

AG/RES. 2919 (XLVIII-O/18)

STRENGTHENING MULTI-SECTORAL RESPONSES TO THE CRISIS OF
NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (NCDs) IN THE AMERICAS

(Adopted at the second plenary session, held on June 4, 2018)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECOGNIZING that non-communicable diseases — specifically cardiovascular disease, cancers, chronic respiratory diseases, and diabetes — are responsible for 5.2 million deaths in the Americas annually, and present a critical threat to national development in the hemisphere;

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION that the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases requires a whole-of-government and whole-of-society response, given the social and economic burden posed by these diseases on national governments;

COGNIZANT that policy initiatives for the control of non-communicable diseases span health and non-health sectors, to include development, education, labor, agriculture, trade, finance, urban planning, the environment, and transportation;

RECALLING the political commitments of member states in the Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain in the V Summit of the Americas, and the Declaration of Commitment: Strengthening Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases Through Cooperative Action of the Inter-American System in the VII Summit of the Americas, and in particular, the formation of the Inter-American Task Force on Non-Communicable Diseases^{1/} and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the convening power and crucial role of the Organization of American for the Inter-American Task Force on Non-Communicable Diseases,

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1. The Government of the Republic of Nicaragua has been placing on record its express reservation regarding the mandates and initiatives arising from the V and VII Summits of the Americas in that during those events, the Heads of State and Government were unable to consider or adopt their Political Declarations. The mandates and operative paragraphs on the core themes were part of the Political Declarations and as the latter were not adopted, neither were the former. For that reason, Nicaragua does not agree with making references to these documents and mandates, which were not adopted.

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the General Secretariat, through the Inter-American Council for Integral Development, to offer institutional support, to the extent available resources permit and where appropriate, to the organs, agencies and entities of the inter-American system, especially the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), in their efforts to promote multi-sectoral responses to non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

2. To instruct the General Secretariat to pursue the incorporation, with the assistance of PAHO, of perspectives related to non-communicable diseases and their risk factors in the design of the cooperation actions of the Organization.

3. To promote an integral response to NCDs and their risk factors in each member state, at the level of all government agencies, through the incorporation of prevention and control measures into their national development plans.

4. To reinforce and advance dialogue and collaboration between Member States and the Agencies of the Inter-American Task Force on Non-Communicable Diseases, to intensify the response to non-communicable diseases.

5. To encourage high-level authorities from each member state to participate in the high-level meeting on non-communicable diseases, which will take place during the United Nations General Assembly session, in September 2018.