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REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NGOS

1. The Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs), composed of Jamaica, Peru, and the United States, met at 12:30 p.m. on 24 June 2003.

Review of the NGOs in Official Relations with PAHO

2. The Standing Committee considered the background paper prepared by the Secretariat, containing a profile of the NGO in official relations with PAHO, and a history of its collaborative activities with PAHO.

3. Paragraph 5 of the *Principles Governing Relations Between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations* 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 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."

4. The Director submitted to the Standing Committee the two inter-American nongovernmental organizations whose relations with PAHO were due after a one-year interim extension. The information submitted by the NGOs in support of their applications for continuation of official formal relations, together with the Director's analysis, were made available to the Standing Committee.

5. The two NGOs are: the International Organization of Consumers Unions (CI-ROLAC), and the Latin American Union against Sexually Transmitted Diseases (ULACETS).

- (a) Because the proposed collaborative activities between PAHO and the two NGOs were not developed or executed fully during the past year, the Standing Committee recommends to the Executive Committee that it authorize continuation of official relations with the International Organization of Consumers Unions (CI-ROLAC) and the Latin American Union Against Sexually Transmitted Diseases (ULACETS) for a period of one year to ensure that the shortcomings identified are addressed and resolved in a mutually satisfactory manner.
 - (b) Concerning the reports received from the NGOs in question and the responsible technical units, the Committee recommends to the Executive Committee that the Director elaborate more precise criteria for reviewing collaboration with NGOs in official relations with PAHO, and that a protocol be drafted for evaluating the performance of NGOs according to the biennial work plans and activities undertaken under the period under review, as per article 5 of the *Principles Governing Relations Between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations*. This protocol should be reviewed by the Standing Committee on NGOs and submitted to the 133rd session of the Executive Committee in September 2003.
6. In light of the above, the Subcommittee proposes to the Executive Committee that it adopt the following resolution:

Proposed Resolution

**REVIEW OF NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH PAHO**

THE 132nd SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having studied the report (Document CE132/8, and Add. I) of the Standing Subcommittee 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 continue official relations between PAHO and the Latin American Union Against Sexually Transmitted Diseases (ULACETS) and with the International Organization of Consumers Unions (CI-ROLAC) for one year, with the understanding

that progress in addressing concerns raised will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Standing Committee on NGOs in June of 2004.

2. To request the Director to:
 - (a) advise the respective NGOs of the decisions taken by the Executive Committee;
 - (b) prepare an evaluation protocol which would serve as criteria for the Standing Committee on NGOs when called upon to review PAHO's collaboration with NGOs. This protocol will be reviewed by the Standing Committee on NGOs and submitted to the Executive Committee in the next session in September 2003;
 - (c) 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;
 - (d) assess the relevance of the relationship with inter-American NGOs working officially with PAHO, encouraging more participation and collaboration; and
 - (e) continue fostering relationships between Member States and NGOs working in the field of health.

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