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NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH PAHO

Report of the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration Regarding Nongovernmental Organizations in Official Relations with PAHO

Applications for Admittance into Official Working Relations with PAHO

1. Paragraph 4.3 of the *Principles Governing Relations between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations* states that “During the March session the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration will consider applications submitted by NGOs and will 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 did not have any applications to submit for the consideration of the Subcommittee.

Review of the NGOs in Official Relations with PAHO

3. The Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration, composed of the Representatives of Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Mexico, and Trinidad and Tobago, considered the background paper prepared by the Secretariat, containing a profile of the NGO in official relations with PAHO, and a history of its collaborative activities with PAHO.

4. Paragraph 5 of the *Principles Governing Relations Between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations* requires 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."

5. The Director submitted to the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration a report on six out of seven inter-American nongovernmental organizations whose relations with PAHO were due for the four-year review. The information submitted by the NGOs in support of their applications for continuation of official formal relations, together with the Director's analysis, were made available to the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration.

6. The seven NGOs in question are: Inter-American College of Radiology (ICR), Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries – (ALIFAR), Pan American Federation of Nursing Professionals – (FEPPEN), Pan American Federation of Associations of Faculties and Schools of Medicine – (FEPAFEM), Latin American Federation of Hospitals – (FLH), Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network (RSMLAC), and the International Organization of Consumers Unions (CI-ROLAC).

7. In light of the fact that the PASB received no response from the International Organization of Consumers Unions – Latin America and Caribbean Office (CI-ROLAC) on collaborative activities and future plans between this NGO and PAHO, and no comments were submitted by the Technical Area, the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration recommends to the Executive Committee that official relations be discontinued with the International Organization of Consumers Unions (CI-ROLAC) since it has not complied with the provisions stipulated in the *Principles Governing Relations between PAHO and Nongovernmental Organizations*.¹

8. Based on the reports received from the other six NGOs in question and on the approval of the responsible Technical Areas, the Subcommittee advises the Executive Committee to recommend that PAHO continue in official relations with the six NGOs with an annual review of their performance. The Subcommittee further recommends that the Director ensure that PAHO works with the six NGOs to ensure that a four-year work plan is drawn up with each organization, based on mutually agreed upon objectives, with an outline of specific activities for each two-year period (as described in section 4.3), as

¹ See 5.2.2 of the *Principles Governing Relations between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations*.

this will enable the Subcommittee to properly evaluate the collaborative activities for the previous four years as well as a proposed collaborative work plan for the forthcoming four years. With this methodology, the Subcommittee will be in a better position to make a recommendation to the June 2008 and future meetings of the Executive Committee on the desirability of maintaining these official relations

Action by the Executive Committee

9. The committee is requested to take note of this report.

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