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### **REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 6.B OF THE PAHO CONSTITUTION**

1. The Working Party appointed to study the application of Article 6.B of the PAHO Constitution has reviewed the status of quota collections in light of the provisions of Article 6.B concerning the suspension of voting privileges of any Member more than two years in arrears in the payment of its quotas. The members of the Working Party are the Delegates of the Belize, Bolivia, and Canada.
2. At the opening of the 27th Pan American Sanitary Conference, two Member States had arrearages in excess of two full years of assessments; however, both of these Member States are in compliance with their approved deferred payment plans that have been agreed upon and approved.

#### **Analysis**

3. The Working Party has carefully taken into account the recommendations of the 140th Session of the Executive Committee, as expressed in Resolution CE140.R3, as well as the official reports and resolutions of past sessions of the Directing Council and Sanitary Conference. The Working Party recognizes the important relationship that the timing of quota receipts bears to the successful implementation of programs approved by the respective Directing Council or Sanitary Conference. Clearly, when budgetary resources are not forthcoming at the time they are expected, the critical timing of implementation of approved programs is endangered. Furthermore, the delay in receipt of quota contributions results in the imposition of special measures for the management of financial resources in order to maintain a sound financial position for the Organization.

### **Concluding Remarks**

4. The Working Party compliments those Member States which have made special efforts to meet their quota commitments as early as possible during the calendar year and recognizes the significant efforts made by the countries which are experiencing difficult economic conditions.
5. Furthermore, the Working Party notes with appreciation the assiduous manner in which Member States that have ongoing deferred payment plans, but are no longer subject to Article 6.B, have maintained compliance with all financial obligations.
6. The Working Party proposes the following resolution for consideration by the Pan American Sanitary Conference.

#### *Proposed Resolution*

#### *THE 27th PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,*

Having considered the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Documents CSP27/19 and Adds. I and II) and the concern expressed by the 140th Meeting of the Executive Committee with respect to the status of the collection of quota contributions, and

Noting that all Member States subject to an approved deferred payment plan are in compliance with their plans,

#### *RESOLVES:*

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Documents CSP27/19 and Adds. I and II).
2. To express appreciation to those Member States which have already made payments in 2007, and to urge all Members in arrears to meet their financial obligations to the Organization in an expeditious manner.

3. To congratulate the Member States which have fully met their quota obligations through 2007.
4. To compliment the Member States which have made significant payment efforts to reduce quota arrearages for prior years.
5. To take note that all Member States with deferred payment plans are in compliance, and therefore retain their voting privileges.
6. To request the Director to:
  - (a) Continue to monitor the implementation of special payment agreements by Member States in arrears for the payment of prior years' quota assessments;
  - (b) Continue to explore mechanisms that will increase the rate of collection of quota assessments;
  - (c) Advise the Executive Committee of Member States' compliance with their quota payment commitments;
  - (d) Report to the 48th Directing Council on the status of the collection of quota contributions for 2008 and prior years.

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Delegate of Belize

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Delegado de Bolivia

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