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NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH PAHO

Applications Received

1. According to the *Principles Governing Relations between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations*, “The Executive Committee, after considering the recommendations of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration, shall decide whether an NGO is to be admitted into official working relations with PAHO.”
2. No applications from NGOs wishing to enter into official relations with PAHO were received by 31 January 2007—the deadline for applications to be considered in 2007.

Review of the Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs) in Official Relations with PAHO

3. Paragraph 5 of the *Principles Governing Relations between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations* states that “The Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration 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 Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration held a private meeting to review collaboration with the Medical Confederation of Latin America and the Caribbean (Confemel), based on the criteria set out in the *Principles Governing Relations between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations*.

Recommendation:

5. Based on its review of the documentation provided by the Secretariat and the information obtained from Confemel, the Subcommittee decided to recommend to the Executive Committee that official relations between PAHO and the Medical Confederation of Latin America and the Caribbean (Confemel) be discontinued, bearing in mind that it might be desirable to consider reestablishing official relations in the future as PAHO seemed interested in pursuing relations with the NGO. The Subcommittee encouraged the Secretariat to remain vigilant and to strive to ensure that all NGOs in official relations with PAHO fulfilled their commitments to the Organization.

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