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B. FORTY-SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

Background

1. This document presents the resolutions of relevance for the activities of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) adopted during the Forty-seventh Regular Session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), held in the city of Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico, from 19 to 21 June 2017. The agenda, detailed documents, and resolutions can be consulted at: www.oas.org/en/47ga/.
 2. The ministers of foreign affairs of the Member States of the American hemisphere and other official delegates attended the meeting, as did representatives of the governments accredited as permanent observers and representatives of Inter-American System agencies, among them PAHO and the bodies that compose the Summit Implementation Review Group. The Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, His Excellency Luis Videgaray, was elected president of this regular session of the General Assembly.
 3. The theme of the General Assembly was “Strengthening Dialogue and Concerted Action for Prosperity”. The President of Mexico, Enrique Peña Nieto, opened the meeting along with the Secretary General of the OAS, Luis Almagro, and the Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the host country.
 4. The majority of the recommendations and resolutions had been discussed and agreed upon earlier by the Permanent Council. The items on which a consensus had not been reached and new items proposed by the Member States were discussed by the General Committee of the Assembly or in special working groups that met in parallel with the plenary meeting.
 5. This year, significant discussions took place surrounding Venezuela, but agreement was not reached on either of the two declarations that were presented.
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6. As the host country, Mexico introduced for the first time in a General Assembly the modality of interactive discussion panels, such as: Integral Development and Hemispheric Prosperity; Opportunities and Challenges for the Leadership of Women in the Americas; Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law; and Multidimensional Security. These sessions were organized with the objective of engaging in deeper discussions around structural and priority topics of the OAS and its Member States.

7. During the Ministerial session of the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG), the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru, host country of the VIII Summit of the Americas, announced that the theme of the 2018 Summit will be “Democratic Governance against Corruption”.

8. The OAS General Assembly elected members to the following decentralized and autonomous organs: The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR); the Inter-American Judicial Committee; the Administrative Tribunal; the Justice Studies Center of the Americas; and the Board of External Auditors.

9. The OAS General Assembly made the decision to double the regular fund for resources allocated to the two bodies of the Inter-American Human Rights System with a gradual increase of thirty-three percent per year for IACHR and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, which will double the budget by the end of three years.

10. The resolutions of interest to the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Health Organization and related to its work as the specialized health agency of the Inter-American System have been selected (see table below).

11. The Forty-eighth Regular Session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States will be held in Washington D.C., in June 2018.

Action by the Pan American Sanitary Conference

12. The Conference is invited to take note of this report.

Table: Resolutions adopted by the Forty-seventh Regular Session of the OAS General Assembly that are related to PAHO activities

Resolutions of the OAS General Assembly	Relation to PAHO activities
<p>AG/RES.2898 (XLVII-O/17)</p> <p>2019: INTERNATINOAL YEAR OF INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES</p>	<p>Linkage with the Gender and Cultural Diversity Unit</p> <p>Health of the Indigenous Peoples in the Americas (Resolution CD47.R18 [2006]) (Document CD47/13 [2006])</p> <p>Health and Human Rights (Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]) (Document CD50/12 [2010])</p> <p>Policy on Ethnicity and Health (Document CSP29/7 [2017])</p>
<p>AG/RES. 2902 (XLVII-O/17)</p> <p>SUPPORT AND FOLLOW-UP TO THE SUMMITS OF THE AMERICAS PROCESS</p>	<p>Linkage with the Department of External Relations, Partnerships, and Resource Mobilization.</p> <p>PAHO support to Member States in the implementation of the health related mandates of the Summits of the Americas.</p> <p>PAHO monitoring and reporting on the implementation of health related mandates through the OAS Joint Summit Working Group (JSWG) and Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG)</p>
<p>AG/RES.2907 (XLVII-O/17)</p> <p>ADVANCING HEMISPHERIC SECURITY: A MULTIDIMENSIONAL APPROACH</p>	<p>Linkage with the Office of Sustainable Development and Health Equity</p> <p>Health, Human Security and Well-being (Resolution CD50.R16 [2010]) (Document CD50/17 [2010])</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">AG/RES. 2913 (XLVII-O/17)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PLAN OF ACTION OF THE AMERICAN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (2017-2021)</p>	<p>Linkage with the Gender and Cultural Diversity Unit</p> <p>Health of the Indigenous Peoples in the Americas (Resolution CD47.R18 [2006]) (Document CD47/13 [2006])</p> <p>Health and Human Rights (Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]) (Document CD50/12 [2010])</p> <p>Policy on Ethnicity and Health (Document CSP29/7 [2017])</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/RES. 2910 (XLVII-O/17)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MIGRATION IN THE AMERICAS</p>	<p>Linkage with the Gender and Cultural Diversity Unit</p> <p>Linkage with the Department of Health Systems and Services</p> <p>Health of Migrants (Resolution CD55.R13 [2016]) (Document CD55/11, Rev. 1 [2016])</p> <p>Health and Human Rights (Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]) (Document CD50/12 [2010])</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/RES. 2908 (XLVII-O/17)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS</p>	<p>Linkage with the Gender and Cultural Diversity Unit</p> <p>Health and Human Rights (Resolution CD50.R8 [2010]) (Document CD50/12 [2010])</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/RES. 2911 (XLVII-O/17)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PROGRESS TOWARD ACCOUNTABILITY, EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS, AND RESULTS IN THE OAS GENERAL SECRETARIAT</p>	<p>Linkage with Program and Budget.</p> <p>The Pan American Sanitary Code states that the scale of assessments to be applied to Member States of the Pan American Health Organization for approval of its program budget will be based on the assessment scale adopted by the OAS for its membership.</p>

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	<p>This resolution instructs the OAS Permanent Council to make a proposal for the modification of the Methodology for calculating the scale of quotas assessments. This will have a direct impact on PAHO's scale of assessments beyond 2018.</p> <p>This resolution approved a transitional quota scale for 2018 which must be adopted by PAHO for the 2018 budget year.</p> <p>New Scale of Assessed Contributions (Document CSP29/5 [2017])</p>
<p>AG/RES. 2904 (XLVII-O/17)</p> <p>ADVANCING HEMISPHERIC INITIATIVES ON INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>Linkage with PAHO's department of Public Health Emergencies (PHE), Office of Sustainable Development and Health Equity (SDE), and Knowledge Management, Bioethics and Research (KBR)</p> <p>Linkage with the Health Agenda for the Americas</p> <p>Linkage with the Strategic Plan of the Pan American Health Organization 2014-2019</p> <p>Linkage with the establishment of the SDG Alliance</p> <p>Linkage with PAHO's work on the 2030 Agenda including SDG 6 on clean water and sanitation.</p> <p>Health of Migrants (Resolution CD55.R13 [2016]) (Document CD55/11, Rev. 1 [2016])</p> <p>Strategy and Plan of Action on Climate Change (Resolution CD51.R15 [2011]) (Document CD51/6, Rev. 1 [2011])</p>
