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**A. 63rd WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY**

1. The 63rd World Health Assembly opened on 17 May 2010 in Geneva, Switzerland, with staff from 187 member countries in attendance. In her address to the Assembly, the Director-General mentioned the 30 years that had elapsed since the World Health Assembly declared that the world and all its people had won freedom from smallpox, which provided dramatic proof of the power of collective action to improve the human condition in a permanent way. In this regard, she called for a redoubling of efforts to reach the Millennium Development Goals, drawing on every lesson, every approach, and every instrument to move forward. She noted that reaching the health-related goals is not about national averages but about reaching the poor, which is the challenge and measure of success, emphasizing that the increased investment for health development is working.

2. In the first plenary session, the World Health Assembly elected Dr. Mondher Zenaidi, Minister of Health of Tunisia, President of the 63rd World Health Assembly, and Dr. María Isabel Rodríguez, of El Salvador, as 1st Vice President. Next:

a) The Committee on Credentials, comprised of the delegates of 12 Member States, was appointed, with Nicaragua and Trinidad and Tobago serving as representatives for the Region of the Americas.

b) The agenda of the 63rd World Health Assembly contained 19 items, the majority of them related to health policy matters and the rest to administrative, budgetary, and institutional matters. As in previous Assemblies, these matters were addressed in the committees and the plenary. The World Health Assembly adopted 28 resolutions, the full versions of which, along with other documents related to the World Health Assembly, can be consulted on the WHO website: [http://apps.who.int/gb/e/e\\_wha63.html](http://apps.who.int/gb/e/e_wha63.html)

c) The majority of these resolutions are especially relevant for both the Member States of the Region of the Americas and the Regional Office. Significant among them are those on monitoring of the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDG): the availability, safety, and quality of blood products; advancing food safety initiatives; the global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol; the control and the elimination of Chagas' disease; and the pandemic influenza preparedness.

3. The tables attached contain a summary of the respective resolutions.

**Other matters: Executive Board**

4. The 127th session of the Executive Board opened on 22 May, with the following representatives from the Americas: Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Ecuador, and the United States of America.

5. The agenda of the 127th Session of the Executive Board included items on technical and health matters, in addition to administrative, budgetary, and financial matters; staffing matters, and matters for information. It was agreed that the 64th World Health Assembly would be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from Monday, 16 May 2011 to Tuesday, 24 May 2011 at the latest. The 13th meeting of the Programme, Budget, and Administration Committee would take place from Thursday, 13 to Friday, 14 January 2011, while the 14th meeting would be held from Thursday, 12 to Friday, 13 May 2011, at WHO headquarters. The full reports, as well as other related documents, can be consulted on the WHO website:<http://apps.who.int/gb/>.

**Action by the Directing Council**

6. The Directing Council is requested take note of these resolutions and consider their implications for the Region of the Americas.

Annexes

**TABLE 1: TECHNICAL AND HEALTH POLICY MATTERS**

RESOLUTIONS	ITEMS (and Reference Documents)	SUMMARY OF THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE 63rd WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY	PAHO RESOLUTIONS AND DOCUMENTS
<b>WHA63.1</b>	<p>Pandemic Influenza Preparedness: sharing of influenza viruses and access to vaccines and other benefits</p> <p>EB126/4</p>	<p>The World Health Assembly requests the Director-General to continue working with Member States and relevant regional economic integration organizations on the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework for the Sharing of Influenza Viruses and Access to Vaccines and Other Benefits and to convene the Open-Ended Working Group before the 128th session of the Executive Board; to undertake technical consultations and studies as necessary in order to support the work of the Open-Ended Working Group in reaching a final agreement; and decides that this Group shall report through the Executive Board at its 128th Session to the 64th World Health Assembly.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avian Influenza and Influenza Pandemic Preparedness CD48/INF/3 (2009)</li> <li>• Progress Report on Technical Matters: International Health Regulations (includes the report on the [H1N1] Pandemic 2009) CD49/INF/2, Rev.1 (2009)</li> <li>• Update on the Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 CD50/INF/6-B (2010)</li> </ul>
<b>WHA63.3</b>	<p>Advancing food safety initiatives</p> <p>EB126/11</p> <p>EB126.R7</p>	<p>The World Health Assembly urges Member States to continue to establish and maintain the activities on food safety and the global public health response to natural occurrence, accidental release, or deliberate use of biological and chemical agents or radionuclear material that affect health; to further develop the core capacities as defined in the IHR; to continue to develop and maintain sustainable preventive measures aimed at reducing the burden of foodborne diseases; to promote dialogue and collaboration among the different disciplines; and participate actively in the Codex Alimentarius Commission's standard-setting process and to adopt Codex standards whenever appropriate.</p> <p>It moreover requests the Director-General to develop the International Food Safety Authorities Network further; to continue to provide global leadership in providing technical assistance and tools that meet the needs of Member States in the area of food security; to promote the inclusion of food safety into the international debate on food crises and hunger emergencies; and to supports the development of international food standards that protect the health and nutritional well-being of consumers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food protection CD42/10 and CD42.R1 (2000)</li> <li>• Strategy for the Future of the Pan American Centers: Technical Cooperation in Food Safety CD46/11 and CD46.R6 (2005)</li> </ul>

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<b>WHA63.10</b>	Partnerships A63/44 and Corr. 1	<p>The Assembly endorses the policy on WHO's engagement with global health partnerships and hosting arrangements; calls upon Member States to take the policy into account when seeking engagement by the Director-General in partnerships; invites development partners to enhance their collaboration with WHO, in a synergistic manner, in order to attain the strategic objectives contained in the Medium-term strategic plan 2008-2013.</p> <p>It furthermore requests the Director-General to continue collaboration with its partners in implementing the Medium-term strategic plan 2008-2013 in order to advance the global health agenda contained in the Eleventh General Program of Work, 2006-2015; to create an operational framework for WHO's hosting of formal partnerships; to submit to the Executive Board any proposals for WHO to host formal partnerships for its review and decision; and to report on progress in implementing this resolution to the 65th World Health Assembly and in the various actions taken by the Secretariat in relation to partnerships in implementing the policy on partnerships.</p>	
<b>WHA63.12</b>	Availability, safety, and quality of blood products EB126/19 EB126/19 Add.1 EB126. R14	<p>The Assembly urges Member States to take all necessary steps to establish, implement, and support sustainable blood and plasma programs, with the aim of achieving self-sufficiency and maintaining quality and safety standards for blood products across the entire transfusion chain; to build human resource capacity in these areas; to enhance the quality of evaluation and regulatory actions in the area of blood products and medical devices, including in vitro diagnostic devices; to establish or strengthen systems for the safe and rational use of blood products; to ensure the reliability of mechanisms for reporting serious or unexpected adverse reactions to blood and of plasma donation.</p> <p>It requests the Director-General to guide Member States to meet internationally recognized standards in updating their national legislation for effective control of the quality and safety of blood</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress Report on the Global Safe Blood Initiative and Plan of Action for 2005-2010 CD46.R5 (2005)</li> <li>• Improving Blood Availability and Transfusion Safety in the Americas CD48.R7 (2008)</li> </ul>

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		<p>products and associated medical devices; to support Members States in order to strengthen their national blood and plasma programs and their national regulatory authorities and control laboratories; to improve access by developing countries to international biological reference materials and to the scientific information obtained in their validation in order to assure the appropriate use of these materials; to encourage research into new technologies for producing safe and effective blood substitutes; and to inform regularly, at least every four years, the Health Assembly on actions taken by Member States and other partners to implement this resolution.</p>	
<b>WHA63.13</b>	<p>Global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol EB126/13 EB126.R11</p>	<p>The World Health Assembly urges Member States to adopt and implement the global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol in order to support public health policies to reduce the harmful use of alcohol; to mobilize the necessary resources for this purpose; and to strengthen the national efforts to protect at-risk populations.</p> <p>It also requests the Director-General to give sufficiently high organizational priority to the prevention and reduction of harmful use of alcohol and implementation of the global strategy to reduce the harmful use of alcohol, and to assure adequate resources at all levels.</p>	<p>Disability: Prevention and Rehabilitation in the Context of the Right to the Enjoyment of the Highest Attainable Standard of Physical and Mental Health and Other Related Rights CD47.R1 (2006)</p>
<b>WHA63.14</b>	<p>Marketing of food and non-alcoholic beverages to children EB126/12</p>	<p>The World Health Assembly, having considered the report on prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases: implementation of the global strategy and its annexed set of recommendations on the marketing of foods and non-alcoholic beverages to children, urges Member States to take necessary measures to implement the recommendations on the marketing of foods and non-alcoholic beverages to children, while taking into account existing legislation and policies; to develop new and/or strengthen existing policies; to cooperate with all stakeholders in implementing the set of recommendations on the marketing of foods and non-alcoholic beverages to children in order to reduce the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardiovascular Disease, Especially Hypertension: CD42.R9 (2000)</li> <li>• Framework Convention on Tobacco Control: CD43.R12 (2001)</li> <li>• Disability: Disability: Prevention and Rehabilitation in the Context of the Right to the Enjoyment of the Highest Attainable Standard of Physical and Mental Health and Other Related Rights: CD47.R1 (2006)</li> </ul>

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		<p>impact of that marketing, while ensuring avoidance of potential conflicts of interest.</p> <p>It requests the Director-General to provide technical support to Member States, on request, in implementing the recommendations and in monitoring and evaluating their implementation; to support existing networks and cooperate with all stakeholders in implementing the set of recommendations on the marketing of foods and non-alcoholic beverages to children, while ensuring avoidance of potential conflicts of interest.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Strategy and Plan of Action for an Integrated Approach to the Prevention and Control of Chronic Diseases, including Diet, Physical Activity, and Health: CD47.R9 (2006)</li> <li>• Public Health Response to Chronic Diseases: CSP26.R15 (2002)</li> <li>• Population-based and Individual Approaches to the Prevention and Management of Diabetes and Obesity CD48.R9 (2008).</li> </ul>
<b>WHA63.15</b>	<p>Monitoring of the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals (MDG)</p> <p>EB126/7</p> <p>EB126.R4</p>	<p>The World Health Assembly urges Member States to strengthen health systems so that they deliver equitable health outcomes as a basis of a comprehensive approach towards achieving Millennium Development Goals 4, 5, and 6; to review policies on human resources for health that exacerbate the problem of the lack of health workers; to reaffirm the values and principles of primary health care; to take into account health equity in all national policies that address social determinants of health, and to consider developing and strengthening universal comprehensive social protection policies; to promote the availability of and access to goods and services essential to health and well-being; to strengthen national health information systems; to renew their commitment to prevent and eliminate maternal, newborn and child mortality; to expand efforts toward meeting the goal of universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care, and support by 2010 and the goal to halt and reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS by 2015; to enhance policies to address the challenges of malaria; to sustain and strengthen the gains made in combating tuberculosis; to sustain commitments to support the eradication of poliomyelitis and the efforts to eliminate measles; to support developing countries in their national endeavors to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, in particular the health-related</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Millennium Development Goals and Health Targets: CD45.R3 (2004)</li> <li>• Malaria and the Internationally Agreed upon Development Goals, including those Contained in the Millennium Declaration: CD46.R13 (2005)</li> <li>• Strategic Alliance for the Attainment of the Development goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration: Panel Discussion: CD47/INF/2 (2006)</li> <li>• Faces, Voices, and Places: A Community-based Response to the Millennium Development Goals: CSP27/14 (2007)</li> </ul>

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		<p>Goals; to fulfill their commitments regarding official development assistance by 2015; to fulfill and sustain the political and financial commitments of developing country governments in mobilizing adequate budget allocation to health sectors.</p> <p>The resolution invites development partners to continue to their support and consider further support to countries for the development and implementation of health policies and national health development plans consistent with the internationally agreed health goals, including the Millennium Development Goals.</p> <p>Finally, it requests the Director-General to continue to play a leading role in the monitoring of the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals; to provide support to Member States in their efforts to strengthen their health systems; to address the problem of the lack of health workers; to reaffirm the values and principles of primary health care; to address the social determinants of health, and to strengthen their public policies aimed at fostering full access to health and social protection; to articulate and present to the Health Assembly as part of its action plan for the renewal of primary health care, the actions that the Secretariat envisages will strengthen its support for the achievement of Millennium Development Goals 4, 5 and 6; to work with all relevant partners in order to achieve high immunization coverage rates with affordable vaccines of assured quality; to lead the work with all relevant partners to help to ensure that action on the health-related Millennium Development Goals is one of the main themes of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals High-level Plenary Meeting; to submit annually to the Health Assembly a report on the progress made in the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals; and to assist Member States in the development of reliable health-information systems to provide quality data for monitoring and evaluation of the Millennium Development Goals.</p>	



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<b>WHA63.17</b>	Birth Defects EB126/10 EB126.R6	<p>Member States are urged to raise awareness among all relevant stakeholders about the importance of birth defects as a cause of child morbidity and mortality; to develop plans and commit resources for integrating effective interventions to prevent birth defects and care for children with birth defects into existing maternal, reproductive, and child health services and social welfare and effective interventions to prevent tobacco and alcohol use during pregnancy; to promote the application of internationally recognized standards regulating the use of chemical substances in the air, water, and soil; to increase coverage of effective preventive measures among pregnant women and the women who are trying to conceive, health education programs that include ethical, legal, and social issues associated with birth defects for the general population and high-risk groups; to develop and strengthen registration and surveillance systems for birth defects; to strengthen research and studies in this area; and to take all necessary measures to ensure the full enjoyment by children with disabilities of all human rights and fundamental freedoms.</p> <p>The Director-General is requested to promote the collection of data on the global burden of mortality and morbidity due to birth defects and consider broadening the groups of congenital abnormalities included in the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (10th edition); to continue to collaborate with the International Clearinghouse for Birth Defects Surveillance and Research in order to improve collection of data on global burden of mortality and morbidity due to birth defects; to support Member States in developing national plans in this area and in developing ethical and legal guidelines in relation to birth defects; to support and facilitate research efforts in this area; and to report on progress in implementing this resolution to the 67th World Health Assembly in 2014.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan of Action on the Prevention of Avoidable Blindness and Visual Impairment CD49.R11 (2009)</li> <li>• Sustaining Immunization Programs - Elimination of Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome (CRS) CD44.R1 (2003)</li> <li>• Elimination of Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome in the Americas CE140.R10 (2007)</li> <li>• Elimination of Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome CD50/INF/6-G</li> </ul>

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<b>WHA63.18</b>	Viral hepatitis EB126/15 EB126.R16	<p>The World Health Assembly urges Member States to implement and/or improve epidemiological surveillance systems and strengthen laboratory capacity; to support or enable an integrated and cost-effective approach to the prevention, control, and management of viral hepatitis; to incorporate the policies, strategies, and tools recommended by WHO in order to define and implement preventive actions, diagnostic measures, and the provision of assistance to the population affected by viral hepatitis; to strengthen national health systems in order to address prevention and control of viral hepatitis effectively; to provide vaccination strategies; to consider national legislative mechanisms for the use of the flexibilities contained in the Agreement on Trade-related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights in order to promote access to specific pharmaceutical products; to develop monitoring and evaluation tools in order to assess progress towards reducing the burden from viral hepatitis and guide evidence-based strategy for policy decisions, and to promote the observance of 28 July each year, or on such other day or days as individual Member States may decide, as World Hepatitis Day.</p> <p>It furthermore requests the Director-General to establish guidelines, strategies, time-bound goals, and tools for the surveillance, prevention, and control of viral hepatitis; to provide the necessary support to the development of scientific research; to invite stakeholders to assign resources in strengthening of surveillance systems, prevention and control programs, diagnostic and laboratory capacity, and management of viral hepatitis in developing countries; to strengthen the WHO Safe Injection Global Network; to collaborate with stakeholders in enhancing access to affordable treatments in developing countries; to report to the 65th World Health Assembly on the implementation of this resolution.</p>	

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<b>WHA63.19</b>	WHO HIV/AIDS strategy for 2011-2015	<p>The World Health Assembly urges Member States to reaffirm their commitment to achieve the internationally agreed development goals and objectives, including the Millennium Development Goals, in particular the goal to halt and begin to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other major diseases; to increase governments' commitment to HIV/AIDS programs; and to take further steps towards minimizing social stigmatization and discrimination; to use existing mechanisms in order to promote access to affordable and cost-effective prevention, treatment, and care.</p> <p>It furthermore requests the Director-General to convene broad consultative processes to develop a WHO HIV/AIDS strategy for 2011-2015 which will guide the Secretariat's support to Member States; to encourage and promote the translation of research results into efficient health public policies for HIV/AIDS, and to submit to the 64th World Health Assembly a WHO HIV/AIDS strategy for 2011-2015 for its consideration and possible endorsement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in the Americas CD42.R13 (2000)</li> <li>• Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in the Americas CD43.R16 (2001)</li> <li>• Scaling-up of Treatment within a Comprehensive Response to HIV/AIDS CD45.R10 (2004)</li> <li>• Regional Strategy for Tuberculosis Control for 2005-2015 CD46.R12 (2005)</li> <li>• Regional Strategic Plan for HIV /AIDS/STI, 2006-2015 of the Pan American Health Organization CD46.R15 (2005)</li> <li>• Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in the Americas CSP26.R12 (2002)</li> <li>• Strategy and Plan of Action for the Elimination of Mother-to-child Transmission of HIV and Congenital Syphilis CD50/15 (2010)</li> </ul>
<b>WHA63.20</b>	Chagas' disease: control and elimination EB124/17 EB124.R7	The World Health Assembly urges Member States to reinforce efforts to strengthen and consolidate national control programs; to harmonize systems and strengthen capacities for surveillance, data collection and analysis, and dissemination of information; to integrate the care of patients with acute and chronic forms of Chagas' disease into primary health services; to reinforce the provision of existing treatments in endemic countries with the aim of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated Vector Management: A Comprehensive Response to Vector-borne Diseases CD48.R8 (2008)</li> <li>• Elimination of Neglected Diseases and Other Poverty-related Infections CD49.R19 (2009)</li> </ul>

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		<p>making access universal; to promote operational research on control of Chagas' disease; to promote the development of medicines that are more suitable, safe, and affordable; and to strengthen public health policies to reduce the burden of Chagas' disease.</p> <p>It requests the Director-General to draw attention to the burden of Chagas' disease and to the need to provide equitable access to medical services; to strengthen implementation of vector-control activities in order to achieve interruption of domestic transmission and to promote research to improve or develop new prevention strategies; to provide support to the countries of the Americas in order to strengthen intergovernmental initiatives; to collaborate with stakeholders to address this issue; to support the mobilization of resources to ensure achievement of the goals; and to promote research related to prevention, control, and care of Chagas' disease.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategy and Plan of Action for Chagas' Disease Prevention, Control, and Care CD50/16 (2010)</li> </ul>
<b>WHA63.21</b>	<p>WHO's role and responsibilities in health research EB124/12 EB124/12 ADD2 EB124.R12</p>	<p>The World Health Assembly urges Member States to recognize the importance of research for improving health and health equity; to adopt and implement policies for research for health that are aligned with national health plans that include the participation of all relevant sectors to strengthen key national institutions; to establish governance mechanisms for research for health; to ensure rigorous application of good research norms and standards, including protection for human subjects involved in research, and to promote an open dialogue between policymakers and researchers on national health needs, capacities, and constraints; to improve the collection of reliable health information and data and to maximize their free and unrestricted availability in the public domain; to initiate or strengthen the intercountry collaboration with the aim of obtaining efficiencies of scale in research; to establishment regional collaborating mechanisms, such as centers of excellence, in order to facilitate access by Member States to the necessary research and expertise to meet health challenges; to continue to pursue financing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Contribution to the Global Ministerial Forum on Research for Health CD48/17 and CD48/17, Add. I (2008)</li> <li>• Policy on Research for Health CD49.R10 (2009)</li> </ul>

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		<p>of research for health as articulated in resolution WHA58.34 on the Ministerial Summit on Health Research.</p> <p>It furthermore invites Member States and other stakeholders to provide support to the Secretariat in implementing the research for health strategy and in monitoring and evaluating its effectiveness; to collaborate with the Secretariat in identifying priorities for research for health, in developing guidelines relating to research for health; and in mobilizing enhanced ore resources for the priorities in this area; to pay particular attention to the research needs of low-income countries in areas such as technology transfer, research workforce, infrastructure development, and the determinants of health.</p> <p>It requests the Director-General to provide leadership in identifying global priorities for research for health; to implement the strategy within in the Organization at all levels and with partners, and in line with the references to research for health in the Global Strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation, and intellectual property; to provide resources for the implementation of the research for health strategy; to strengthen the role of the Collaborating Centers in this regard and to provide support to Member States on request in taking relevant actions to strengthen national health research systems and intersectoral collaborations, including capacity building in order to create a sustainable critical mass of health systems and health policy researchers in developing countries.</p>	
<b>WHA63.22</b>	Human organ and tissue transplantation EB124/15 EB124.R13	The World Health Assembly urges Member States to implement the Guiding Principles on Human Cell, Tissue, and Organ Transplantation in the formulation and enforcement of their own policies and laws regarding donation and transplantation; to promote the development of systems for the altruistic voluntary non-remunerated donation of cells, tissues, and organs; to oppose the seeking of financial gain in transactions involving human body parts, organs trafficking, and transplant tourism; to promote a system of transparent, equitable allocation of organs, cells, and tissues, guided	Policy Framework for Human Organ Donation and Transplantation CD49.R18 (2009)

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		<p>by clinical criteria and ethical norms, as well as equitable access to transplantation services; and to improve the safety and efficacy of donation and transplantation by promoting international best practices.</p> <p>It requests the Director-General to disseminate the updated Guiding Principles on Human Cell, Tissue, and Organ Transplantation as widely as possible to all interested parties; to provide support to Member States and nongovernmental organizations to ban trafficking in material of human origin and transplant tourism; to facilitate Member States' access to appropriate information on the donation, processing, and transplantation of human cells, tissues, and organs, including data on severe adverse events and reactions; and to provide in response to requests from Member States, technical support for developing national legislation and regulation on, and suitable and traceable coding systems for, donation and transplantation, in particular by facilitating international cooperation.</p>	
<b>WHA63.23</b>	<p>Infant and young child nutrition EB126/9 EB126.R5</p>	<p>The World Health Assembly urges Member States to increase political commitment in order to prevent and reduce malnutrition in all its forms; to strengthen and expedite implementation of the global strategy for infant and young child feeding; to develop and/or strengthen legislative, regulatory, and/or other effective measures to control the marketing of breast-milk substitutes in order to give effect to the International Code of Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and relevant resolution adopted by the World Health Assembly; to develop or review policy frameworks addressing the double burden of malnutrition and to include in the framework childhood obesity and food security and allocate adequate human and financial resources to ensure their implementation; to scale up interventions to improve infant and young child nutrition; to consider and implement the revised principles and recommendations on infant feeding in the context of HIV; to ensure that national and international preparedness plans and emergency responses follow the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child Health CD42.R12 (2000)</li> <li>• Millennium Development Goals and Health Targets CD45.R3 (2004)</li> <li>• Regional Strategy and Plan of Action on Nutrition in Health and Development, 2006-2015 CD47/R8 (2006)</li> <li>• Regional Strategy for the Reduction of Maternal Mortality and Morbidity CSP26.R13 (2002)</li> <li>• Panel Discussion on the Pan American Alliance for Nutrition and Development for the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals CD49/23, Rev. 1 (2009)</li> </ul>

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		<p>evidence-based Operational Guidance for Emergency Relief Staff and Programme Managers on infant and young child feeding in emergencies; to strengthen nutrition surveillance systems and improve use and reporting of agreed Millennium Development Goals indicators in order to monitor progress; to implement the WHO Child Growth Reference Standards by their full integration into child health programs; to implement the measures for prevention of malnutrition as specified in the WHO strategy for community-based management of severe acute malnutrition.</p> <p>It calls upon infant food manufacturers and distributors to comply fully with their responsibilities under the International Code for Marketing of Breast-milk Substitutes and subsequent relevant World Health Assembly resolutions.</p> <p>It furthermore requests the Director-General to strengthen the evidence base on effective and safe nutrition actions to counteract the public health effects of the double burden of malnutrition, and to describe good practices for successful implementation; to mainstream nutrition in all WHO's health policies and strategies and confirm the presence of essential nutrition actions, including integration of the revised principles and recommendations on infant feeding in the context of HIV, in the context of the reform of primary health care; to support Member States in expanding their nutritional interventions related to the double burden of malnutrition, monitoring and evaluating impact, strengthening or establishing effective nutrition surveillance systems, and implementing the WHO Child Growth Standards and the Baby-friendly Hospital Initiative; and to develop a comprehensive implementation plan on infant and young child nutrition as a critical component of a global multisectoral nutrition framework for preliminary discussion at the 64th World Health Assembly and for final delivery at the 65th World Health Assembly.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on the Panel on the Pan American Alliance for Nutrition and Development for the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals CD49/23, Add. I (2009)</li> <li>• Strategy and Plan of Action for the Reduction of Chronic Malnutrition CD50/13 (2010)</li> </ul>

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<b>WHA63.24</b>	<p>Accelerated progress towards achievement of Millennium Development Goal 4 to reduce child mortality: prevention and treatment of pneumonia</p> <p>EB126/40 EB126.R15</p>	<p>The World Health Assembly urges Member States to apply the strategies and tools recommended by WHO to prevent and treat pneumonia; to establish evidence-based national policies and operational plans for strengthening health systems in order to expand coverage of populations at risk with effective preventive and curative interventions; to assess program performance in an effective and timely manner; to identify resources for strengthening health systems and for the provision of technical support in order to ensure that the most locally and epidemiologically appropriate strategies are implemented and target populations reached; to implement the recommendations in the joint WHO/UNICEF global action plan for the prevention and control of pneumonia; to encourage integrated approaches to pneumonia prevention and treatment through multisectoral collaboration and community responsibility and participation.</p> <p>It furthermore requests the Director-General to strengthen human resources for prevention and control of pneumonia at all levels, thereby improving the capacity of WHO's country offices to provide support to national health programs for coordinating the work of partners on preventing and controlling pneumonia; to bring together Member States and partners in a forum in order to improve coordination in the fight against pneumonia and mobilize resources to promote the availability and affordability of <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b and pneumococcal vaccines; to expand the coverage of the report to the Health Assembly Health on the status of progress made in achieving of the health-related Millennium Development Goals, requested in resolution WHA61.18, to include progress on the implementation of this resolution, starting from the 64th World Health Assembly.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaccines and Immunization CD42.R8 (2000)</li> <li>• Child Health CD42.R12 (2000)</li> <li>• Vaccines and Immunization CD43.R1 (2001)</li> <li>• Sustaining Immunization Programs — Elimination of Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome (CRS) CD44.R1 (2003)</li> <li>• Elimination of Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome in the Americas CE140.R10 (2007)</li> <li>• Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) and its Contribution to Child Survival in the Attainment of the Millennium Development Goals CD44/12 (2003)</li> <li>• Millennium Development Goals and Health Targets CD45.R3 (2004)</li> <li>• Regional Strategy for Sustaining National Immunization Programs in the Americas CD47.R10 (2006)</li> <li>• Neonatal Health in the Context of Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health for the Attainment of the Development Goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration CD47.R19 (2006)</li> </ul>



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Strategy and Plan of Action for Neonatal within the Continuum of Maternal, Newborn, and Child Care CD48.R4, Rev. 1 (2008)</li> <li>• Vaccines and Immunization CSP26.R9 (2002)</li> <li>• Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) CSP26.R10 (2002)</li> <li>• Regional Strategy for the Reduction of Maternal Mortality and Morbidity CSP26.R13 (2002)</li> </ul>
<b>WHA63.25</b>	Improvement of health through safe and environmentally sound waste management EB126.R12	<p>Through this resolution, the World Health Assembly urges Member States to apply the Health Impact Assessment as one of the key tools to assess the health aspects of waste management in order to make it safe and environmentally sound and to explore options to work more closely with the United Nations Environment Program, the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, and the WHO Secretariat towards achieving their shared objectives on the improvement of health through safe and environmentally sound waste management.</p> <p>It requests the Director-General to support the actions set out in the Bali Declaration on Waste Management for Human Health and Livelihood and to work together with the United Nations Environment Program and the secretariat of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movement of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal on environmentally sound waste management; to support the prevention of health risks associated with exposure to health-care waste and promote environmentally sound management of that waste; to explore the development of strategies aimed at minimizing the generation of health-care waste; to invite</p>	

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		<p>stakeholders to provide resources and technical assistance to developing countries in developing and implementing strategies and approaches to improve health through safe and environmentally sound waste management.</p>	
<p><b>WHA63.26</b></p>	<p>Improvement of health through sound management of obsolete pesticides and other obsolete chemicals EB126/20 EB126.R13</p>	<p>The World Health Assembly urges Member States to adopt or strengthen sound national policies and legislation on safe handling and disposal of obsolete pesticides and other obsolete chemicals; to adopt, where this has not already been done in the context of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants and other existing instruments, comprehensive national implementation plans or other strategies as the basis for taking action towards the elimination of risks from obsolete pesticides and chemicals; to raise awareness about the issue; to increase support for training and coordinated technical activities for implementing relevant international conventions and instruments; to encourage and promote cooperation between Member States in this regard; to establish or strengthen capacity for the regulation of the sound management of pesticides and other chemicals throughout their life-cycle, as a preventive measure for avoid accumulation of obsolete chemicals.</p> <p>It invites all relevant stakeholders to promote sound management of obsolete pesticides and other obsolete chemicals in order to minimize and, wherever possible, avoid adverse impacts to human health and the environment; and to mobilize efforts and cooperate with other stakeholders on the implementation of national plans and strategies.</p> <p>It furthermore requests the Director-General to support the development of appropriate and efficient strategies for minimizing the risks of obsolete pesticides and thus promote the relevant WHO policy goals and practices; to enhance WHO's capacity to foster the strategies in question; to facilitate implementation of the strategies on sound management of obsolete pesticides and other obsolete chemicals with a view to reducing inequalities in health and securing</p>	<p>PAHO/WHO.UNEP. Regional Program of Action and Demonstration of Sustainable Alternatives to DDT for Malaria Vector Control in Mexico and Central America. Washington, D.C., September 2003. (Framework document, regional).</p>

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		<p>an unpolluted living environment; to work with UNEP, in connection with the WHO/UNEP Health Environment Linkages Initiative and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, as well as with other agencies in assisting Member States to implement their national strategies and existing guidance; to include obsolete pesticides and other obsolete chemicals among WHO's priorities in order to reduce and prevent risks to human health and the environment; and to support the joint efforts of FAO and WHO in capacity building of Member States in the sound management of pesticides.</p>	
<p><b>WHA63.27</b></p>	<p>Strengthening the capacity of governments to constructively engage the private sector in providing essential health-care services EB124/18</p>	<p>Member States are urged to gather the strategic intelligence required for: objectively assessing the positive and negative aspects of health-care delivery by private non-for-profit and for-profit providers; identifying appropriate strategies for productive engagement; and developing regulatory frameworks that ensure universal access with social protection and the reorientation of service delivery towards people-centered primary care; to map and assess, as appropriate, the capacity and the performance of the government departments and other bodies concerned with oversight and regulation of both public and private provision; and to build and strengthen the long-term institutional capacity of these regulatory bodies, through adequate and sustained funding, staffing, and support.</p> <p>The Director-General is requested to provide technical assistance to Member States, upon request, in their efforts to strengthen their capacities in the area of regulation in order to improve engagement with the full range of public and private health-care providers; to convene technical consultations, support the research agenda set by Member States, and facilitate intercountry exchange of experience in order to obtain a better shared understanding and documentation of the consequences of the growing diversity of health-care providers and the various strategies to build up the institutional capacity for regulation, oversight, and harnessing entrepreneurial dynamism and sound cooperation among various types of health-care providers.</p>	<p>Integrated Health Services Delivery Networks based on Primary Health Care CD49.R22 (2009)</p>

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<b>WHA63.28</b>	<p>Establishment of a consultative expert working group on research and development: financing and coordination</p> <p>EB126/6 EB126/6 Add1</p>	<p>Through this resolution, the World Health Assembly urges Member States to support the work of the Consultative Expert Working Group by providing, where appropriate, information, submissions, or additional proposals; organizing, where appropriate, regional and sub-regional consultations; proposing names of experts for the roster.</p> <p>It requests the Director-General to make available electronically by the end of June 2010 all the proposals considered by the Expert Working Group, the criteria used to assess them, the list of the stakeholders that were interviewed and those who contributed information, and the sources of statistics used; to establish a Consultative Expert Working Group that shall take forward the work of the Expert Working Group, deepen the analysis of the proposals in the Expert Working Group's report; consider additional submissions and proposals from Member States, any regional or subregional consultations, and from other stakeholders; to provide, within available resources dedicated to the financing of the Consultative Expert Working Group, technical and financial support for regional consultations in order to seek regional views to help inform the work of the Consultative Expert Working Group; to invite Member States to nominate experts, whose details shall be submitted to the Director-General through the respective regional directors; to establish a roster of experts comprising all the nominations submitted by the regional directors; to propose a composition of the Group to the Executive Board for its approval, drawing on the roster of experts and taking into account regional representation according to the composition of the Executive Board, gender balance, and diversity of expertise; upon approval by the Executive Board, to establish the Group and facilitate its work; to put particular emphasis on the transparent management of potential conflicts of interest by ensuring full compliance with the mechanisms established by the Director-General for that purpose; to ensure full transparency for Member States by providing the Consultative Expert Working Group's regular updates on the implementation of its workplan, and by making available all the documentation used by the Consultative</p>	<p>Public Health, Innovation, and Intellectual Property: A Regional Perspective CD48.R15 (2008)</p>

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		Expert Working Group at the conclusion of the process; to submit the workplan and inception report of the Consultative Expert Working Group to the Executive Board at its 129th session and a progress report to the Executive Board at its 130th session with a view to submitting the final report to the 65th World Health Assembly.	

**TABLE 2: ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS**

<b>RESOLUTION</b>	<b>ITEMS (and Reference Documents)</b>	<b>SUMMARY OF THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE 63rd WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>PAHO RESOLUTIONS AND DOCUMENTS</b>
<b>WHA63.4</b>	Financial report and audited financial statements for the period 1 January 2008-31 December 2009	The Assembly accepts the Director-General's Financial report and audited financial statements for the period 1 January 2008-31 December 2009.	Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for 2008-2009 official Document 337 (2010)
<b>WHA63.5</b>	Scale of assessments 2010-2011	Considering that a new United Nations scale of assessments was adopted for the period 2010-2012 and recalling that the Health Assembly decided to accept the latest available scale of assessments as for assessed contributions of Member States, taking into account differences of membership between WHO and the United Nations, the World Health Assembly approves a new scale of assessments.	New Scale of Quota Contributions CD49/7 (2009)
<b>WHA63.6</b>	Safety and security of staff and premises	<p>Concerned about the vulnerability of the Organization with regard to the staff safety and security; and considering the inadequate balance in the Security Fund, the Assembly resolves to appropriate US\$. 10 million charged from Member States' non-assessed income to the Security Fund in order to cover the costs of urgent actions to ensure the safety and security of staff and premises.</p> <p>It also requests the Director-General to report to the Executive Board at its 128th session on the implementation of projects funded through the Security Fund.</p>	

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<b>WHA63.7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Capital Master Plan</li> <li>• Safety and security of staff and premises and the Capital Master Plan: The Capital Master Plan f A63/36 (2010)</li> <li>• Fourth report of the Program, Budget, and Administration Committee of the Executive Board A63/55 (2010)</li> </ul>	<p>Recognizing that much of WHO's building stock is old and no longer meets acceptable standards of safety, security, and energy efficiency; having considered the actions taken by other organizations in the United Nations system to finance major renovations, construction, and acquisitions; having also considered the Organization's immediate and continuing needs for renovation, construction, and acquisitions, and the options for financing the Capital Master Plan; and having further examined the merits of the options for establishing a sustainable mechanism for funding the Real Estate Fund, the World Health Assembly resolves to appropriate US\$ 22 million from Member States' non-assessed income to the Real Estate Fund in order to cover the costs of urgently needed renovation. Furthermore, it authorizes the Director-General to allocate, at the end of each financial period, up to US\$ 10 million, as available, from the Member States' non-assessed income to the Real Estate Fund in order to finance the projects identified in the Capital Master Plan; and to proceed with the technical studies and initiate work on the urgent projects identified in the report.</p> <p>It requests the Director-General to report to the Executive Board at its 128th session on the implementation of the projects.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status of Projects Funded from the PAHO Holding Account CE146/27 PAHO (2010)</li> <li>• Master Capital Investment Plan CD50/INF/8-B (2010)</li> </ul>
<b>WHA63.8</b>	Report of the External Auditor	The Report of the External Auditor is accepted.	

RESOLUTION	ITEMS (and Reference Documents)	SUMMARY OF THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE 63rd WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY	PAHO RESOLUTIONS AND DOCUMENTS
<b>WHA63.9</b>	Salaries of staff in ungraded posts and of the Director-General	<p>The World Health Assembly establishes the salaries of Assistant Directors-General and Regional Directors at US\$ 183,022 gross per annum before staff assessment, resulting in a modified net salary of US\$ 131,964 (dependency rate) or US\$ 119,499 (single rate); the salary of the Deputy Director-General at US\$ 201,351 gross per annum before staff assessment, resulting in a modified net salary of US\$143,878 (dependency rate) or US\$ 129,483 (single rate); and the salary of the Director-General at US\$ 247,523 gross per annum, before staff assessment, resulting in a modified net salary of US\$ 173,890 (dependency rate) or US\$ 154,641 (single rate). These adjustments shall take effect from 1 January 2010.</p>	
<b>WHA63.16</b>	WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel	<p>The World Health Assembly adopts the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel and decides that the first review of the relevance and effectiveness of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel shall be made by the 68th World Health Assembly.</p> <p>It furthermore requests the Director-General to support Member States as and when requested, for the implementation of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel; to cooperate with all stakeholders concerned with the implementation and monitoring of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel; and to develop guidelines for minimum data sets, information exchange, and reporting on the implementation of the WHO Global Code of Practice on the International Recruitment of Health Personnel.</p>	



**B. 40th REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE AMERICAN STATES**

1. The resolutions adopted by the 40th Regular Session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), held in Lima, Peru, from 6 to 8 June 2010 are presented.

2. The Session was attended by the ministers of foreign affairs of the Member States of the Americas and other official delegates. Also in attendance were representatives of the governments accredited as Permanent Observers and of the agencies of the Inter-American System, among them the Pan American Health Organization and the agencies that comprise the Joint Summit Working Group. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru was elected to the Presidency of this Regular Session of the General Assembly.

3. The theme of this General Assembly was “Peace, Security, and Cooperation in the Americas,” which the Heads of Delegation referred to in their discourse. In addition to the resolutions and declarations, this Session adopted the Declaration of Lima, which appears as an annex to this document (Annex B-1).

4. The Permanent Council had previously discussed and agreed upon the majority of the recommendations and resolutions. The items on which a consensus had not been reached or new items proposed by the Member States were discussed in the General Committee of the Assembly or special working groups that met at the same time as the plenary.

5. The resolutions selected are those of interest to the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Health Organization and are related to its work as the specialized health agency of the Inter-American System (Annex table).

**Action by the Directing Council**

6. The Directing Council is invited to take note of this report.

Annexes

**Table 1: Resolutions adopted by the 40th Regular Session of the OAS General Assembly<sup>1</sup> relevant to the activities of PAHO**

Resolutions of the Assembly	Relevance to the activities of PAHO
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/RES. 2542 (XL-O/10)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SOCIAL CHARTER OF THE AMERICAS: RENEWAL OF THE HEMISPHERIC COMMITMENT TO FIGHT POVERTY IN THE REGION</p>	<p>Link with the Health Agenda for the Americas.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/RES. 2544 (XL-O/10)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MECHANISM TO FOLLOW UP ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTER- AMERICAN CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION, PUNISHMENT, AND ERADICATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, “CONVENTION OF BELÉM DO PARÁ”</p>	<p>Link with previous resolutions of the 44th and 48th Directing Council of PAHO on the prevention of violence in the Americas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Impact of Violence on the Health of the Populations in the Americas” (Resolution CD44.R13 [2003])</li> <li>• “Preventing Violence and Injuries and Promoting Safety: a Call for Action in the Region” (Resolution CD48.R11 [2008])</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/RES. 2549 (XL-O/10)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONSUMER PROTECTION: NETWORK FOR CONSUMER SAFETY AND HEALTH IN THE AMERICAS</p>	<p>Link with the PAHO technical program on Food Safety and Consumer Protection</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/RES. 2553 (XL-O/10)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIORITIES ON THE YOUTH OF THE AMERICAS</p>	<p>Link with the PAHO IMAN (Integrated Management of Adolescent Needs) Strategy</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/RES. 2556 (XL-O/10)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HEMISPHERIC DRUG STRATEGY AND PREPARATION OF ITS PLAN OF ACTION</p>	<p>Link with the “Strategy on Substance Use and Public Health” (Document CD50/18 [2010], which will be considered by the 50th Directing Council)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AG/RES. 2561 (XL-O/10)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PROMOTION WOMEN’S HUMAN RIGHTS AND GENDER EQUITY AND EQUALITY</p>	<p>Link with the “Plan of Action for Implementing the Gender Equality Policy” (Resolution CD49.R12 [2009])</p>

<sup>1</sup> Taken from document AG/doc.5124/10, 8 June 2010.

<b>Resolutions of the Assembly</b>	<b>Relevance to the activities of PAHO</b>
<p>AG/RES. 2562 (XL-O/10)</p> <p>HUMAN RIGHTS AND OLDER PERSONS</p>	<p>Link with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Health and Aging” (Resolution CSP26.R20 [2002]), which includes protection of the human rights of older persons</li> <li>• “Plan of Action on the Health of Older Persons including Active and Healthy Aging” (Resolution CD49.R15 [2009])</li> </ul>
<p>AG/RES. 2569 (XL-O/10)</p> <p>ERADICATING ILLITERACY AND FIGHTING DISEASES THAT AFFECT INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT</p>	<p>PAHO action on health-promoting schools. The Faces, Voices, and Places Initiative in municipios through the partnership for health, education, and development.</p>
<p>AG/RES. 2598 (XL-O/10)</p> <p>PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR THE DECADE OF THE AMERICAS FOR THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (2006-2016) AND SUPPORT FOR ITS TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT (SEDISCAP)</p>	<p>Link with the technical program Gender, Diversity, and Human Rights</p>
<p>AG/RES. 2602 (XL-O/10)</p> <p>FOLLOW-UP TO THE INTER-AMERICAN PROGRAM FOR UNIVERSAL CIVIL REGISTRY AND THE “RIGHT TO IDENTITY”</p>	<p>Link with PAHO’s Regional Plan of Action for Strengthening Vital and Health Statistics</p>
<p>AG/RES. 2604 (XL-O/10)</p> <p>EDUCATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN FORMAL EDUCATION IN THE AMERICAS</p>	<p>Link with “Health and Human Rights” (Document CD50/12 [2010], which will be considered by the 50th Directing Council), and the respective technical program.</p>

AG/DEC. 63 (XL-O/10)

DECLARATION OF LIMA:  
PEACE, SECURITY, AND COOPERATION IN THE AMERICAS

(Adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on June 8, 2010)

THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HEADS OF DELEGATION OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS), gathered in Lima, Peru, on the occasion of the fortieth regular session of the General Assembly;

CONFIRMING respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and the Charter of the Organization of American States and committed to strict compliance therewith, as well as with the other regional and subregional instruments that reaffirm our commitment to peace and our desire to provide security for our peoples;

REAFFIRMING the importance of the legal instruments of the United Nations System and those of the inter-American system on peace, security, and cooperation;

REAFFIRMING ALSO that Article 2 of the Charter of the Organization of American States establishes that the essential purposes of the Organization are: (a) to strengthen the peace and security of the continent; (b) to promote and consolidate representative democracy, with due respect for the principle of nonintervention; (c) to prevent possible causes of difficulties and to ensure the pacific settlement of disputes that may arise among the member states; (d) to provide for common action on the part of those states in the event of aggression; (e) to seek the solution of political, juridical, and economic problems that may arise among them; (f) to promote, by cooperative action, their economic, social, and cultural development; (g) to eradicate extreme poverty, which constitutes an obstacle to the full democratic development of the peoples of the Hemisphere; and (h) to achieve an effective limitation of conventional weapons that will make it possible to devote the largest amount of resources to the economic and social development of the member states;

REAFFIRMING LIKEWISE that Article 19 of the OAS Charter establishes that no state or group of states has the right to intervene, directly or indirectly, for any reason whatever, in the internal or external affairs of any other state. The foregoing principle prohibits not only armed force but also any other form of interference or attempted threat against the personality of the state or against its political, economic, and cultural elements;

REAFFIRMING the Inter-American Democratic Charter and the principles contained therein;

REAFFIRMING that the participatory nature of democracy in our countries in the different spheres of public activity contributes to the consolidation of democratic values and to freedom and solidarity in the Hemisphere;

REAFFIRMING ALSO that democracy is a right and an essential shared value that contributes to the stability, peace, and development of the states of the Hemisphere, and its full exercise is vital to enhancing the rule of law and the political, economic, and social development of peoples;

REAFFIRMING LIKEWISE that Article 3.e of the OAS Charter establishes that every state has the right to choose, without external interference, its political, economic, and social system and to organize itself in the way best suited to it, and has the duty to abstain from intervening in the affairs of another state. Subject to the foregoing, the American states shall cooperate fully among themselves, independently of the nature of their political, economic, and social systems;

RECOGNIZING the important role played by regional and subregional organizations and mechanisms in the peaceful settlement of disputes in the Hemisphere;

RECOGNIZING ALSO the OAS Fund for Peace as one of the tools that help link confidence-building measures with efforts to bring together the parties to an international dispute;

REITERATING that, as stated in the Declaration of Santiago, the Declaration of San Salvador, and the Consensus of Miami, confidence- and security-building measures increase transparency and understanding among the states of the Hemisphere and directly bolster regional stability;

REAFFIRMING that each member state has the sovereign right to identify its own national security priorities and to define the strategies, plans, and actions to address its security threats, in accordance with its legal system and with full respect for international law and the norms and principles of the OAS Charter and the United Nations Charter;

REAFFIRMING ALSO that, in the context of peace, cooperation, and stability established in the Hemisphere, each American state is free to define its own defense instruments, including the mission, personnel, armed forces, and public security forces needed to guarantee its sovereignty, as well as to accede to the corresponding legal instruments, in the context of the United Nations Charter and the OAS Charter;

RECOGNIZING that arms control, disarmament, and nonproliferation are essential to the maintenance of international peace and security;

REAFFIRMING the commitment to continue to strive to limit military spending while maintaining capabilities commensurate with our legitimate defense and security needs and fostering transparency in arms acquisitions;

RECOGNIZING the contributions and resources of member states in United Nations peacekeeping operations;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the important part played by the armed and public security forces in peacekeeping operations, in the United Nations framework;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALSO the important part played by the armed and public security forces and civil defense and protection agencies as part of a comprehensive response to natural disasters;

RECOGNIZING that the Declaration on Security in the Americas establishes that the concept of security in the Hemisphere is multidimensional in scope, includes traditional and new threats, concerns, and other challenges to the security of the states of the Hemisphere; incorporates the priorities of each state; contributes to the consolidation of peace, integral development, and social justice; and is based on democratic values, respect for and promotion and defense of human rights, solidarity, cooperation, and respect for national sovereignty;

AWARE that the new threats, concerns, and other challenges to hemispheric security are crosscutting problems that require multifaceted responses by different national organizations and in some cases partnerships between governments, the private sector, and civil society, all acting appropriately in accordance with democratic norms and principles, and constitutional provisions of each state;

AWARE ALSO that many of the new threats, concerns, and other challenges to hemispheric security of the member states are transnational in nature and may require hemispheric cooperation, with respect for the norms and principles of international law, including respect for the sovereignty and independence of states, noninterference in internal affairs, and abstention from the threat and the use of force against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of any state;

RECOGNIZING that peace, security, democracy, human rights, development, and cooperation are the pillars of the inter-American system, which are interlinked and mutually reinforcing;

AFFIRMING that the solutions to the challenges facing our peoples are inextricably linked with our efforts to promote sustainable development and social inclusion, forge more robust democratic institutions, strengthen governance in our democracies, preserve the rule of law and ensure access to justice for all people, protect and promote human rights and fundamental freedoms, and achieve greater civic and community participation;

UNDERSCORING that conditions for human security are improved through full respect for people's dignity, human rights, and fundamental freedoms, as well as through the promotion of economic and social development, social inclusion, education, and the fight against poverty, disease, and hunger;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that economic and social development, especially the challenge of reducing poverty in our societies, in particular extreme poverty, is as an essential part of the promotion and consolidation of democracy, which requires us to attach appropriate priority to allocating our resources to such development efforts;

RECALLING that discrimination, poverty, inequity, and social exclusion in the Hemisphere are factors that increase the vulnerability of people, especially children;

REAFFIRMING that it is necessary to mainstream the gender perspective in peace, security, and cooperation initiatives;

CONCERNED that, in addition to interpersonal violence and common crimes, many countries are confronted with some of the following threats: transnational organized crime, arms trafficking, trafficking in persons, the smuggling of migrants, the world drug problem, money laundering, corruption, terrorism, kidnapping, criminal gangs, and cybercrime;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the support expressed by the United Nations General Assembly and the United Nations Security Council for the bilateral and multilateral measures adopted by governments aimed at reducing military expenditures, where appropriate; and

MINDFUL of the importance of fostering conditions that make it possible to limit the use for military purposes of resources that could be devoted to development,

DECLARE:

1. Their commitment to international peace, security, cooperation in order to address the traditional threats and the new threats that affect the region.

2. Their commitment to reinforce inter-American partnership for integral development and, in that context, to strengthen cooperation mechanisms and actions to urgently address extreme poverty, inequity, and social exclusion.
3. Their commitment to respect for international law and their faith in the peaceful settlement of disputes.
4. The obligation of member states in their international relations not to have recourse to the use of force, except in the case of self-defense, in accordance with existing treaties or in fulfillment thereof.
5. The importance of continuing to promote in the Hemisphere a climate conducive to arms control, limitation of conventional weapons, and the nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction, making it possible for each member state to devote more resources to its economic and social development, taking into account compliance with international commitments, as well as its legitimate defense and security needs.
6. Their commitment to ensuring that the Organization of American States continues to contribute to the overcoming of tensions and solution of crises, with full respect for the sovereignty of states and the principles of the OAS Charter; and, in addition, to continue supporting bilateral, subregional, regional, and international efforts, agreements, and mechanisms to prevent conflicts and achieve the peaceful settlement of disputes.
7. Their commitment to continue implementing confidence- and security-building measures identified in the Declaration of Santiago, the Declaration of San Salvador, and the Consensus of Miami.
8. Their firm commitment to promote transparency in arms acquisitions in keeping with pertinent United Nations and OAS resolutions on the matter; and to invite those states that have not yet done so to consider signing and ratifying, as the case may be, the Inter-American Convention on Transparency in Conventional Weapons Acquisitions.
9. Their invitation to those member states that have not yet done so to give prompt consideration to ratifying or acceding to, as the case may be, the Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, and Other Related Materials (CIFTA).
10. The importance of continuing bilateral, subregional, and regional efforts to further advance cooperation on security matters and implement the agreements, declarations, and understandings adopted over the years with respect to peace, stability, confidence, and security.



11. Their commitment to strengthening cooperation in order to comprehensively address, with full respect for international law and international human rights law, the threats to the security of their peoples, including extreme poverty, social exclusion, the effects of natural disasters, transnational organized crime, arms trafficking, the world drug problem, trafficking in persons, the smuggling of migrants, money laundering, corruption, terrorism, kidnapping, criminal gangs, and cybercrime.

12. Their decision to continue fostering a culture of peace and promoting education for peace among the countries of the region, reaffirming our goal of continuing to devote more resources to the well-being of our peoples.

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