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NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH PAHO

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

1. Applications of Nongovernmental Organizations (NGO) for Admittance into Official Working Relations with PAHO

Paragraph 4.3 of the *Principles Governing Relations between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations* states that:

“During the June session of the Executive Committee, the Standing Committee will consider applications submitted by NGOs and make recommendations thereon to the Executive Committee; it may invite a representative of the NGO to speak before it in connection with a representation of the NGO's application. Should the applicant NGO be considered not to meet the established criteria, and bearing in mind the desirability of ensuring a valuable continuing partnership based on defined objectives and evidenced by a record of successful past collaboration and a framework for future collaborative activities, the Standing Committee may recommend postponement of consideration or rejection of an application.”

This year, the Director submitted for the consideration of the Standing Committee the applications received by the deadline established in the *Principles* of one nongovernmental organization: the Inter American Heart Foundation.

The Standing Committee, composed of the Representatives of Bolivia, Jamaica, and Peru, with Peru presiding at the meeting, considered the background paper prepared by the PAHO Secretariat, which contained the application of the Inter American Heart Foundation (IAHF) including a profile of the applicant and a history of their collaborative activities with PAHO. After carefully reviewing the background documentation made

available to it, the Standing Committee recommends to the Executive Committee that it admit the IAHF into official relations with PAHO.

2. Review of the Nongovernmental Organizations in Official Relations with PAHO

Paragraph 5 of the *Principles* requires 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 proposed work plan for the next four-year period, shall make a recommendation to the Executive Committee on the desirability of maintaining these relations.”

The Director submitted to the Standing Committee information on the four inter-American nongovernmental organizations whose relations with PAHO were due for review. The information, including that submitted by each NGO in support of its application for continuation of official formal relations, and the Director’s analysis of its collaborative activities with PAHO, was made available to the Standing Committee.

The four NGOs are:

- International Organization of Consumers Unions (CI-ROLAC);
 - Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry (COLABIOCLI)
 - Latin American Union Against Sexually Transmitted Diseases (ULACETS)
 - National Coalition of Hispanic Health and Human Services Organizations (renamed the National Alliance for Hispanic Health);
- 2.1 After a brief presentation by the respective NGOs and comments from the PAHO Secretariat, and in light of the written information provided on collaborative activities between each of the following NGOs and PAHO, the Standing Committee recommends to the Executive Committee that it authorize continuation of official relations with the Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry (COLABIOCLI) and the National Alliance for Hispanic Health for a period of four years.
- 2.2 Concerning the International Organization of Consumers Unions (CI-ROLAC) and the Latin American Union Against Sexually Transmitted Diseases (ULACETS), the Standing Committee recommends to the Executive Committee that it review again the status of official relations between PAHO and CIROLAC and ULACETS in one year in order to give them the opportunity to implement the

collaborative work plans and clearly identify the technical areas that would best benefit from a collaborative effort.

In light of the above, the Standing Committee proposes to the Executive Committee that it adopt the following resolution:

Proposed Resolution

THE 130th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having studied the report (Document CE130/7) of the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations; and

Mindful of the provisions of the *Principles Governing Relations Between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations* (1995, revised 2000),

RESOLVES:

1. To admit the InterAmerican Heart Foundation into (IAHF) official relations with PAHO.
2. To continue official relations with the Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry (COLABIOCLI), and the National Alliance for Hispanic Health for a period of four years.
3. To continue official relations between PAHO and Latin American Union Against Sexually Transmitted Diseases (ULACETS) and International Organization of Consumers Unions (CI-ROLAC) for a period of one year, on the understanding that the status of their activities and performance as per an agreed upon collaborative work plan will be reviewed again by the Standing Committee at its meeting in 2003.
4. To request the Director to:
 - (a) Advise the respective NGOs of the decisions taken by the Executive Committee;
 - (b) Continue developing dynamic working relations with inter-American NGOs of interest to the Organization in areas which fall within the program priorities that the Governing Bodies have adopted for PAHO;
 - (c) Continue fostering relationships between Member States and NGOs working in the field of health.