

Resolution

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UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE LATIN AMERICAN CENTER FOR PERINATOLOGY, WOMEN AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

The 61st Directing Council,

Having examined the *Update on the Status of the Latin American Center for Perinatology, Women and Reproductive Health* (Document CD61/15);

Recognizing that Pan American centers have been an important modality of technical cooperation for the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) for over 60 years, a situation that has evolved with the development of national capacities in the areas of human resource training and research;

Considering that appropriate measures should be taken to improve the cost-effectiveness and efficiency of the centers in terms of the use of available resources to respond to the needs identified by PAHO Member States;

Recognizing the contribution of the Latin American Center for Perinatology, Women and Reproductive Health (CLAP/WR) in promoting, strengthening, and improving the capacity of the countries of the Region of the Americas in relation to women's, maternal, neonatal, and reproductive health since its creation in 1970;

Considering the need to increase PAHO's capacity for technical cooperation in the areas of women's, maternal, neonatal, and reproductive health, and to efficiently and effectively integrate this with cooperation for the strengthening of primary health care and the development of health systems,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the proposal to update the institutional status of CLAP/WR.
2. To note that the creation of a women's, maternal, neonatal, and reproductive health unit that incorporates the center's functions at PAHO Headquarters in Washington, D.C., will enhance PAHO's technical cooperation capacity in the area of women's, maternal, neonatal, and reproductive health.

3. To approve the closure of CLAP/WR as a PAHO Pan American center and the transfer of its functions to PAHO Headquarters in Washington, D.C.
4. To request the Director to:
 - a) take the necessary measures to close CLAP/WR as a PAHO Pan American center, terminate the current agreement with the Government of Uruguay, and transfer CLAP's functions to PAHO Headquarters in Washington, D.C., as of January 2025;
 - b) ensure that the functions and operations of CLAP/WR are seamlessly transferred to PAHO Headquarters;
 - c) thank the Government of Uruguay for its support, acknowledging its contributions during the different stages of CLAP's existence in the country.

(Eighth meeting, 3 October 2024)
