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NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH PAHO

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

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

1. 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.”

2. 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 Medical Confederation of Latin America and the Caribbean (COMFEMEL).

3. The Standing Committee, composed of the Delegates of Barbados, Costa Rica, and United States of America, with Costa Rica presiding at the meeting, considered the background paper prepared by the Secretariat, which contained the application of the Medical Confederation of Latin America and the Caribbean (COMFEMEL), 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 COMFEMEL into official relations with PAHO, with the understanding that the actions established in the agreement will be reviewed at the meeting of the Standing Committee on NGOs in 2007.

Review of the Nongovernmental Organizations in Official Relations with PAHO

4. 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.”

5. The Director submitted to the Standing Committee information on the following eight inter-American nongovernmental organizations whose relations with PAHO were due for review.

6. The eight NGOs are:

- American Society of Microbiology (ASM)
- Inter-American Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering (AIDIS)
- International Diabetes Federation (IDF)
- Latin American and Caribbean Association of Public Health Education (ALAESP)
- Latin American Federation of the Pharmaceutical Industry (FIFARMA)
- March of Dimes
- United States Pharmacopeia (USP)
- World Association of Sexology (WAS)

7. 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 authorizes continuation of official relations with the American Society of Microbiology (ASM), the Inter-American Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering (AIDIS), the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), the Latin American and Caribbean Association of Public Health Education (ALAESP), the Latin American Federation of the Pharmaceutical Industry (FIFARMA), the March of Dimes, the United States Pharmacopeia (USP), and the World Association of Sexology (WAS) for a period of four years.

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

Proposed Resolution

THE 136th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having studied the report of the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations (Document CE136/10, Add. I); 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 Medical Confederation of Latin America and the Caribbean (COMFEMEL) into official relations with PAHO, with the understanding that the action established in the agreement will be reviewed at the meeting of the Standing Committee on NGOs in 2007.
2. To continue official relations between PAHO and the American Society of Microbiology (ASM), the Inter-American Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering (AIDIS), the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), the Latin American and Caribbean Association of Public Health Schools (ALAESP), the Latin American Federation of the Pharmaceutical Industry (FIFARMA), the March of Dimes, the United States Pharmacopeia (USP), and the World Association of Sexology (WAS) for a period of four years.
3. To request the Director to:
 - (a) inform 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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