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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 document *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 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 application, received by the deadline established in the *Principles*, of one nongovernmental organization: the Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network (RSMLAC).

The Standing Committee, composed of the Delegates of Barbados, Peru, and United States of America, with Barbados presiding at the meeting, considered the background paper prepared by the Secretariat, which contained the application of the RSMLAC, 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 RSMLAC 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 following five inter-American nongovernmental organizations whose relations with PAHO were due for review.

The five NGOs are:

- Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools (FEPAFEM)
- Latin American Federation of Hospitals (FLH)
- Inter-American College of Radiology (ICR)
- Pan American Federation of Nursing Professionals (FEPPEN)
- Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (ALIFAR).

Pursuant to Resolution CE132.R9 adopted by the Executive Committee in June 2003, the Director also submitted information on the following two inter-American NGOs whose official relations were renewed for one year, with the understanding that the status of their activities and performance in accordance with an agreed-upon collaborative work plan would be reviewed again at the meeting of the Standing Committee in June 2004.

The two NGOs are:

- Pan American Union for the Control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (UPACITS, formerly ULACETS)
- International Organization of Consumers Unions (CI-ROLAC).

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 Inter-American College of Radiology (ICR), the Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (ALIFAR), the Latin American Federation of Hospitals (FLH), the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools (FEPAFEM), the Pan American Federation of Nursing Professionals (FEPPEN), and the International Organization of Consumers Unions (CI-ROLAC) for a period of four years.

2.2 Concerning the Pan American Union for the Control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (UPACITS, formerly ULACETS), the Standing Committee recommends to the Executive Committee to discontinue official relations between PAHO and this NGO.

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

*Proposed Resolution*

***THE 134th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,***

Having studied the report of the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations (Document CE134/7); and

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

***RESOLVES:***

1. To admit the Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network (RSMLAC) into official relations with PAHO.
2. To continue official relations between PAHO and the Inter-American College of Radiology (ICR), the Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries (ALIFAR), the Latin American Federation of Hospitals (FLH), the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools (FEPAFEM), the Pan American Federation of Nursing Professionals (FEPPEN), and the International Organization of Consumers Unions (CI-ROLAC) for a period of four years.
3. To discontinue official relations between PAHO and the Pan American Union for the Control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (UPACITS, formerly ULACETS).

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.

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