

60th DIRECTING COUNCIL

75th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF WHO FOR THE AMERICAS

Washington, D.C., USA, 25–29 September 2023

Provisional Agenda Item 6.1

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ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN CENTER ON HEALTH SCIENCES INFORMATION (BIREME)

1. Article VI of the Statute of the Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME),¹ approved by the 49th Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) (Resolution CD49.R5 [2009]), establishes that the Advisory Committee of BIREME shall be made up of one member appointed by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (the Bureau) and another appointed by the Government of Brazil as permanent members, and that five members shall be selected and named by the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference of PAHO on a rotating basis from among the BIREME membership (which currently includes all of the Member States, Participating States, and Associate Members of PAHO), taking geographical representation into account.
2. The BIREME Advisory Committee is charged, among other duties, with making recommendations to the Director of the Bureau regarding BIREME's programmatic functions based on PAHO's Strategic Plan and technical cooperation work plan and on recommendations from the members of BIREME's Scientific Committee (Article VI, 4[a]).²
3. The 49th Directing Council named the five nonpermanent members of BIREME's first Advisory Committee (Resolution CD49.R6 [2009]). The corresponding Directing Council and Pan American Sanitary Conference elected the subsequent members. The following list includes the dates on which the current members' terms end:

* This version includes a minor editorial adjustment in paragraph 4.

¹ BIREME is the specialized center of PAHO for technical cooperation on health sciences information and communications in the Region of the Americas.

² Document CD49/17, Annex A (2009).

Nonpermanent Members (3-year terms):

<i>Country</i>	<i>End of Term</i>
Colombia	December 2023
Costa Rica	December 2023
Chile	December 2024
Guatemala	December 2024
Trinidad and Tobago	December 2024

4. Consequently, the 60th Directing Council is responsible for electing two nonpermanent members of the BIREME Advisory Committee to replace Colombia and Costa Rica, whose terms on the Committee will conclude at the end of 2023. Nonpermanent members of BIREME's Advisory Committee must be rotated every three years.

Action by the Directing Council

5. Once the two new members have been elected, the Directing Council is invited to consider adopting the proposed resolution presented in the Annex.

Annex

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

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THE 60th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

(PP1) Bearing in mind that Article VI of the Statute of the Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME) establishes that the Advisory Committee of BIREME is to be comprised of one representative appointed by the Director of PASB and one by the Government of Brazil as permanent members, and that five nonpermanent members are to be selected and named by the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) from among the BIREME membership (which at this time includes all PAHO Member States, Participating States, and Associated States), taking geographical representation into account;

(PP2) Recalling that Article VI further states that the five nonpermanent members of the BIREME Advisory Committee should be rotated every three years, and that the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference of PAHO may indicate a shorter rotation period in cases where it is necessary to maintain balance among members of the Advisory Committee;

(PP3) Considering that _____ and _____ were elected to serve on the BIREME Advisory Committee beginning 1 January 2024, due to the completion of the term of Colombia and Costa Rica,

RESOLVES:

(OP)1. To declare _____ and _____ elected as nonpermanent members of the BIREME Advisory Committee for a three-year term (2024–2026).

(OP)2. To thank Colombia and Costa Rica for the services provided to the Organization by their delegates on the BIREME Advisory Committee over the past three years.

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