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Please replace pages 1 and 2 of Document CD46/23, Add. I, with the attached sheets.
1. In December 2003, the Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) requested, through WHO Headquarters, the Joint Inspection Unit of the United Nations System (JIU) to conduct a review of the administration and management in PAHO. The objective was to obtain an external independent view that could provide valuable inputs in the design and implementation of efforts aimed at the institutional strengthening of PAHO. The Director has kept the Governing Bodies informed of her request and of the conduct of the review and has indicated that she would share the final results with the Member States of the Organization upon receiving the final report from the JIU.

2. The review, carried out by the JIU during 2004-2005, covers several aspects of the administration and management of the Organization, and focuses on the assessment of the results-based management (RBM) system in PAHO against the benchmarks contained in the JIU’s “Overview of the Series of Reports on Managing for Results in the United Nations System.”

3. On 5 September 2005, the Chairman of the JIU submitted to the Director of PAHO the report entitled “Review of the Implementation of Results-based Management in the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)” (Annex), prepared by Inspectors Even Fontaine Ortiz and Muhammad Yussuf. This report was produced in accordance with the provisions of Article 11, paragraph 5, of the JIU Statute, and has been submitted to the Director of PAHO for her use as she may deem appropriate. The Inspectors have also recommended that the Director of PAHO consider forwarding it with her comments, as appropriate, to PAHO’s Governing Bodies.

4. Notwithstanding the short period of time between the receipt of the final report and the 46th Directing Council, the Director wishes to make available the results of the
review conducted by the JIU as they may be useful for the deliberations of the Governing Bodies on the Institutional Strengthening of PAHO.

5. A detailed analysis of the recommendations contained in the report and a thorough discussion within the Secretariat of the findings of the review is planned to take place during the period September 2005 - January 2006. An action plan will be prepared for the consideration of the Governing Bodies to advance the implementation of the results-based management system in the Organization, taking into account the results of the review conducted by the JIU. The Director of PAHO will present detailed comments on the report to the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming in the spring of 2006.

Annex