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RESOLUTION No. 1

ELECTION OF INSTITUTE OFFICERS

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

Articles 14, 15 and 22 of the Organic Statutes;

The list of candidates submitted by the governments of Colombia, the United States of America and Argentina;

The decisions reached during the first plenary session of the 19th General Assembly held on October 28, 2009 in Quito, Ecuador;

The recommendations of the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

1. By popular acclaim, to extend the mandate of Mr. Santiago Borrero Mutis (Colombia) as Secretary General from 2009-2013 and until such time his replacement takes office.
2. By popular acclaim, to elect Mr. Bruce William Presgrave (United States of America) as Vice President from 2009-2013 and up until the 20th General Assembly.
3. By popular acclaim, to elect Prof. Héctor Oscar José Pena (Argentina) as President from 2009-2013 and up until the 20th General Assembly.
4. To inform the distinguished governments of Colombia, the United States of America and Argentina of these decisions.

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RESOLUTION No. 2

RATIFICATION OF THE ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSIONS

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The elections held during the joint plenary session of the Meetings of Consultation of the Commissions of the PAIGH in Quito, Ecuador, October 26, 2009;

The reports with the conclusions of said Meetings which were submitted to the 19th General Assembly on October 28, 2009;

The recommendations of the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

1. To ratify the election of Dr. Walter Fernández Rojas (Costa Rica) as Officer of the PAIGH in his role as Chairperson of the Commission on Geophysics from 2009-2013 and Mr. Walter Montero Pohly (Costa Rica) as Vice Chairperson of the Commission for the same period.
2. To ratify the extension of the mandate of Mrs. Alejandra Coll Escanilla (Chile) as Officer of the PAIGH in her role as Chairperson of the Commission on Cartography from 2009-2013 and Mr. Rodrigo Maturana Nadal (Chile) as Vice Chairperson of the Commission for the same period.
3. To ratify the extension of the mandate of Mr. Mario A. Reyes Ibarra (Mexico) as Officer of the PAIGH in his role as Chairperson of the Commission on Geography from 2009-2013 and Mr. Antonio Hernández Navarro (Mexico) as Vice Chairperson of the Commission for the same period.
4. To ratify the extension of the mandate of Dr. Maria Cristina Mineiro Scatamacchia (Brazil) as Officer of the PAIGH in her role as Chairperson of the Commission on History from 2009-2013 and Dr. Carlos de Almeida Prado Bacellar (Brazil) as Vice Chairperson of the Commission for the same period.

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RESOLUTION No. 3

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE TO SPAIN AS AN OBSERVER COUNTRY OF THE PAIGH

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That, as an Observer Country of the PAIGH, Spain has backed many important activities undertaken by the Institute for the benefit of its Commissions and Member States;

That the National Geographic Institute of Spain (IGN in Spanish), within the framework of the Cooperation Agreement in force in 2008, backed human resource training through specialized courses held in the offices of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID in Spanish) located in Bolivia, Colombia and Guatemala;

That, in reciprocity, for the first time the PAIGH held its institutional course on Geographic Names at the offices of the IGN in Madrid in order to foster technical cooperation among the specialists of the Member States;

That, in response to the agreements reached during the 41st Meeting of the Directing Council of the PAIGH (El Salvador 2008), the IGN and the PAIGH jointly promote the Ibero - American Network of Geographic Information Infrastructures (R3IGeo). That the aim of said network is to encourage and endorse the development of this sector in the region and in the Member States of the PAIGH and that the initiative will be implemented during the 24th International Cartographic Conference (Chile, 2009);

That on the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the PAIGH, the IGN contributed the printing of the commemorative work prepared by the Institute's Commission on History: "America: Contact and Independence" and undertook the project for the corresponding itinerant exhibition;

The recommendations of the 72nd Meeting of Officers, the Scientific Policy Committee and the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,



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RESOLVES:

To express the gratitude of the Member States, the Institute and the Pan American community to Spain, the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID in Spanish) and especially the National Geographic Institute, its officers and staff for the significant and effective cooperation generously provided to the PAIGH.

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RESOLUTION No.4

“DECALOGUE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PAIGH 2010-2020 PAN AMERICAN AGENDA”

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History –PAIGH,

CONSIDERING:

The relevance of guiding and promoting the scientific activities of the PAIGH for the benefit of the Member States and the specialized community by means of the consolidation of the PAIGH 2010-2020 Pan American Agenda;

The content of Resolution V “PAIGH 2009-2019 Pan American Agenda” (Colombia, 2007) and Resolution 3 “PAIGH 2010-2020 Pan American Agenda” (El Salvador, 2008) regarding the PAIGH 2010-2020 Pan American Agenda which state its fundamental bases and principles;

The importance of the 19th Assembly deciding on the scope and purpose for the implementation and assessment of the results;

The recommendations of the 71st and 72nd Meeting of Officers and the Scientific Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. In order to redefine, encourage and consolidate the role of the PAIGH as identifier and assembler of regional and institutional competencies, among other initiatives to be defined in the future, to resolutely back and participate in the execution of the following:
 - The GeoSUR Program, sponsored by the Andean Development Corporation –CAF
 - The Geocentric Reference System for the Americas –SIRGAS
 - The Ibero-American Network of Geographic Information Infrastructures - R3IGeo
 - The ISO TC/211 “Geography/Geomatics” Committee of the International Organization for Standardization–ISO
2. In order to consolidate the mission of the PAIGH, to guide the annual technical assistance program so that it backs Pan American projects which:



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- Contribute to capacity building at the Pan American level
 - Foster the application of schemes that advance plurality, a broad view of our history and respect for biological and social diversity
 - Spur interdisciplinary rapprochement and regional integration in priority areas of sustainable development such as the region's risk and vulnerability, climate change, territorial ordering and social and economic progress in border vicinity zones
3. That, with the aim of encouraging the actions of the Commissions of the PAIGH and their committees and workgroups, as the active Pan American community they are, to henceforth make sure:
- Each committee or workgroup corresponds to the existence of a multinational activity or project to develop it. A review could be undertaken during the Technical Meeting held halfway through the period to determine whether to continue forward or to make revisions.
 - That the coordination and composition of the committees and work groups adequately and equitably represent the Member States
 - That, in the terms stipulated in the Financial Rules to back projects, the annual assessment of the results of each project and their contribution to the editorial work of the PAIGH will be determining factors for their continuity
4. With the aim of encouraging innovative variants of the study of Pan American development and fostering a broader vision of the history of the Americas and a plurality of approaches in fields such as environmental history, historiography, historical cartography, regional integration processes, climate change, cultural diversity, the preservation of tangible and intangible cultural heritage, as well as historical archives, the Institute will give precedence to the following actions and activities:
- The establishment of networks of specialists in these fields and the cultivation of projects arising from said networks
 - Deliberation on the possibility of creating committees in the fields of the History of Territorial Space of the Member States and Temporal Geography
 - Endorsement for the meeting of experts on the subject of the History of the Americas
 - Reconsideration of the prospects of education in History and Geography of the Americas as mechanisms to contribute to the formation of historians and geographers
 - Support for sub - regional congresses on History promoted by the PAIGH
 - Furtherance of studies that facilitate comparison amongst countries and development of regional projects
 - Backing of preservation of historical archives, specialized libraries and museums



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5. In order to consolidate the Institute as a regional Pan American forum for the advancement of geographic information in the Member States, it will endorse the following actions, amongst others:
 - Championing modernization programs of Geographic Institutes responsible for national cartography in the Member States in order to facilitate incorporation of new technologies and to adapt their composition to the requirements of each nation and its users
 - Prioritizing the execution of resolutions which embrace declarations approved in the symposiums and scientific activities held prior to the PAIGH's Directing Councils and Assemblies, such as the Declaration on Spatial Data Infrastructure (2007) and the Declaration on Risks and Prevention of Disasters in the Wake of Volcanic Events (2008)

6. To back the programmed development of fundamental spatial data bases in Member States and their interoperability, the Institute will undertake the following actions:
 - Agree on a PAIGH policy on Fundamental Spatial Data including: geodesic control networks, base geography, spatial administration, infrastructure, land use and environment
 - Promote the execution of decennial plans to produce, update and maintain the fundamental data bases of the Member States
 - Establish a program of activities to assist geographic institutes responsible for national cartography with human resource training and functional and technological modernization
 - Support national initiatives based on international standards and spatial data infrastructure (SDI) concepts, especially projects that develop a culture of documentation and the creation of geospatial metadata catalogues
 - Assist national entities responsible for cartography with the process of certification of international standards and norms promoted by the International Organization for Standardization –ISO

7. In order to identify actions which will articulate and specify institutional competencies that will contribute to regional integration and sustainable development in specific fields such as climate change, territorial ordering and environmental conservation, the Institute will promote the following actions and instruments:
 - Agree upon an institutional policy to encourage the coordination, integration and collaboration of actions undertaken by national sections connected to climate change, territorial ordering and natural disasters
 - Start up the Pan American Laboratory for the Observation of Natural Disasters and with that end in mind, organize an international symposium on "Natural Disasters and Sustainable Development in the Americas: Climate Change Scenario" to reinforce studies conducted on threats posed



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by natural disasters that affect the region and existing risks, according to vulnerabilities

- Hold the “Natural Disasters and Territorial Ordering in the Americas” International Seminar (Peru, 2010)
 - Back projects to build and validate sustainable development indicators, including proposed indicators that will allow comparisons amongst countries and development of projects amongst Member States
8. To contribute to the modernization of our National Sections and foster a heightened sense of co-responsibility with the Institute, we shall place attention on the following actions:
- Boost the number of participating and active entities in each National Section
 - Bolster greater participation of local specialists by backing the Pan American Network of Professionals and its evolution in order to create professional networks in fields and subjects related to the development of the Institute
 - Motivate greater cooperation amongst national sections in projects and regional integration activities
 - Promote institutional development of organizations connected to production of spatial information and national and regional studies on cartography, geography, history and geophysics
 - Reinforce contact between PAIGH Commissions and the respective representatives in each national section
9. In order to make the work of the PAIGH more visible and transcendent, effectively integrate the Pan American community and encourage the participation of national sections, the PAIGH will develop an institutional communications plan that will propose, amongst other actions:
- Undertaking campaigns or associating with initiatives that contribute to rationality in the sustainable use of natural resources and raise awareness vis a vis risks and vulnerabilities
 - Contributing to the institutional commemoration of great historical events on the continent
 - Highlighting and sharing the work and contribution of each National Section
 - Developing networks of specialists and, through them, spur the realization of specialized forums
 - Setting up a link on the PAIGH website for the Pan American Agenda where pertinent information can be uploaded which will rouse community participation in its implementation, follow up and assessment
 - Reaching agreements with international cooperation agencies to coalesce efforts on subjects of common interest and optimize available resources



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10. In order to establish a solid connection between the Institute and the Pan American community and decision-making processes on basic subjects related to their work, study the appropriateness of updating the existing agreement with the OAS (1974) and, if possible, in agreement with the OAS, hold a meeting with its high-ranking officers on the occasion of the Technical Meeting of the Commissions of the PAIGH in 2011.

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RESOLUTION No. 5

JOINT ACTIONS OF THE ANDEAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION-CAF, THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY -USGS AND THE PAIGH FOR THE GENERATION, ACCESS AND APPLICATION OF SPATIAL DATA IN SOUTH AMERICA: THE GEOSUR PROGRAM

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That, as a specialized agency of the OAS, the PAIGH is dedicated to the generation and transfer of specialized knowledge, such as cartography and geography, amongst other key areas. That the PAIGH assists geographic institutes in bolstering production and application of fundamental digital spatial data for the development of the Member States and the PAIGH;

That the Andean Development Corporation-CAF is a multilateral financial institution which advocates sustainable development and the regional integration of its Member States. That in order to back certain actions, it has prioritized a specialized regional geospatial program to distribute and encourage the use of geospatial data as part of geographic information infrastructures to assist with decision-making processes, policy development and investment planning in South America;

That in 2007 the PAIGH and the CAF subscribed the first cooperation agreement that links them with the aim of establishing the GeoSur Program, which is an initiative with regional scope that fosters and facilitates the availability, interoperability, consultation, dissemination and application of essential geospatial data for development in South America;

That, since the inception of the concepts and methodologies associated to the development of Spatial Data Infrastructure in the Americas, the PAIGH, through the General Secretariat and particularly its Commission on Cartography, has been connected technically and through its budget to its progress. That on the occasion of the XL Meeting of the Directing Council, in RESOLUTION III of 2007 it approved the Final Declaration of the "SDI Americas Symposium: Concepts, Practices and Projects" that provides for regional work to be undertaken in a harmonious manner and prioritizing its development, to achieve the joint goal of the participating agencies of designing, coordinating and developing the GeoSur Program,

The recommendations of the 72nd Meeting of Officers and the Scientific Policy Committee,



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RESOLVES:

1. To highlight the contributions and joint achievements of the CAF, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the PAIGH as a result of the cooperation undertaken for the implementation and future of the GeoSUR Program.
2. Underline the potential of the GeoSUR Program to consolidate the PAIGH 2010-2020 Pan American Agenda, especially as concerns the development, accuracy and scope of the role of the PAIGH as identifier and assembler of regional and institutional competencies and to execute actions that contribute to regional integration in specific fields such as climate change, development infrastructures, territorial ordering and natural disasters.
3. To recommend that Geographic Institutes of PAIGH Member States connected to the GeoSUR Program focus particularly on compliance with the plans and activities which will guarantee its full implementation as a deciding mechanism for institutional capacity building, cooperation amongst national agencies responsible for production of geospatial data and availability and access to national and supranational spatial data.
4. As allowed by the budget and in the framework of the GeoSUR Program, to jointly sponsor actions with the CAF and USGS that cultivate interoperability, application and access to regional and national spatial data in Latin America.

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RESOLUTION No. 6

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF PROLIFIC EXISTENCE: DOCTOR SILVIO ZAVALA VALLADO

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That historian Silvio Zavala was born in Merida, in the state of Yucatan, Mexico on February 7, 1909;

That the Mexican historian Silvio Zavala first had contact with the PAIGH in 1938 and thus began a period of praiseworthy contributions and achievements that have driven the development of the PAIGH and studies on history in the Americas;

That Dr. Zavala founded the periodic publication of the PAIGH *Revista de Historia de América*, which he edited between 1938 and 1965;

That Dr. Zavala promoted the creation of the Commission on History of the PAIGH, which took place during the IV General Assembly (Venezuela, 1946) and which he presided up until 1965;

That in 1988 the PAIGH instituted the Colonial History of the Americas Award that bears his name and which biennially recognizes the best work published on the subject by an historian from the Americas;

That the PAIGH nominated Dr. Silvio Zavala and the jury granted him the “Prince of Asturias” Award in 1993;

That on February 7, 2009 Dr. Zavala celebrated 100 years of fruitful existence;

The recommendations of the 71st and 72nd Meetings of Officers and the Scientific Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To exalt the work of Dr. Silvio Zavala as a distinguished historian of the Americas and highlight the significance of his vast specialized production.



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2. To stress his contribution to the development of the PAIGH and especially the Commission on History and his work in promoting, training and helping to create a future for historians from the Americas.

3. To express to Dr. Silvio Zavala and his family the everlasting appreciation of the Pan American community for his unique contributions and explain the many reasons his 100 years of life are worthy of celebration.

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RESOLUTION No. 7

2008 FINANCIAL REPORT

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The review of fiscal year 2008's Financial Report;

The successful management results of the General Secretariat during fiscal year 2008 which translated into the Institute's financial sustainability and the ability to cover institutional programs in fiscal year 2010;

The recommendations of the 71st Meeting of Officers and the Financial Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

To highlight the achievements of the financial management by the General Secretariat during fiscal year 2008 and approve the corresponding report.

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RESOLUTION No. 8

2008 AUDIT REPORT

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The Audit Report submitted by the accounting firm of “Despacho Munir Hayek, S.C. Contadores Públicos y Consultores de Negocios” covering January 1 through December 31, 2008 and its finding to the effect that the financial statements of the PAIGH adequately reflect the financial status for the aforementioned fiscal year;

The recommendations of the 71st Meeting of Officers and the Financial Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the Audit Report corresponding to fiscal year 2008.
2. To authorize the Secretary General of the PAIGH to contract audit services for the Institute for 2009.

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RESOLUTION No. 9

MAXIMUM LIMIT OF ANNUAL QUOTAS FOR MEMBER STATES FOR 2010-2014 AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE 2010 SCALE OF QUOTAS

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That the General Assembly, as per Article 39 of the Organic Statutes and Article 3 of the Financial Rules, must set the maximum limits of the draft budget for the annual quotas item line that will be in effect until such time the next General Assembly is held;

That Resolution 9 “2009 Annual Quotas” (El Salvador, 2008) deemed it appropriate to maintain the current scale of quotas in 2009 and proposed an adjustment in quotas to back the execution of the Pan American Agenda as of 2010;

The recommendations of the 71st and 72nd Meetings of Officers and the Financial Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To maintain the maximum limit for the Program-Budget for the annual quotas item line of US\$ 878,000, in effect since 2001.
2. To maintain the 2009 scale of quotas for 2010.
3. To back the strategy of the General Secretariat of seeking specific alternative funds to execute the priorities established in the Pan American Agenda.

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RESOLUTION No. 10

2010 BUDGET

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The draft Program – Budget submitted by the General Secretariat for 2010;

The recommendations of the Financial Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

To approve the 2010 Program - Budget.

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RESOLUTION No. 11

MODIFICATION OF ARTICLE 18 OF THE ORGANIC STATUTES

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That Article 18 of the Organic Statutes establishes: “(...) During the period between Meetings of the Directing Council, the President through the General Secretariat may request decisions on urgent matters by a vote by registered official mail from the Member States, as provided for in the Rules of Procedure. The vote by mail shall not take place if any Member State submits an objection to the use of such procedure.”

That in practice new information technologies render the basic provisions of this Article obsolete and thus it must be updated;

The recommendations of the 41st Meeting of the Directing Council;

The recommendations of the 71st and 72nd Meetings of Officers and the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

To make the following modifications to the third paragraph of Article 18 of the Organic Statutes:

“Article 18. (...) During the period between Meetings of the Directing Council, the President together with the Secretary General may request decisions on urgent matters by an official vote issued by the Member States.”

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RESOLUTION No. 12

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF CHAPTER XII OF THE ORGANIC STATUTES "ON THE STATUS OF COOPERATING ASSOCIATE"

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That Resolution 22 of the 18th General Assembly of the PAIGH (Venezuela, 2005) provided for the creation of the condition of Cooperating Associate of the PAIGH;

That upon trying to implement the provision multiple difficulties have been encountered in trying to make it operational;

That at the 41st Meeting of the Directing Council (El Salvador, 2008) agreement was reached to carry out the necessary actions to make the condition of Cooperating Associate feasible in the short term and if attempts were unsuccessful, Resolution 22 of 2005 would be considered for repeal during the 19th General Assembly;

That the General Secretariat, in addition to the efforts mentioned, consulted with international organizations with similar concepts;

The recommendations of the 72nd Meeting of Officers and the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

To temporarily suspend Chapter XII of the Organic Statutes "On the Status of Cooperating Associate" until such time alternatives exist which makes the concept of Cooperating Associate of the PAIGH operationally and financially feasible in the terms set forth in Resolution 22 of 2005.

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RESOLUTION No. 13

VENUE OF THE 43RD MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The cordial invitation of the government of the Dominican Republic to hold the 43rd Meeting of the Directing Council of the PAIGH in 2011;

The recommendations of the 72nd Meeting of Officers and the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To designate the Dominican Republic as the venue for the 43rd Meeting of the Directing Council, to be held during the last quarter of 2011.
2. To thank the government of the Dominican Republic for its offer and its interest in backing the activities of the PAIGH.

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RESOLUTION No. 14

VENUE OF THE 44TH MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The generous offer of the governments of Argentina and Mexico to hold the 44th Meeting of the Directing Council of the PAIGH in 2012;

The recommendations of the 72nd Meeting of Officers and the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To designate Argentina as the venue for the 44th Meeting of the Directing Council, to be held during the last quarter of 2012.
2. To designate Mexico as the alternate venue for the aforementioned meeting and thank their disposition in favor of the designation of Argentina.

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RESOLUTION No. 15

VENUE FOR THE 20TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The enthusiastic offer of Uruguay to host the 20th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History in 2013;

The recommendations of the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To designate Uruguay as venue for the 20th General Assembly, to be held in the last quarter of 2013.
2. To highlight that the 20th Assembly will coincide with the commemoration of the Centennial of the Military Geographic Service of Uruguay.

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RESOLUTION No. 16

**ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
FINANCIAL PLANNING AND EVALUATION (APEF)**

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

Resolution XVII of the XXXIX Directing Council (Chile, 2006) that modified the rules of the Advisory Committee on Financial Planning and Evaluation–APEF, thereby complying with the provisions of Resolution No. 25 of the XVIII General Assembly (Venezuela, 2005);

The call issued by the General Secretariat for the designation of members of the APEF committee;

The recommendations of the 72nd Meeting of Officers, the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions and the second plenary session,

RESOLVES:

1. To declare the designation of members of the Advisory Committee on Financial Planning and Evaluation-APEF for 2009-2013 as unfilled.
2. In compliance with Resolution XVII of 2006 with regard to the APEF Committee, to request the President of the PAIGH carry out the functions connected to the Committee, applied in 2005-2009.

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RESOLUTION No. 17

ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The Report of Activities submitted by the Secretary General entitled “2004-2009 Quinquennium: From Re-Engineering the PAIGH in 2004 to the Outlook for 2010-2020”;

That said very detailed and accurate Report reflects upon the events of a significant period in the life of the Institute;

The recommendations of the first plenary session,

RESOLVES:

To accept the “2004-2009 Quinquennium: From Re-Engineering the PAIGH in 2004 to the Outlook for 2010-2020” Report and congratulate Mr. Santiago Borrero Mutis for the zeal evidenced in its preparation and in all the activities undertaken during the period covered by it.

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RESOLUTION No. 18

ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORTS OF COMMISSIONS

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The reports of activities submitted by the Commissions of Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics for 2005-2009;

The recommendations of the first plenary session,

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the complete reports submitted by the Commission on Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics for 2005-2009.
2. To highlight the achievements accomplished during said period by the members of the aforementioned Commissions and the leadership of their Chairpersons.

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RESOLUTION No. 19

PRESENTATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE NATIONAL SECTIONS

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That Article 38, subsection 5 of the Organic Statutes of the PAIGH establishes that one of the duties of the National Sections is to annually account for their activities before the Directing Council or General Assembly;

That the National Sections of the following countries have submitted their corresponding Reports to the 19th General Assembly: Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, the United States of America and Uruguay;

The recommendations of the Administrative Policy Committee and the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the National Sections of said countries for informing the 19th General Assembly of their activities in support of the Programs of the Institute and of their relationship with the corresponding governments of the Member States.
2. To reiterate the importance that the report include a description of the corresponding activities and a full list of the members of the National Section, bearing in mind the provisions of Resolution No. 8 "Renewal of the appointment of the members of the National Sections" (Venezuela, 2005) in the sense that in the PAIGH no more than one position can be simultaneously held.
3. To reiterate that in order for National Sections to submit Requests for Technical Assistance Projects, they must comply with the commitment of submitting the Report of Activities of the National Section of the corresponding country in a timely manner.
4. To set April 30, 2010 as the deadline for submitting the 2009 Report in order to apply the aforementioned.

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RESOLUTION No. 20

HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE PAIGH

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The contribution and dedication of the outgoing President of the PAIGH, Dr. Oscar Aguilar Bulgarelli, during 2005-2009;

The recommendations of the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

1. To grant Dr. Oscar Aguilar Bulgarelli the distinction of Honorary President of the PAIGH for the 2009-2013 quadrennium.
2. To entrust the Secretary General of informing the government of Costa Rica and the National Section of the PAIGH in that country of the honor bestowed upon the outgoing President and to disseminate news of this Resolution by all available means.

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RESOLUTION No. 21

RECOGNITION FOR OUTGOING PAIGH OFFICERS

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That upon conclusion of the mandate emanating from the XVIII General Assembly (Venezuela 2005) the duties of Dr. Oscar Aguilar Bulgarelli as President of the PAIGH, Dr. Leonel Vivas as Vice President of the PAIGH and Dr. Carlos Mendoza as Chairperson of the Commission on Geophysics will conclude, it would be appropriate to recognize their work undertaken in benefit of the PAIGH;

The recommendations of the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To express the gratitude of the PAIGH to Dr. Oscar Aguilar Bulgarelli, Dr. Leonel Vivas and Dr. Carlos Mendoza and to underscore their efficient and dedicated service to the Pan American cause.

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RESOLUTION No. 22

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The assistance and attentions of the illustrious government of Ecuador on the occasion of the 19th General Assembly and the Meetings of Consultation;

The recommendations of the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To entrust the Secretary General to, on behalf of the Member States of the PAIGH and its delegates, express our gratitude to the illustrious government of Ecuador and its Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the outstanding collaboration and aid provided for the 19th General Assembly and Meetings of Consultation, as well as extending our expressions of fondness for the people of Ecuador and its institutions for all their kindness.

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RESOLUTION No. 23

RECOGNITION OF THE MILITARY GEOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE OF
ECUADOR, THE NATIONAL SECTION OF THE PAIGH IN ECUADOR AND
THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The exceptional attentions bestowed by the Military Geographic Institute, the National Section of the PAIGH in Ecuador and the Organizing Committee for the 19th General Assembly and Meetings of Consultation of the PAIGH;

The recommendations of the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To warmly express the recognition of the PAIGH and the Pan American Community to the Military Geographic Institute of Ecuador, headed by its Director, Colonel Iván F. Acosta A., the National Section of the PAIGH in Ecuador, its Technical Secretary, Mr. Fabián Durango Vela and all the members of the Organizing Committee for the significant contributions to the Institute in order to ensure the success of its main statutory events, the 19th General Assembly and the 2009 Meetings of Consultation.

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RESOLUTION No. 24

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE TO THE PERSONNEL OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That the deliberations of the 19th General Assembly and the Meetings of Consultation have successfully concluded;

The dedicated work undertaken by all the personnel of the General Secretariat in preparing, coordinating, organizing and realizing the General Assembly and Meetings of Consultation;

The recommendations of the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To express to all the personnel of the General Secretariat our deep appreciation for the painstaking efforts and ceaseless graciousness evidenced in the realization of the 19th General Assembly and Meetings of Consultation, without whose contribution we would not have been able to achieve our results.

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RESOLUTION No. 25

RECOGNITION FOR THE WORK OF MISTER SECRETARY GENERAL, SANTIAGO BORRERO MUTIS

The 19th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That during the 2004-2009 quinquennium, Mr. Santiago Borrero Mutis, in his role as Secretary General of the PAIGH, has evidenced to have a high degree of professionalism and a rare commitment to his duties. That this, together with his ample capacity to work, allowed the PAIGH to, first of all, overcome financial and management difficulties by means of an intelligent job of re-engineering and secondly, through the effective definition of financial policies, to stabilize the PAIGH in every sense in order to clearly focus on the future through the PAIGH 2010-2020 Pan American Agenda;

The recommendations of the second plenary session,

RESOLVES:

To congratulate Mr. Santiago Borrero Mutis for the efficient tasks undertaken and thank him for the conscientiousness evidenced in his work and leadership of the PAIGH and in general for his management from 2004-2009.

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