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### **NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS IN OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH PAHO**

#### **Review of Collaboration of PAHO with Inter-American and National NGOs in official relations**

##### **Introduction**

1. According to resolution CESS.R1 of the Special Session of the Executive Committee on 11 January 2007, a revised version of the “Principles Governing Relations between the Pan American Health Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations” defined one of the roles of the Subcommittee of Program, Budget, and Administration to “review applications received and submit a recommendation for action by the Executive Committee. It will also periodically review collaboration with NGOs and make recommendations to the Executive Committee concerning renewal of such collaboration.”

##### **Background**

2. No new NGOs have requested to be admitted into official relations with PAHO to date, and it is not anticipated that any request will be submitted before 31 January 2009. According to section 4.3 of the Principles, the task at hand is to review collaboration with the following eight NGOs which have been in official relations with the Organization for the past four years:

- American Society for Microbiology
- Inter-American Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering (AIDIS)
- International Diabetes Federation (IDF)

- Latin American and Caribbean Association of Public Health Education (ALAESP)
- Federación Latinoamericana de la Industria Farmacéutica (FIFARMA)
- March of Dimes Foundation
- U.S. Pharmacopeia
- World Association for Sexual Health

### **Progress Report**

3. In early December 2008, the Acting Area Manager, External Relations, Resource Mobilization and Partnerships (ERP), sent letters to each of the eight NGOs, advising them that the Subcommittee would be reviewing collaboration between them and PAHO at their next meeting. Based on the results of the biennial collaborative work plan and activities undertaken during the four-year period under review, and on the proposed work plan for the next four-year period, the Subcommittee would make a recommendation to the Executive Committee on the desirability of maintaining these relations. The NGOs in official relations were also asked to contact their technical focal points to analyze the results achieved in the previous work plan and define collaborative activities to be undertaken by a new work plan for the next four years.

4. All of the NGOs are expected to respond by the 31 January 2009 deadline, at which time the technical focal points will contact them, prepare a report on results achieved in the past four years, and draft a collaborative work plan for the next years, in accordance with section 5.1 of the Principles.

### **Proposal**

5. The Bureau proposes that the Subcommittee take note of this information and wait until the end of January deadline for the NGO's responses or new applications. Once the reports have been reviewed and the draft collaborative work plans developed, a briefing document will be prepared for review by the Subcommittee.

### **Action by the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration**

6. The Subcommittee is requested to take note of the proposal made in paragraph five and instruct the Pan American Sanitary Bureau accordingly.