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RESOLUTION

CE138.R13

REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON STREAMLINING THE GOVERNANCE MECHANISMS OF PAHO

ABOLISHMENT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON WOMEN, HEALTH, AND DEVELOPMENT

THE 138th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the recommendations of the Working Group on Streamlining the Governance Mechanisms of PAHO, established by Decision CE137(D5), regarding the Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development;

Recognizing that the Subcommittee, in existence since 1981, has played a decisive role in spearheading key policy changes towards the attainment of gender equality in health both within the Organization and in the Region;

Acknowledging that despite considerable progress, deeply entrenched gender inequalities remain in the Region regarding health status, access to health services, and participation in health development and decision-making;

Acknowledging that in order to address the unfinished agenda of gender inequality, protect the Organization's achievements in this area, and face up to its new challenges, a continued and systematic effort by the health sector at all levels is required;

Aware that the Organization has introduced institutional changes towards sustained effectiveness in this area;

Cognizant that the Pan American Health Organization, in consonance with the World Health Organization and other agencies of the United Nations and the inter-

American system, has recently formulated a Gender Equality Policy, that was adopted by the Directing Council (Resolution CD46.R6); and

Noting that the aforementioned gender equality policy applies to all of PAHO's work, including technical cooperation, national policy frameworks, and human resources management; and that the implementation of this policy requires specific resourcing and monitoring in each of these three areas,

RESOLVES:

1. To dissolve the Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development.
2. To request the Director to ensure that:
 - (a) gender equality issues of policy formulation and monitoring regularly be part of the agenda of the Executive Committee;
 - (b) gender equity and sensitivity be mainstreamed in all technical aspects including women's health in the overall public health reports to the Executive Committee through the formation of an advisory group that will also be responsible for guiding the reporting process;
 - (c) gender equality among men and women be treated as a crosscutting managerial issue in all of the functions of the Organization and in the budgeting discussions of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration.

(Eighth meeting, 22 June 2006)