

PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



41st MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

San Salvador, El Salvador November 19-21, 2008

RESOLUTION 1

SUPPORT FOR THE CREATION OF THE IBERO-AMERICAN NETWORK OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURES

The 41st Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That, as decided by the Member States, the goal of the PAIGH is to foster and coordinate activities and studies to develop cartography, geography, history, geophysics and related sciences of interest for the Americas;

That there is a close connection with Spain as a permanent observer country of the PAIGH and the accomplishments and cooperation provided have contributed to the development of the PAIGH;

That there is a cooperation agreement in force between the PAIGH and the Geographic Institute of Spain (IGN), signed in Caracas, Venezuela in November 2005, to carry out cooperation activities in the fields of training, research, dissemination and production of cartographic, geographic, geodesic and geophysics information connected to institutional objectives;

The circumstances of the region and the interest of the parties in enhancing the mechanisms through which Ibero-American cooperation is carried out, it is essential to, on the one hand, consider options to provide assistance to the PAIGH in its tasks and, on the other hand, motivate, together with other regional initiatives, capacity building in the institutions in charge of producing and applying geographic information as part of the development underway of geospatial information infrastructures in the Member States;

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The recommendations of the 70th Meeting of Officers and the Scientific Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its acquiescence of the initiative of the IGN of Spain, permanent representative of Spain before the PAIGH, to create, within the framework of the Ibero - American Conference and with the concurrence of other regional initiatives, the Ibero - American Network of Geographic Information Infrastructures.
2. To express its desire and wish that the Network will contribute to consolidate and optimize the work of the PAIGH in the Americas and the development of the national agencies which comprise it.
3. To propose to future members of the Network and its Authorities that Member States of the PAIGH that do not belong to the Ibero - American region be invited to participate in the Network as observers.
4. Insofar as it is within institutional and logistic possibilities, to support the initiative so the creation, operation and development of the Ibero - American Network of Geographic Information Infrastructures Network reaches its objectives.

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