

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

RESOLUTION I

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECTS

The XL Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That resolution No. 6 of the XVIII General Assembly (Venezuela, 2005), “Technical Assistance Initiatives Submitted by Permanent Observer Countries and International Organizations”, states that in order to apply PAIGH resources to said initiatives they must be submitted by the National Section taking on the project;

That since Resolution No. 6 was enacted, no National Section has submitted any initiative as its own, which has prevented nationals from the Member States from partaking of the financial support of the cooperation activities offered by Permanent Observer Countries;

That PAIGH funds are never transferred to Permanent Observer Countries, rather are executed through the General Secretariat for the exclusive benefit of grant recipients from the Member States;

The recommendations of the 68th Meeting of Officers and the Scientific Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

To repeal Resolution No. 6 of the XVIII General Assembly because it considers it unsuitable to the interests of the PAIGH and its Member States.

* * * * *

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

RESOLUTION II

PROCEDURES DURING MEETINGS OF CONSULTATION OF PAIGH COMMISSIONS

The XL Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

Resolution IV “2007 Technical Meetings of PAIGH Commissions”, which was approved by the XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council (Chile, 2006);

The reengineering of the PAIGH ordered by the XXXVII Meeting of the Directing Council held in Guatemala in 2003 and the corresponding backup documents which refer to the advisability of fostering interdisciplinary endeavors and joint work by the disciplines represented in the PAIGH;

The need to proactively involve PAIGH National Sections in this process since it is where most of the Institute’s scientific activity takes place;

The resolutions of the technical meetings held in Itú, Brazil in 2007: Resolution 4 “Interdisciplinary Projects” of the Commission on Cartography; Resolution 5 “Integration” of the Commission on Geography; Resolution 1 “Natural Disasters: Time and Space” of the Commission on History and Resolution 2 “Interdisciplinary Projects” of the Commission on Geophysics. These resolutions avail themselves of the development of joint lines of action among the four Commissions, granting precedence to the field of natural disasters from a *time-space* perspective;

That the OAS has set up the Inter - American Committee for Natural Disaster Reduction and incorporated the PAIGH as one of its permanent members;

The recommendations of the 68th Meeting of Officers and the Scientific Policy Committee,

.../...

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

RESOLVES:

1. It deems it is appropriate on technical, logistics and budgetary grounds, to require that henceforth, technical meetings of PAIGH Commissions mentioned in Article 32 of the Organic Statutes be held jointly under the terms mentioned in the announcement approved to that effect at the immediately prior Meeting of the Directing Council.
2. That the resolutions approved at the joint technical meeting held in Itú, Brazil June 27-29, 2007 will serve as the basis for the preparation of 2009-2019 PAIGH Pan American Agenda to be organized premised on the proposal of the General Secretariat.
3. That when calling for 2009 Technical Assistance Projects, the General Secretariat give priority to the initiatives of the Member States that contribute with projects that effectively integrate the four Commissions of the PAIGH. They must emphasize support of projects in the field of natural and anthropic disasters from a perspective that involves the variables of *time and space*.

* * * * *

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

RESOLUTION III

DEVELOPMENT OF SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE AMERICAS

The XL Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING

That the PAIGH, through the General Secretariat and the Commission on Cartography in particular, has been linked from the technical and budgetary viewpoint to this endeavor from the moment the concepts and methodologies for the development of Spatial Data Infrastructure of the Americas began and which is deemed essential for said Commission's plans and projects;

That on the occasion of the XL Meeting of the Directing Council, the Agustin Codazzi Geographic Institute - IGAC, which is the headquarters of the PAIGH National Section in Colombia, and the General Secretariat announced the "SDI Americas Symposium: Concepts, Practices and Projects". The symposium aims to encourage processes that will provide added value to the Spatial Data Infrastructure of the region;

The recommendations of the 68th Meeting of Officers and the Scientific Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To adopt the final declaration enacted by the delegates of the "SDI Americas Symposium: Concepts, Practices and Projects", whose text is in this Resolution.
2. To transmit the content to the committee which is preparing the 2009-2019 PAIGH Pan American Agenda so the PAIGH may continue to consistently and harmoniously facilitate the development of spatial infrastructure for the economic and social development of the peoples of the Americas.

* * * * *

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

SDI AMERICAS SYMPOSIUM: Concepts, Practices and Projects Bogotá, Colombia. November 6 and 7, 2007

On the occasion of the 40th Meeting of the PAIGH Directing Council, the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) and the Instituto Geográfico Agustín Codazzi (IGAC, Agustín Codazzi Geographic Institute) gathered together the persons responsible for supranational geospatial data initiatives in the region, specialists from several countries on the American continent and PAIGH observer institutions for the **SDI AMERICAS SYMPOSIUM: Concepts, Practices and Projects**. The goal was to coordinate actions and facilitate processes aimed at developing the spatial data infrastructure of the region.

At the conclusion of the event, the participants agreed to issue the following:

Declaration

Considering that:

1. Geospatial information is one of the components of the infrastructure that is necessary for the nations of the Americas to progress and a cornerstone of efficient management of the State. Application of geospatial information is essential in numerous scenarios and realities in which availability, access and use of spatial data is indispensable for society. These range from natural disasters, land management and climate change to food safety and security and the fight against poverty;
2. Within the context of a knowledge society, constructing spatial data infrastructure (SDI) at the continent level and that of the nations corresponds to a long term process. It requires the incorporation of policies, technologies and strategies for the adequate management of geospatial information. This includes the efficient use of Earth observation technologies, geographic information systems and information and communication networks;
3. Consolidation of SDI throughout the subregions of the continent requires effective cooperation and coordination amongst countries, organizations and projects. It also requires a political and institutional framework that considers local characteristics in order to reach the common goal of strengthening national capacity. Stress is placed on the need to produce fundamental geographic data and specialized information and make it available, as it is crucial for national and regional development.

The participants recommend work be carried out harmoniously, prioritizing the following objectives:

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

One. Seek greater government support for SDI and invite those who have not already done so, to initiate this process soon. The intent is to prove the feasibility and guarantee the sustainability of the spatial data infrastructure of each country in the region within the framework of national connectivity and on-line government strategies and sector plans. It is particularly important to undertake projects aimed at producing and/or maintaining quality, nationwide spatial data.

Two. Endeavour, through specific projects, to petition for additional national and international financial resources to back the construction of SDI components (production, maintenance, updating, distribution, access and application of geographic data);

Three. Improve the quality of geographic data in order to increase its interoperability and facilitate its application. In connection with this objective, the following must be carried out: the technological production platform must continue to be modernized; national geodetic reference systems must be strengthened; geographic information systems must be consolidated and geographic information must be made available on-line through the development of geoportals. In addition, international standards must be applied and metadata and associated catalogue services must be implemented in order to streamline documentation, inventory and preservation of geographic data.

Four. Ratify that of all the entities that produce and apply geographic data and information, it is the institutes responsible for national geography and cartography that are the ideal agencies to promote, coordinate and harmonize SDI initiatives in each country. In order to guarantee the sustainability of actions and the channeling of specific resources, the SDI of every country has to be incorporated into the functions, programs and structure of the geographic institutes.

Five. Deal with the subject of pricing, licensing, copyrights, privacy and distribution of data and advocate the publication of geographic information, products and services in order to facilitate access by society and to reach institutional goals.

Six. Enhance institutional capacities aimed at: developing geographic services and projects that apply geospatial data; forming and participating in knowledge networks and specialized interaction spaces; implementing geoportals and training personnel involved in managing geographic information.

Seven. Identify the synergy and overlap of projects currently being undertaken in the region and back initiatives that focus on improving the availability of seamless databases that assist with dealing with situations of a supranational nature.

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

Eight. Acknowledge and back the efforts of entities that foster the development of spatial data infrastructure at all levels and especially encourage those responsible for supranational projects aimed at developing said infrastructure, to continue with their efforts.

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

RESOLUTION IV

2008-2009 ANNUAL QUOTAS

The XL Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That in order to fulfill the mandate of the PAIGH, the institute needs to be able to dispose of the resources required to execute it and considering the fact that the scale of quotas has not changed since 1996;

That a group of experts gathered together by the General Secretariat of the OAS will soon submit to the Member States the methodology to be used to assign quotas for the Member States. And considering that the group will present a proposal, to be decided upon by the General Assembly during an extraordinary session to be held on November 13, 2007, to adopt a methodology to assign the Member State quotas that will go into effect in 2009 and subsequent years;

The recommendations of the 67th and 68th Meeting of Officers and the Financial Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To keep the 2007 scale of quotas during 2008.
2. To await the methodology to be used to assign the new quotas for Member States of the OAS for 2009 and subsequent years. Thus the advisability for the PAIGH can be opportunely studied and the annual quota of the Member States for the support of the PAIGH.

* * * * *

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

RESOLUTION V

2009-2019 PAIGH PAN AMERICAN AGENDA

The XL Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That since 2003, and in keeping with a Resolution of the Directing Council meeting in Guatemala, the PAIGH has collectively undergone a scientific, administrative and financial endeavor. The aim is to allow the Institute to efficiently undertake the challenges of the organization in the 21st century and drive a renewed vision of the Pan American ideal, thereby proving the relevance of the PAIGH and its ability to innovate;

The success of the initial financial and administrative transformation, achieved through a series of actions, it would be befitting to take additional steps to direct the scientific actions of the PAIGH. On the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the Institute the conditions are right to harmonize and integrate a ten-year work plan to develop the PAIGH vision and fulfill the institutional mission;

The recommendations of the 68th Meeting of Officers and the Scientific Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To arrange for the required actions, resources and provisions, under the coordination of the General Secretariat, to fulfill the 2009-2019 PAIGH Pan American Agenda.
2. To authorize the Secretary General to set up a *pro-tempore* committee to advise him on the matter of this Resolution.
3. To allot US\$ 4,000 from the Non - Committed Special Fund to back the committee work and submit the preliminary Agenda to the PAIGH Officers in a timely manner.

.../...

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

4. To promote a minister - and upper echelon – level meeting of the Member States, with the assistance of the corresponding international organizations, to get the highest backing for the Agenda. Said meeting could be held prior to the PAIGH's XIX General Assembly in 2009.
5. The Agenda will consist of achievable goals based on an analysis of the trends of the sciences connected to the PAIGH. It will identify specific action areas and projects that will facilitate and stimulate its implementation, with the goal of promoting contributions by the PAIGH to the development of Pan Americanism.

* * * * *

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

RESOLUTION VI

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO DOCTOR CLARENCE W. MINKEL FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO PAIGH

The 40th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH)),

BEARING IN MIND:

That, Article 47 of the Organic Statutes indicates that by a unanimous vote the Institute may confer honorary awards to those persons who have rendered exceptional services to PAIGH;

That Dr. Clarence W. Minkel has contributed constantly for 50 years to the fulfillment of PAIGH's mission and institutional vision;

That Dr. Minkel lead up the creation of the Pan American Center for Geographical Studies and Research (CEPEIGE) that already accomplishes 33 years of an uninterrupted service;

That Dr. Minkel's scientific and professional activities contributed positively to the development of the continental geography and its applications to the understanding between the Member States of PAIGH;

That Dr. Minkel was Chairman of the Commission on Geography from 1986 to 1990; President of PAIGH from 1990 to 1993, and Chairman of the PAIGH's National Section in the United States from 1973 to 2007;

The recommendations made by the 68th Meeting of Authorities and by the Financial Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

To award Dr. Clarence W. Minkel the "50 Years Medal" in recognition of his exceptional contribution to Pan Americanism and the development of PAIGH during this time.

The medal will be presented to Dr. Minkel as part of the ceremony that will take place on June 24, 2008 to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of PAIGH.

* * * * *

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

RESOLUTION VII

LETTER OF THANKS TO THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES

The XL Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That the PAIGH was created in 1928 during the VI International Conference for the Americas held in La Havana, Cuba;

That since its conception, the government of the United Mexican States has been committed, at the highest level, to the creation, support and development of the PAIGH;

That to that effect, it constructed a building which has been the PAIGH's permanent headquarters since 1930 and which is registered as a national monument. Considering that the relationship between the Institute and the government of the United Mexican States is contained in the Agreement dated May 15, 1980. Considering that the PAIGH has only words of gratitude for the strict compliance that has been given to the Agreement;

That Engineer Pedro C. Sánchez, a Mexican national, was named the first Director of the PAIGH. Considering that he held this position between 1930 and 1956 and that his tenure is renowned for its outstanding merits and achievements:

That in multiple actions, the government of the United Mexican States has ratified its commitment to the PAIGH cause and its future development;

The recommendations of the 68th Meeting of Officers and the Financial Policy Committee,

.../...

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

RESOLVES:

To express the gratitude of the PAIGH Member States to the United Mexican States for its determined contribution to the development of the Institute and to the understanding of the peoples of the Americas based on Geography and History.

The letter of thanks on behalf of the PAIGH will be submitted by the Secretary General to the government of the United Mexican States on June 24, 2008 during the official ceremony that will be held on the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the Institute.

* * * * *

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

RESOLUTION VIII

80th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PAIGH

The XL Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The fact that 2008 will be the 80th Anniversary of the founding of the PAIGH;

That the occasion is propitious for pointing out to the Pan American community the achievements, plans and significance of having a regional organization like the PAIGH on the continent;

That to that effect, resources are required to allow for the execution of the program of activities designed to that end;

The recommendations of the 67th and 68th Meeting of Officers and the Financial Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

To authorize an additional US\$ 5,000.00 contribution for the General Secretariat so it can carry out the program of activities on the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the PAIGH.

* * * * *

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

RESOLUTION IX

ALTERNATE VENUE FOR THE XIX GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The XL Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

Resolution No. 30 “Substitute Venue for the XIX General Assembly” approved by the XVIII General Assembly (Venezuela, 2005) which transferred the consideration of the assignment of a substitute venue to the XL Meeting of the Directing Council;

The cordial offer from the government of Guatemala to be the alternate venue of the XIX General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History to be held during the last quarter of 2009;

The recommendation of the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

To thank the government of Guatemala for its kind invitation and accept the proposal to be the substitute venue of the XIX General Assembly.

* * * * *

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

RESOLUTION X

ELECTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE APEF COMMITTEE

The XL Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The fact that Resolution XVII of the XXXIX Directing Council (Chile, 2006) modified the Rules of Procedure of the APEF Committee, thereby complying with Resolution No. 25 of the XVIII General Assembly (Venezuela, 2005);

That as a result, on September 10, 2007, the General Secretariat proceeded to call upon the Member States to submit candidates to make up said Committee and proceed to their election during the XL Directing Council. Considering that as of the deadline for the call, October 15, 2007, no candidates had been named;

The recommendations of the 68th Meeting of Officers and the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

To request the General Secretariat to call upon the Member States in a timely manner and prior to the XLI Directing Council, to submit candidates for the APEF Committee for the remainder of the period.

* * * * *

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

RESOLUTION XI

ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORTS OF ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE COMMISSION CHAIRPERSONS

The XL Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The Report of Activities submitted by the Secretary General and the Chairpersons of the Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics Commissions;

The recommendations of the First Plenary Session,

RESOLVES:

To accept the aforementioned Reports and thank the Secretary General and Commission Chairpersons for their efficient performance.

* * * * *

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

RESOLUTION XII

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM THE NATIONAL SECTIONS

The XL Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The fact that article 38, paragraph 5 of the Organic Statutes of the PAIGH states it is the duty of the National Sections to submit an annual report on their activities to the Directing Council or the General Assembly;

That the National Sections of the following countries have submitted their corresponding reports to the XL Meeting of the Directing Council: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, the Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela;

The recommendations of the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the National Sections of said countries for reporting to the XL Meeting of the Directing Council on their activities in favor of the Programs of the Institute and their relationship with the corresponding governments of the Member States.
2. To reiterate the importance of including a complete list of the names and addresses of the members of the National Section in the report in keeping with Resolution No. 8 “Renewal and Appointment of Members of National Sections” (Venezuela, 2005). Said resolution states no one may simultaneously hold more than one position at the PAIGH.
3. To insist that in order for National Sections to submit requests for Technical Assistance Projects, they must have complied with the commitment of submitting the Report of Activities of the National Section of the corresponding country.

.../...

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

4. To request that when preparing the reports, they include a list of the activities carried out by the corresponding National Section and an analysis indicating the results and scientific and operational difficulties encountered in the performance of their duties.

* * * * *

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

RESOLUTION XIII

2006 FINANCIAL REPORT

The XL Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The review of the fiscal year 2006 Financial Report;

The recommendations of the 67th Meeting of Officers and the Financial Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

To approve the 2006 Financial Report and highlight the role of the General Secretariat and the support of the National Sections in achieving the positive results obtained.

* * * * *

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

RESOLUTION XIV

2006 AUDIT REPORT

The XL Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The Audit Report submitted by the firm “Despacho Munir Hayek, S.C.” covering January 1 through December 31, 2006;

The recommendations of the 67th Meeting of Officers and the Financial Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the fiscal year 2006 Audit Report.
2. To authorize the Secretary General of the PAIGH to contract the auditing services for the Institute for 2007.

* * * * *

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

RESOLUTION XV

2008 Budget

The XL Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The Draft Program – Budget submitted by the General Secretariat for 2008;

The recommendations of the Financial Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

To approve the Draft Program – Budget for 2008.

* * * * *

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

RESOLUTION XVI

VENUE FOR THE XLII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

The XL Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The cordial offer made by the government of Peru to host the XLII Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History during the last quarter of 2010;

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

RESOLVES:

To thank the government of Peru for its kind invitation and accept the proposal to act as the venue for the XLII Meeting of the Directing Council.

* * * * *

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

RESOLUTION XVII

LETTER OF THANKS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA

The XL Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The extraordinary support of the government of Colombia in carrying out the XL Meeting of the Directing Council;

The recommendations of the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To commission the Secretary General to, on behalf of the Member Countries of the PAIGH and those present at the XL Meeting of the Directing Council of the Institute, thank the government of Colombia. Gratitude is particularly extended to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the outstanding collaboration and assistance provided by the Agustin Codazzi Geographic Institute in undertaking the event. The Secretary General is also instructed to extend expressions of affection and appreciation to the people of Colombia for all their kindnesses.

* * * * *

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

RESOLUTION XVIII

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO THE AGUSTIN CODAZZI GEOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE, THE NATIONAL SECTION OF COLOMBIA AND THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The XL Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The collaboration of the “Agustín Codazzi” Geographic Institute, venue of the National Section of the PAIGH in Colombia, and the Organizing Committee of the XL Meeting of the Directing Council;

The recommendations of the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To express the thanks of the Member States and the General Secretariat of the PAIGH to the “Agustín Codazzi” Geographic Institute, its officers and particularly the members of the Organizing Committee for the attentions, dedication and efforts undertaken to ensure the success of the XL Meeting of the Directing Council of the PAIGH.

* * * * *

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



40 Meeting of the Directing Council

Bogotá, Colombia November 7 – 10, 2007

RESOLUTION XIX

EXPRESSION OF THANKS TO THE PERSONNEL OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

The XL Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The fact that the deliberations of the XL Meeting of the Directing Council have concluded,

The labor carried out by the staff of the General Secretariat of the PAIGH during the organization and progress of the meeting;

The recommendations of the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To express to the personnel of the General Secretariat their recognition for their efficient and conscientious work during the XL Meeting of the Directing Council, especially to those who were responsible for preparing and coordinating the event.

* * * * *