

# PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



## 41st MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

San Salvador, El Salvador November 19-21, 2008

### RESOLUTION 6

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS IN THE PRODUCTION AND ACCESS TO SPATIAL INFORMATION IN THE AMERICAS

#### (On-Line Information Services on Data and Spatial Data Catalogues)

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

#### CONSIDERING:

That it is the PAIGH's goal to foster and coordinate cartographic and geographic activities of interest to its Member States;

That for years the PAIGH has produced guides, technical specifications and standards that are crucial to harmonize the production of spatial data and basic and thematic cartography for the benefit of the Member States and regional integration;

That since 1998, the Geographic Information/Geomatics Committee of the International Standards Organization (ISO/TC 211) has spearheaded global production of standards pertaining to the description of objects and phenomena on Earth which are key to define, describe, administer, enter, process, analyze, access, present, transfer, interoperate and apply geographic data and information in electronic/digital format for users and application systems;

That the PAIGH has been a regional member of the ISO/TC 211 Committee since 2004 and since then has worked on the preparation of the Latin American Metadata Profile and the related registry service with the support of international organizations and the National Sections of the PAIGH;

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That the role of the PAIGH in the promotion and proper use of these standards at the sub regional and continental level must be updated and to that end it would be appropriate to develop capacities linked to the registry of documents and specifications and the creation of specific regional and sub regional profiles that stimulate the production of spatial data that comply with international regulations in the Member States;

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

### RESOLVES:

1. To authorize the Secretary General so that, in agreement with the Chairperson of the Commission on Cartography, develops the institutional capacity for establishing, operating and maintaining a geographic metadata information and catalogue service in keeping with ISO standards which will be translated into a service to be provided to the Member States and the Pan American community at no cost and with no restrictions as to its use.
2. To authorize the Secretary General so that, in agreement with the Chairperson of the Commission on Cartography, develops the necessary consultation mechanisms with the Pan American community so as to adopt the Latin American Metadata Profile (LAMP), implement the multilingual registry service and corresponding regulations.

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