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According to the *Principles Governing Relations between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations*, "The Executive Committee of PAHO will appoint three Members to the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations, whose terms will expire simultaneously with the expiration of their terms on the Executive Committee."

The present members of the Standing Committee are Bolivia, Jamaica, and Nicaragua.

1. Review of Nongovernmental Organizations in Official Relations with PAHO

Paragraph 5 of the *Principles* states that "The Standing Committee will normally review collaboration with each NGO with which PAHO has official working relations every four years and, based on the results of the biennial work plans and activities undertaken during the period under review and on the proposed work plan for the next four-year period, shall make a recommendation to the Executive Committee on the desirability of maintaining these relations."

There are 14 NGOs in official relations with PAHO. Seven of those are subject to review in 2001. Accordingly, the Standing Committee will review the following NGOs at its meeting in June and recommend to the Executive Committee, in each case, the continuation or not of official relations:

- Inter-American Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering
- International Diabetes Federation

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- International Organization of Consumers Unions
- National Coalition of Hispanic Health and Human Services Organizations
(renamed the National Alliance for Hispanic Health)
- Latin American and Caribbean Association of Public Health Education
- Latin American Federation of the Pharmaceutical Industry
- United States Pharmacopeial Convention, Inc.

2. Applications Received

Paragraph 4.3 of the *Principles* states that "During the June session of the Executive Committee, the Standing Committee will consider applications submitted by NGOs and will make recommendations thereon to the Executive Committee...."

Documentation was completed by the following applicants by 31 January 2001—the deadline for applications to be considered in 2001:

- American Society for Microbiology
- March of Dimes
- World Association for Sexology

The Executive Committee, after considering the recommendations of the Standing Committee, will take a decision on the admission into official working relations with PAHO of each of these NGOs.