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UPDATE ON THE PROCESS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

1. The audit of an organization by an external entity is one of the key instruments ensuring transparency and oversight in its operations. The appointment of the current External Auditor of the Pan American Health Organization will expire at the completion of the audit of the 2006-2007 financial period. The current External Auditor, the National Audit Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, has held the appointment for nearly 30 years.
2. Therefore, in an effort to ensure the quality and objectivity of the audit product, as well as to introduce competitive pricing, the Secretariat proposed that the nomination process be open to all Member, Participating and Associate States. As a result, the 47th Directing Council in Resolution CD47.R14 approved a procedure for the nomination and appointment of the External Auditor of the Pan American Health Organization for the 2008-2009 and 2010-2011 financial periods.
3. A note verbale was sent to all Member, Participating, and Associate States in October 2006. The note verbale described in detail the process the Member States needed to follow in order to nominate an Auditor of international repute. The deadline for the receipt of submissions from the Member States was 30 April 2007. The Secretariat received one valid nomination from the Government of the United Kingdom, which will be submitted to the 27th Pan American Sanitary Conference in October 2007 for the consideration of the Member States.

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