45/11);

Recognizing the escalating epidemic of HIV/AIDS in Latin America and the Caribbean with more than 2 million people living with HIV/AIDS in the region and having lost 200,000 lives to AIDS in 2003;

Acknowledging that the Caribbean has the second highest prevalence rates of HIV/AIDS in the world after sub-Saharan Africa and that the prevalence rates are rapidly growing in Central America;

Cognizant that the HIV/AIDS epidemic is challenging health systems in all countries of the Americas;

Considering that attention to treatment of people living with HIV/AIDS in the Americas has not kept pace with prevention efforts, due until recently to the high costs of medication and considerable stigma and discrimination resulting in the limited use of counseling and testing services;

Taking into account the technological developments, successful interventions, and closer partnerships among stakeholders, as well as increased financial opportunities for scaling-up access to treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS; and

Considering the launching of the “3 by 5” Initiative by the Director-General of the World Health Organization,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge Member States to:
 - (a) scale up efforts to treat HIV/AIDS/STI within the context of a comprehensive response to the epidemic;
 - (b) strengthen health systems for the effective response to the challenges of HIV/AIDS/STI, and to expand links with related services, including those of tuberculosis and maternal-and-child health;
 - (c) ensure the effective, reliable supply of medicines, diagnostics, and other commodities necessary for scaling-up of treatment;
 - (d) ensure an enabling environment, including political commitment and leadership, partnerships, and community mobilization; work jointly with their international and national partners, including civil society, and organizations of people living with HIV/AIDS to promote the “3 ones”;
 - (e) sustain and reinforce prevention activities and the reduction of stigma within the health services, especially those to prevent mother-to-child transmission, voluntary counseling and testing, control of STI and the elimination of congenital syphilis, and services for vulnerable groups, including women, children, youth, men who have sex with men, migrants, sex workers, intravenous drug users, prisoners, and families of persons living with HIV/AIDS;
 - (f) collaborate with civil society, United Nations agencies, and other sectors to sustain and reinforce the reduction of stigma and discrimination in various contexts according to national laws;

- (g) strengthen the surveillance capacity of technical programs to monitor the trends in the epidemic and the impact of interventions, adjusting national responses and strategies accordingly;
 - (h) track the flow of internal and external resources to support the comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS and to identify the necessary resources for scaling-up treatment.
2. To request the Director to:
- (a) continue to develop mechanisms to scale up treatment within a comprehensive response to HIV/AIDS in the Americas, including the expansion of the Regional Revolving Fund for Strategic Health Supplies, the application of tools and guidelines, human resource development and training, and other appropriate measures in support of health systems and services strengthening;
 - (b) articulate and consolidate PAHO efforts for scaling-up treatment with the global “3 by 5” Initiative promoted by World Health Organization so Member States benefit from the synergies of these endeavors;
 - (c) continue to foster partnerships with the cosponsoring agencies of the Joint United Nations Program on AIDS (UNAIDS), as well as with other institutions and agencies in the fight against HIV/AIDS in the Americas;
 - (d) continue to promote the sharing of regional and extraregional experiences and capacity development in HIV/AIDS/STI prevention and control;
 - (e) promote exchange of information on the sources and procurement of ARVs in order to increase access to those medications among Member States.

(Ninth meeting, 1 October 2004)

Decisions

CD45(D1): Report of the XIII Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor

The Directing Council, having considered and noted the report of the XIII Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor and the proposals made, and appreciating the efforts and commitment of the Ministers of Labor to improve the health and safety of the workers in the Americas,

1. DECIDES to request the Director that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau join the initiatives of the Organization of American States, regarding the strategic alliance between the health and labor sectors in the Americas, facilitate the implementation of the referred initiatives, and report on the progress made to the Governing Bodies;

2. DECIDES to request that the Director propose the inclusion of a session with the pro tempore presidents of the Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor and with the participation of the Ministers of Education in the preparatory meeting of the Ministers of Health and Environment of the IV Summit of the Americas in order to articulate the work of the labor, environment, and education sectors in relation to the working conditions and employment, particularly in the health sector.

CD45(D2): Committee on Credentials

Three delegates, from Antigua and Barbuda, Ecuador, and Paraguay, respectively, were appointed members of the Committee on Credentials.

(First meeting, 27 September 2004)

CD45(D3): Officers

Nicaragua (Dr. José Antonio Alvarado) was elected to the Presidency, Cuba (Dr. José Ramón Balaguer Cabrera) and Peru (Dr. Pilar Mazzetti Soler) to the Vice Presidencies, and Guyana (Dr. Leslie Ramsammy) to the office of Rapporteur.

(First meeting, 27 September 2004)

CD45(D4): Working Party to Study the Application of Article 6.B of the PAHO Constitution

Three delegates, from Canada, El Salvador, and Saint Kitts and Nevis, respectively, were elected members of the Working Party.

(First meeting, 27 September 2004)

CD45(D5): *General Committee*

Three delegates, from France, Mexico, and United States of America, respectively, were elected members of the General Committee.

(First meeting, 27 September 2004)

CD45(D6): *Agenda*

Pursuant to Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure, the Directing Council adopted the provisional agenda, (Document CD45/1) presented by the Director, with one modification. Item 10.1 Report of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Hemispheric Committee for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease was eliminated, because the meeting was not able to be held before the present Council as had been anticipated.

(First meeting, 27 September 2004)

CD45(D7): *Annual Report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau*

The Directing Council took note of the Annual Report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

(Second meeting, 27 September 2004)

CD45(D8): *Annual Report of the President of the Executive Committee*

The Directing Council took note of the report of the President of the Executive Committee on the activities of the Committee and its subcommittees in the period between September 2003 and September 2004.

(Second meeting, 27 September 2004)

CD45(D9): *Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for 2002-2003*

The Directing Council took note of the Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for 2002-2003.

(Third meeting, 28 September 2004)

CD45(D10): *Joint Coordinating Board of the UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Program for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases*

Cuba was selected to designate a representative to the Joint Coordinating Board of the UNDP/World Bank/WHO Special Program for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases for a three-year term beginning 1 January 2005.

(Sixth meeting, 29 September 2004)

CD45(D11): *International Coordination Council of the Pan American Institute for Food Protection and Zoonoses (INPPAZ)*

Chile was selected to designate a representative to the International Coordination Council of the Pan American Institute for Food Protection and Zoonoses (INPPAZ) for a three-year term beginning 1 January 2005.

(Sixth meeting, 29 September 2004)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the President of the 45th Directing Council, Delegate of Nicaragua, and the Secretary ex officio, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, sign the present Final Report in the English and Spanish languages, the two texts being equally authentic.

DONE in Washington D.C., United States of America, this first day of October in the year two thousand and four. 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.

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