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FINAL REPORT

Opening of the Session

1. The 141st Session of the Executive Committee was held at the Headquarters of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in Washington, D.C., on 5 October 2007. Dr. Nancy Pérez (Venezuela, outgoing President of the Executive Committee) opened the session and welcomed the participants, extending a special welcome to the new Members elected by the recently concluded 27th Pan American Sanitary Conference: Bolivia, Mexico, and Suriname.

Participants

2. The session was attended by representatives of the following nine Members of the Executive Committee elected by the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference: Antigua and Barbuda, Bolivia, Chile, Mexico, Panama, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America, and Uruguay. Present in an observer capacity were representatives of Argentina, Netherlands, Puerto Rico, and Venezuela.

Procedural Matters

Officers

3. Pursuant to Rule 15 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee elected the following Member States to serve as officers for its 141st and 142nd sessions (Decision CE141(D1)):

President: Antigua and Barbuda (Hon. H. John Maginley)

Vice President: Uruguay (Dr. María Julia Muñoz)

Rapporteur: Panama (Mr. Cirilo Lawson)

4. Dr. Mirta Roses Periago, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB), served as Secretary ex officio, and Dr. Cristina Beato, Deputy Director of PASB, served as Technical Secretary.

Adoption of the Agenda (Document CE141/1)

5. Pursuant to Rule 9 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda prepared by the Director (Decision CE141(D2)).

Subcommittee Matters

Election of Two Members to the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration

6. The Committee elected Bolivia and Mexico to serve on the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration on the expiration of the periods of office on the Committee of Canada and Cuba (Decision CE141(D3)).

Governing Body Matters

Dates and Proposed Topics for the Second Session of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration

7. The Director proposed that the Second Session of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration (SPBA) be held from 10 to 12 March 2008. She also proposed the following items for discussion by the SPBA:

- Final proposal for the Master Capital Investment Plan for PAHO
- Report on the situation of the Internal Oversight Services Unit
- Progress report on implementation of the WHO Global Management System

8. A Member State proposed that the Subcommittee should also discuss the branding of the Organization, including its publication policy.

9. The Executive Committee decided that the Second Session of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration would be held on the dates proposed by the Director, from 10 to 12 March 2008, and agreed that the Secretariat would draw up the agenda, taking into account any items proposed by Member States, as well as items that were mandatory in accordance with the planning cycle of the Organization (Decision CE141(D4)).

Dates and Proposed Topics for the 142nd Session of the Executive Committee

10. The Director proposed that the 142nd Session of the Committee be held from 23 to 27 June 2008. The Secretariat had prepared the following list of possible agenda items

for consideration by the Governing Bodies in 2008, most of which had been raised by Member States during 2007:

- Social determinants of health: Report of the Global Commission
- Intergovernmental Working Group on Public Health, Innovation, and Intellectual Property
- Diabetes
- Obesity
- Policy framework for organ donation and transplant
- Cervical cancer
- Integrated vector management
- Strengthening of health systems for social protection
- Health and international relations
- Progress report on the strengthening of essential public health functions
- PAHO's policy on health research

11. In addition to the foregoing topics, she proposed the following items:

- Regional strategy and plan of action on neonatal health within the continuum of maternal, newborn, and child care
- Regional strategy for adolescent health
- Regional plan of action on strengthening of vital statistics
- Eradication and elimination of diseases that are part of the unfinished agenda

12. Member States proposed the following items:

- Human resources for primary health care
- Intrafamily violence, especially gender-based violence against women
- Health of older adults, and active and healthy aging
- Undernutrition
- Breast cancer
- Road safety
- Climate change and its impact on health

- Health of indigenous peoples in the Americas
- Migration of health workers

13. In addition, Member States made a number of suggestions regarding aspects of the preceding health issues that should be examined, and several offered to assist the Secretariat in preparing the respective documents. With regard to the proposed item on social determinants of health, it was pointed out that the report of the WHO Commission would not be presented to the World Health Assembly until 2009 and that it would be premature for the PAHO Governing Bodies to take any action on the report before that.

14. The Director proposed that a period of 30 days should be allowed, during which the Secretariat would undertake a thorough review in order to identify items on which progress reports were required pursuant to resolutions of the Governing Bodies, and PAHO technical and administrative staff would consult with Member States in order to determine the approach that should be taken to the various agenda items. The Secretariat would also examine when it would be most appropriate to discuss some items, bearing in mind when they would be considered by the World Health Assembly or other international forums.

15. The Committee agreed to that suggestion and decided to hold its 142nd Session from 23 to 27 June 2008 (Decision CE141(D5)).

Dates of the 48th Directing Council, 60th Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas

16. The Director proposed that the 48th Directing Council, 60th Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, be held at PAHO Headquarters in Washington, D.C., from 29 September to 3 October 2008.

17. A Member, noting that his country's Minister of Health would not be able to attend during the proposed week, asked that the Director consider the possibility of holding the session before 1 October. The Director took note of the request.

18. The Committee decided that the 48th Directing Council, 60th Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, would take place at PAHO Headquarters in Washington, D.C., from 29 September to 3 October 2008 (Decision CE141(D6)).

Other Matters

19. The Director drew attention to two important international health meetings that would take place in 2008: the Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Health and Agriculture, scheduled for April 2008 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and the

Regional Congress on Health Sciences Information (CRICS), to be held in October 2008 in São Paulo, Brazil.

Closing of the Session

20. Following the customary exchange of courtesies, the President declared the 141st Session closed.

Decisions

21. The following are the decisions taken by the Executive Committee in the course of the 141st Session:

CE141(D1) Election of Officers

Pursuant to Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee, the Committee elected the following Members to serve as officers for its 141st and 142nd Sessions:

President:	Antigua and Barbuda
Vice President:	Uruguay
Rapporteur:	Panama

(Single plenary meeting, 5 October 2007)

CE141(D2) Adoption of the Agenda

Pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee, the Committee adopted the agenda submitted by the Director (Document CE141/1).

(Single plenary meeting, 5 October 2007)

CE141(D3) Election of Two Members to the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration

The Executive Committee elected Bolivia and Mexico to serve on the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration.

(Single plenary meeting, 5 October 2007)

CE141(D4) Dates and Proposed Topics for the Second Session of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration

The Committee decided that the Second Session of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration would be held from 10 to 12 March 2008. The Committee agreed that the Secretariat would draw up the agenda, taking into account any input received from and items proposed by Member States.

(Single plenary meeting, 5 October 2007)

CE141(D5) Dates and Proposed Topics for the 142nd Session of the Executive Committee

Pursuant to Article 17.A of the PAHO Constitution, the Committee set the dates for its first regular session in the year 2008, the 142nd Session, to be held from 23 to 27 June 2008. The Committee agreed that the Secretariat would draw up the agenda, taking into account any input received from and items proposed by Member States.

(Single plenary meeting, 5 October 2007)

CE141(D6) Dates of the 48th Directing Council, 60th Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas

Pursuant to Article 12.A of the PAHO Constitution and Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council, the Committee authorized the Director to convene the 48th Directing Council, 60th Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, in Washington, D.C., from 29 September to 3 October 2008.

(Single plenary meeting, 5 October 2007)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the President of the Executive Committee and the Secretary ex officio, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, sign the present Final Report in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE in Washington, D.C., United States of America, on this fifth day of October in the year two thousand seven. The Secretary shall deposit the original texts in the archives of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and shall send copies thereof to the Members and Associate Members of the Organization.

John Maginley
Delegate of Antigua and Barbuda
President of the 141st Session
of the Executive Committee

Mirta Roses Periago
Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau
Secretary ex officio of the
141st Session of the Executive Committee

AGENDA

1. Opening of the Session

2. Procedural Matters

- 2.1 Election of the President, Vice President, and Rapporteur of the Executive Committee

(Rule 15, Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee)

- 2.2 Adoption of the Agenda

(Rule 9, Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee)

3. Subcommittee Matters

- 3.1 Election of Two Members to the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration on the Expiration of the Periods of Office on the Executive Committee of Canada and Cuba

4. Governing Body Matters

- 4.1 Dates and Proposed Topics for the 2nd Session of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration

- 4.2 Dates and Proposed Topics for the 142nd Session of the Executive Committee

- 4.3 Dates of the 48th Directing Council, 60th Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas

(Art.12.A, PAHO Constitution)

(Rule 1, Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council)

5. Other Matters

6. Closure of the Session