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**XVIII GENERAL ASSEMBLY
CARACAS, VENEZUELA 20 – 23 NOVEMBER, 2005**

RESOLUTION No. 1

ELECTION OF THE AUTHORITIES OF THE INSTITUTE

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

CONSIDERING:

That stipulated in Articles 14, 15 and 22 of the Organic Statute, and

The candidatures presented by the Governments of Colombia, Costa Rica and Venezuela;

That approved in the First Plenary Session,

RESOLVES:

To elect for the period 2005-2009 the following Authorities to exercise their functions until the XIX General Assembly to be held in 2009:

Secretary General:	M. Sc. Santiago Borrero Mutis	(Colombia)
Vice-president:	Prof. Leonel Vivas	(Venezuela)
President:	Dr. Óscar Aguilar Bulgarelli	(Costa Rica)

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RESOLUTION No. 2

**RATIFICATION OF THE ELECTION OF THE AUTHORITIES OF THE
COMMISSIONS AND THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE
CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS**

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

CONSIDERING:

The activities developed in the Consultative Meetings, and

The reports of the said meetings presented to the General Assembly

RESOLVES:

1. To ratify the Resolutions adopted by the:

XX Consultative Meeting of Cartography;

XVII Consultative Meeting of Geography;

XVI Consultative Meeting of History;

X Consultative Meeting of Geophysics.

2. To endorse the election of the following Authorities in the Commissions:

GEOGRAPHY

Chairman: Ing. Mario Alberto Reyes I. (Mexico)

Vice Chairman: Ing. Antonio Hernández N.(Mexico)

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Chairwoman: Dra. Maria Cristina Mineiro S. (Brazil)
Vice Chairman: Dr. Fernando da Silva C. (Brazil)

And to take note of the extension of the mandate of the following Authorities in the Commissions:

CARTOGRAPHY

Chairman: Ing. Rodrigo Barriga V. (Chile)
Vice Chairwoman: Cart. Alejandra Coll E. (Chile)

GEOPHYSICS

Chairman: Dr. Carlos Mendoza (USA)
Vice Chairman: M.Sc. Bruce W. Presgrave (USA)

3. To thank the participants of the different Consultative Meetings for the collaboration offered to the Chairpersons of Commissions.

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RESOLUTION No. 3

**RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL
CARTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION (ICA) AND THE PAIGH**

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

CONSIDERING:

That Article 9 of the Regulation of the General Secretariat establishes that the functions of the Secretary General are: "14) To celebrate agreements with Governments, international organizations or private institutions, which must be later ratified by the General Assembly or the Directing Council";

That by means of Resolution VI "Memorandum of Understanding with the International Cartographic Association" the Directing Council in its XXXVIII session (Costa Rica, 2004), authorized the Secretary General to prepare the definitive version of the agreement to be signed during the meeting of the International Cartographic Association that would be held in the offices of the PAIGH in Mexico City in February of 2005;

The recommendations of the 63rd and 64th Meetings of Authorities and of the Scientific Policy Committee

RESOLVES:

To ratify the Agreement signed on 7 February, 2005 by the Secretary General of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, and the President of the International Cartographic Association.

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RESOLUTION No. 4

**RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL INSTITUTE OF SPAIN AND THE PAIGH**

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

CONSIDERING:

That Article 9 of the Regulation of the General Secretariat establishes that the functions of the Secretary General are: "14) To celebrate agreements with Governments, international organizations or private institutions, which must be later ratified by the General Assembly or the Directing Council";

The text of the Agreement of Cooperation between the National Geographical Institute of Spain and the PAIGH;

The recommendations of the 63rd and 64th Meetings of Authorities and the Scientific Policy Committee;

RESOLVES:

To ratify the Agreement of Cooperation signed by the Director of the National Geographical Institute of Spain and the Secretary General of the PAIGH, that was signed in Caracas, Venezuela on the 21st of November, 2005, during the session of the Scientific Policy Committee of the XVIII General Assembly of the PAIGH.

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RESOLUTION No. 5

**RATIFICATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION SIGNED BETWEEN
IABIN (INTERAMERICAN NETWORK OF INFORMATION ON BIODIVERSITY)
AND THE PAIGH**

The XVIII General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (IPGH),

CONSIDERING:

That Article 9 of the Regulation of the General Secretariat establishes that the functions of the Secretary General are: "14) To celebrate agreements with Governments, international organizations or private institutions, which must be later ratified by the General Assembly or the Directing Council";

The text of the Agreement of Cooperation signed between the Inter-American Network of Information on Biodiversity (IABIN) and the PAIGH;

The recommendations of the 64th Meeting of Authorities and the Scientific Policy Committee;

RESOLVES:

To ratify the Agreement of Cooperation signed between the representative of IABIN and the Secretary General of the PAIGH that was signed in Caracas, Venezuela, 20 November, 2005, during the installation session of the XVIII General Assembly of the PAIGH.

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RESOLUTION No. 6

**INITIATIVES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PRESENTED BY PERMANENT
OBSERVER COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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

CONSIDERING:

In accordance with that set out in Article 3 of the Organic Statute, the PAIGH has Permanent Observer Countries;

That relations with Permanent Observer Countries of the PAIGH and with International Organizations do not adhere to the guidelines that apply to National Sections for the processing of their initiatives in matters of technical cooperation;

That on occasions the proposals of Permanent Observer Countries or of International Organizations require counterpart funds that must be processed following the terms of the annual call for Technical Assistance Projects and regulatory dispositions;

That in accord with that expressed in the XXXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council (Costa Rica, 2004) it is the desire of the PAIGH to stimulate and facilitate cooperation with the Permanent Observer Countries;

The recommendations of the 63rd and 64th Meetings of the Authorities and the Scientific Policy Committee;

RESOLVES:

1. In dealing with initiatives of projects that do not require budgetary counterpart funds of the PAIGH, be they of the Permanent Observer Countries or International Organizations, these proposals may be processed directly via the



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Secretary General who shall inform the Authorities and the Directing Council or General Assembly of pertinent information.

2. In cases when counterpart funds of the PAIGH are required, negotiations should be carried out with the General Secretariat so that such project initiatives are adjusted to the procedures established in the annual call for projects, and they are processed by the National Section that receives the project.

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RESOLUTION No. 7

ZONES OF FRONTIER ADJACENCY

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

CONSIDERING:

That as an entity assigned to the OAS, the PAIGH seeks to contribute to the development of the Inter American agenda of the OAS;

That the OAS facilitates distinct processes in adjacent frontier zones between its members, and the PAIGH, according to its Statute, at the request of Member States contributes with activities of a technical character to the study of such situations;

That frontier zones constitute adjacency zones with particular social and economic characteristics;

The recommendations of the 63rd and 64th Meetings of Authorities and the Scientific Policy Committee;

RESOLVES:

1. To exhort Member Countries that they take into consideration the experience and technical capacity of the PAIGH in themes related to zones of frontier adjacency.
2. To recommend to the Commissions of the PAIGH that they consider the possibility of advancing multinational technical training activities to stimulate in Member States the incorporation of new technologies based on global satellite positioning, and their applications in planning studies, and economic and social analysis of adjacent frontier zones.

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RESOLUTION No. 8

RENOVATION OF NAMING MEMBERS OF NATIONAL SECTIONS

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

CONSIDERING:

That Article 26 of the Organic Statute establishes that national members who represent Member States in each Commission shall occupy their positions for four years, being eligible for reelection;

That in the different Member States there exist ever more specialists in the different fields of the PAIGH, with excellent academic formation and outstanding professional experience, from which the PAIGH obtains important benefits;

That the National Sections must link their activities to the greatest number of specialists who are National Members of the Commissions and Members of the Committees and Working Groups;

That recommended by the 64th Meeting of Authorities and by the Scientific Policy Committee;

RESOLVES:

1. To charge the Secretary General of the PAIGH with informing Ministries of Foreign Relations of Member States in order that they proceed to name and ratify National Members of the Commissions, Members of Committees and Working Groups for the period between 2005 and 2009.
2. That in the PAIGH one cannot hold more than one position, in order to avoid inconvenient duplicities and to stimulate participation.



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3. That the Secretary General inform each of the Foreign Ministries of Member States about the participation that each of the respective National Sections, in relation to the presentation of projects, participation in courses and seminars, and the enjoyment of scholarships, so that the said participation may be taken into account in the ratification or substitution of the members of the National Section.
4. To request the Foreign Ministries to communicate to the General Secretariat the new membership of the respective National Section before 30 June, 2006.

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RESOLUTION No. 9

**CONSOLIDATION OF CARTOGRAPHIC AND GEOGRAPHIC INSTITUTIONS OF
MEMBER STATES**

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

CONSIDERING:

That within the context of national policies some Member States are advancing initiatives that have effects on the entities responsible for cartography and geography in Member States;

The importance of preserving, stimulating and developing cartography and geography to help with the multiple necessities in the Member States;

That proposed by the Technical Consultative Meetings, the 64th Meeting of Authorities, and the Scientific Policy Committee;

RESOLVES:

1. To assist with the activities that lead to the strengthening of the institutions of cartography and geography, including governmental, academic and non-governmental.
2. To invite Member States to maintain the identity and integrity of cartography and geography of the respective institutional organizations in their process of modernization and institutional development.
3. To ratify cartography and geography as applied scientific disciplines seeking to improve the quality of life of Man and of his biophysical surroundings.

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RESOLUTION No. 10

PROJECTS OF COOPERATION PAIGH-SPAIN, 2006

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

CONSIDERING:

That noted in Resolutions 15 and 16 of the XV General Assembly (San José, Costa Rica, November, 1993);

That recommended by the Scientific Policy Committee;

RESOLVES:

To thank Spain for the effort and continuity of the help afforded the PAIGH to reach for the achievement of its objectives.

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RESOLUTION No. 11

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

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

CONSIDERING:

The convenience of helping technical assistance projects that integrate various Commissions of the PAIGH to assist the development of the institutional mission;

That approved by the Technical Consultative Meetings and by the Coordinating Committee of Resolutions;

RESOLVES:

1. To request the General Secretariat that in the Call for technical assistance projects for 2007, an effort be made to stimulate the presentation of projects that integrate the effective participation of various Commissions.
2. That in the said Call priority will be given to the theme: "Prevention of, attention to, and mitigation of the effects caused by natural disasters".
3. With the coordination of the General Secretariat, to integrate a working group within the PAIGH with the intention of presenting a Project of Great Projection for the consideration of international cooperation organizations, from the proper multidisciplinary capacities of the technical Commissions of the PAIGH, applied to the theme "Prevention of, attention to, and mitigation of the effects caused by natural disasters"

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RESOLUTION No. 12

AUDIT REPORT 2004

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

CONSIDERING:

The Audit Report presented by the company "Carlos Ángeles Moreno. Public Accountants", dated 1 January- 31 December, 2004;

That recommended by the 63rd Meeting of Authorities and the Financial Policy Committee

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the Audit Report corresponding to 2004.
2. To authorize the Secretary General to contract audit services for the Institute corresponding to 2005.

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RESOLUTION No. 13

FINANCIAL REPORT 2004

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

CONSIDERING:

The review undertaken of the Financial Report of 2004;

That recommended by the 63rd Meeting of Authorities and the Financial Policy Committee

RESOLVES:

To approve the Financial Report.

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RESOLUTION No. 14

**MODIFICATION OF THE FINANCIAL REGULATION TO INCLUDE THE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE "COOPERATING ASSOCIATE" OF THE PAIGH**

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

CONSIDERING:

Resolution XIX "Modification of the Financial Regulation to include the contributions of the "Collaborating Associate of the PAIGH" approved by the XXXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council (Costa Rica, 2004);

That recommended by the 63rd and 64th Meetings of Authorities and by the Financial Policy Committee;

RESOLVES:

To modify Article 23 of the Financial Regulation of the PAIGH so that it reads in the following manner:

"Article 23. The Institute may accept donations and legacies from persons or Institutions, which are in concurrence with its objectives. The contributions derived from the annual fees paid by the Cooperating Associates of the PAIGH shall be destined for the help of the Technical Assistance Program. The next immediate Directing Council or General Assembly shall be informed accordingly."

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RESOLUTION No. 15

**MODIFICATION OF ARTICLE 28 OF THE FINANCIAL REGULATION FOR THE
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES TO POSITIONS OF
AUTHORITY OF THE PAIGH**

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

CONSIDERING:

The pertinence of stimulating the timely payment of annual dues of Member States that will contribute to the sustenance of the PAIGH in order to avoid recurrent financial difficulties;

The convenience of being able to count on candidates for positions of authority from Member States that are current in the payment of their financial obligations to the PAIGH;

The recommendations of the 63rd and 64th Meetings of Authorities and the Financial Policy Committee;

RESOLVES:

To modify Article 28 of the Financial Regulation so that it reads in the following manner:

“Article 28. Any Member State which by the date of the initiation of the General Assembly are current, or owe up to one quota, shall have the right for their nationals to be elected to posts of authority in PAIGH.”

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RESOLUTION No. 16

ANNUAL QUOTAS FOR 2006

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

CONSIDERING:

That Article 14 of the Organic Statute establishes that it is an attribution of the General Assembly, among others: "5, To approve the budget submitted in accordance with Articles 40 and 42, and to fix the limit of the annual quotas that the Member States must contribute until the next General Assembly";

That in compliance with that stated in Article 42 of the Organic Statute, the XXXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council (Costa Rica, 2004) approved Resolution XVII "Maximum Limits of Annual Quotas for the period 2006-2009";

That the OAS in its XXXV General Assembly approved Resolution AG/RES.2157 (XXXV-O/05) "Program-Budget of the Organization for 2006, Quotas and Contributions for the FEMCIDI 2006", that establishes the need to convene, at the latest on 31 January, 2006, an extraordinary meeting of the Permanent Council, in order to adopt a new scale of quotas of the OAS;

The recommendations of the 63rd and 64th Meetings of Authorities and of the Financial Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To maintain for 2006 the scale of quotas current in 2005.
2. To transfer to the XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the PAIGH the consideration of the decisions adopted by the OAS in the matter of annual quotas for Member States and to provide the corresponding results to the PAIGH in the years 2007-2009.

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RESOLUTION No. 17

2006 BUDGET

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

CONSIDERING:

The Draft Budget-Program presented by the Secretary General for the year 2006;

That recommended by the Financial Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

To approve the Program-Budget for the year 2006.

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RESOLUTION No. 18

**MODIFICATION OF ARTICLE 23 OF THE ORGANIC STATUTE RELATIVE TO THE
FUNCTIONS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL WITH RESPECT TO
THE LIBRARY AND MAP LIBRARY**

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

CONSIDERING:

That by means of an agreement signed between the PAIGH and the National School of Anthropology and History (ENAH) of Mexico in 2002, transfer was approved of the "José Toribio Medina Bibliographic Fund of the PAIGH" to the installations of ENAH;

That Article 23, numeral 13 of the Organic Statute notes that it is a function of the Secretary General: "To coordinate in agreement with the Commissions, a program of publications, to supervise the organization and work of the library and the map library; to assure the preservation of the material possessions of PAIGH, and to perform all other functions that may be entrusted to him by the General Assembly and the Directing Council";

That in accord with an agreement with the Government of Mexico the administration of the Map Library of the PAIGH has been integrated with that of the Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food Secretariat (*Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería, Desarrollo Rural, Pesca y Alimentación – SAGARPA –*), previously Agriculture and Hydraulic Resources Secretariat (*Secretaría de Agricultura y Recursos Hidráulicos*), that has it in its care;

That therefore the General Secretariat carry out no further administrative work with the "José Toribio Medina Bibliographic Fund."

The recommendations of the 63rd and the 64th Meetings of Authorities and of the Administrative Policy Committee,

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RESOLVES:

To modify Article 23, numeral 13 of the Organic Statute so that it reads in the following manner:

“13. To preserve the material goods of the Institute, including the José Toribio Medina Bibliographic Fund and the map library of the PAIGH, to coordinate, in agreement with the Commissions, a program of publications and to carry out the other functions that may be entrusted to him by the General Assembly and the Directing Council.”

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RESOLUTION No. 19

**MODIFICATION OF ARTICLE 9 OF THE REGULATION OF THE GENERAL
SECRETARIAT WITH REGARD TO THE SIGNING OF AGREEMENTS**

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

CONSIDERING:

That Article 9 of the Regulation of the General Secretariat establishes the functions entrusted to the Secretary General;

That it is pertinent to attend to changes in the uses and denominations that exist between the PAIGH and the entities to which it relates;

The recommendations of the 63rd and the 64th Meetings of Authorities and the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

To modify Chapter III, Article 9, numeral 14 of the Regulation of the General Secretariat, so that it reads in the following manner:

"Article 9. The functions of the Secretary General are:

14) To enter into agreements, Memoranda of Understanding and their equivalents with Governments, international organizations or private institutions, which must subsequently be ratified by the General Assembly or the Directing Council.

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RESOLUTION No. 20

MODIFICATION OF THE REGULATION OF PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS

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

CONSIDERING:

That one of the principal ends of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History is to encourage, coordinate and diffuse the cartographic, geographic, geophysical and historical studies, and those relative to the related sciences of interest to America, as well as to promote and carry out studies, works, and training in those disciplines;

That stated in the current Regulation of Publications and Documents relative to the printing of publications;

That it is necessary to present the periodic and occasional publications in modern formats that improve their use and distribution;

The recommendations of the 63rd and 64th Meetings of Authorities and of the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

To include a new article in Chapter VIII "General Dispositions" that reads in the following manner:

Article 32. Always when reference is made in this Regulation to publications and documents, it is understood that they correspond to printings or archives in digital format.

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RESOLUTION No. 21

REVISION OF THE INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF NATIONAL SECTIONS

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

CONSIDERING:

That the re-engineering in the PAIGH in 2004 cause specific aspects of the internal regulations of some of the National Sections to be contrary to the current dispositions of the Organic Statute and of the Commission regulations;

That it is pertinent to up-date the internal regulations of the National Sections to adjust them to the present necessities of the PAIGH and to carry out the Pan American goals of the organization;

That the revision of the internal regulations of each National Section corresponds to the jurisdiction of each Member State;

The recommendations of the 64th Meeting of Authorities and of the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To request National Sections to modify and up-date their internal regulations to make them accord with the Organic Statute and the current regulations. For that effect, the responsible persons to carry out this process must adjust to the parameters indicated by the General Secretariat and the Authorities of the PAIGH, in a document that will be presented in 2006.
2. That for that effect, the General Secretariat will send to the National Sections the nomenclature to develop that indicated in the Organic Statute and in the regulations of the Commissions.

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RESOLUTION No. 22

**MODIFICATION TO THE ORGANIC STATUTE TO INCLUDE THE STATUS OF
"COOPERATING ASSOCIATE" OF THE PAIGH**

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

CONSIDERING:

Resolution VII "Modification to the Organic Statute to include the status of "Cooperating Associate of the PAIGH" approved by the XXXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council (Costa Rica, 2004);

The recommendations of the 63rd and 64th Meetings of the Authorities and of the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To add to the Organic Statute a new Chapter XII that will read in the following manner:

ON THE STATUS OF COOPERATING ASSOCIATE

Article 45. The Institute may accept as a Cooperating Associate any suitable person, natural and juridical, who desires to establish a link with the activities of the PAIGH.

To maintain the status, the Cooperating Associate must make an annual monetary contribution that shall be designated for the help of the Technical Assistance Program of the Institute, according to its norms.

2. Current chapters XII, XIII and XIV shall advance their numbering sequentially.

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RESOLUTION No. 23

**MODIFICATION TO THE ORGANIC STATUTE AND THE REGULATION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ELIMINATE THE POSITION OF
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE PAIGH**

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

CONSIDERING:

Resolution XX "Modification to the Organic Statute and to the Regulation of the General Assembly to eliminate the position of Second Vice President of the PAIGH" approved by the XXXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council (Costa Rica, 2004);

That recommended by the 63rd and 64th Meetings of the Authorities and by the Administrative Policy Committee

RESOLVES:

1. To modify the following articles of the Organic Statute so that they read in the following manner:

Chapter VI "PAIGH Officers"

"Article 15. The Meeting of Officers is the principal organ and coordinator of the activities of the Institute between the Meetings of the Directing Council. The officers of PAIGH shall be the President, the Vice President, the Chairmen of the Commissions, and the Secretary General. These officers shall hold their posts until the next regular meeting of the General Assembly. Additionally, the President and the Secretary General may not hold any new post of authority within PAIGH until having passed four years after they have terminated their functions."



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Chapter VII "The Directing Council"

"Article 17. The Directing Council shall be composed of the representatives of the Governments of the Member States of PAIGH, who shall have voice and vote. Unless the Governments designate a different person, the chairmen of their respective National Sections or official alternates shall be the representatives.

The President, Vice President, and Secretary General of PAIGH shall be Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary, respectively, of the Directing Council. The officers of PAIGH shall be *ex officio* members of the Council thereof and shall have the right to voice, but no vote."

2. To modify Article 5 (Chapter II "Participants") of the Regulation of the General Assembly so that it reads in the following manner:

"Article 5. The officers of the General Assembly shall be:

1. The President of the General Assembly.
2. The Vice President of the General Assembly.
3. The Secretary of the General Assembly.

Ex officio members of the General Assembly shall be:

1. The President of the Institute.
2. The Vice President of the Institute.
3. The Secretary General of the Institute.
4. The Chairpersons of Commissions.

3. To modify the title of Article 5 (Chapter III "Chairman, Vice Chairman and Chairpersons of Commissions") of the Regulation of the Directing Council so that it reads in the following manner:

"Article 5. In case of the temporary or permanent absence of the Chairman of the Council, he shall be replaced by the Vice Chairman and in the absence of the latter, the Council shall elect a Chairman for the respective session only in which he will exercise temporarily the chairmanship, and who must be a chairperson of Commission.

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In case of the temporary or permanent absence of the Chairman of one of the Commissions of the Institute, he shall be replaced by the Vice Chairman of the Commission, and in the absence of the latter, by the Secretary of the same”.

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RESOLUTION No. 24

**MODIFICATION TO THE REGULATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO
INCLUDE CHAIRPERSONS OF COMMISSION AS EX OFFICIO MEMBERS**

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

CONSIDERING:

Resolution IX "Modification to the Regulation of the General Assembly to include the Chairpersons of Commission as ex officio members" approved by the XXXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council (Costa Rica, 2004);

That recommended by the 63rd and 64th Meetings of Authorities and by the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

To modify Article 5 of the Regulation of the General Assembly so that it reads in the following manner:

"Article 5. The officers of the General Assembly shall be:

1. The President of the General Assembly.
2. The Vice President of the General Assembly.
3. The Secretary of the General Assembly.

Ex officio members of the General Assembly shall be:

1. The President of the Institute.
2. The Vice President of the Institute.
3. The Secretary General del of the Institute.
4. The Chairpersons of Commissions."

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RESOLUTION No. 25

**REFORM OF THE REGULATION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL
PLANNING AND EVALUATION (APEF)**

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

CONSIDERING:

That the XXXVII Meeting of the Directing Council of the PAIGH (Guatemala, 2003) approved Resolution XXIII "Convenience of continuing with the positions of Vice Presidents of the PAIGH and with the APEF Committee";

That the APEF Committee meets annually in Mexico City, two months before the Meeting of the Directing Council or General Assembly to study in detailed form the different Programs and the Financial Reports and Audit of the PAIGH;

The recommendations of the 63rd and 64th Meetings of Authorities and of the Administrative Policy Committee

RESOLVES:

1. To suspend the meeting of the APEF Committee for 2006.
2. To request the President of the PAIGH that, with the help of two delegates of the Member States who are current in their quota payments, to advance the preparation of a proposal to modify the Regulation of the APEF Committee to be considered by the 65th Meeting of Authorities (June 2006) and afterwards by the XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council (last trimester of 2006) for its decision.
3. To commend the General Secretariat to send the proposal to the National Sections two months before the XXXIX Directing Council.

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RESOLUTION No. 26

**MODIFICATION TO THE ORGANIC STATUTE IN WHAT IT REFERS TO THE
QUORUM AND THE VOTINGS**

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

CONSIDERING:

That Article 6 of the Organic Statute says:

"Article 6. The quorum for the installation of meetings of the representative Pan American organs of the PAIGH shall consist of:

1. General Assembly and the Directing Council: two thirds of the Member States.
2. Commissions and other organs, one half plus one of the component Member States.
3. Meeting of Officers, one half plus one of its members.

Once the Pan American organ of the PAIGH is installed, a quorum of two thirds of the members of Member States present at installation shall be required at its sessions."

That article 7 of the Organic Statute establishes:

"Article 7. At any meeting of an organ of the PAIGH that requires a formal vote for adoption of decisions, such decisions shall be taken by a majority of votes of the members present, except in the following cases, in which affirmative votes of two thirds of the Member States are required:

1. Approval of the budget and establishment of annual quotas.
2. Extension of the terms of office of the Secretary General, and of the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the Commissions.
3. Cases not specifically covered by these Statutes.



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4. Amendment of the Organic Statutes.

That Article 29 of the Financial Regulation establishes:

“Article 29. The Member States which have not covered their contributions for more than five periods, shall not have the right to vote at the meetings of the Institute. Likewise, they shall lose the right for their projects to be approved by the Directing Council or General Assembly as well as other benefits.”

The recommendations of the 63rd and 64th Meetings of the Authorities and of the Administrative Policy Committee

RESOLVES:

To modify Article 6 of the Organic Statute so that it reads in the following manner:

“Article 6. The quorum for the installation of meetings of the representative Pan American organs of the PAIGH shall consist of:

1. General Assembly and Directing Council, two thirds of the active members in plain use of their rights.
2. Commissions and other organs, half plus one of the active member States who comprise them in plain use of their rights.
3. The meeting of Officers, four of its members.

Once the Pan American organ of the PAIGH is installed, a quorum of two thirds of the members of the Member States present at installation shall be required at its sessions”.

To modify Article 7 of the Organic Statute that it read in the following manner:

“Article 7. At any meeting of an organ of the PAIGH that requires a formal vote for adoption of decisions, such decisions shall be taken by a majority of votes of the members present. Exceptions are in the following cases, in which



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would be required the affirmative vote of two thirds of the active Member States in plain use of their rights:

1. Approval of the budget and establishment of annual quotas.
2. Extension of the terms of office of the Secretary General, and of the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the Commissions.
3. Cases not specifically covered by these Statutes.
4. Amendment of the Organic Statute.

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RESOLUTION No. 27

**MODIFICATION TO THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT
OF ECUADOR AND THE PAIGH ON THE FUNCTIONING OF CEPEIGE**

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

CONSIDERING:

That the "Agreement between the Government of Ecuador and the Pan American Institute of Geography and History for the creation and functioning in Ecuador of the Pan American Center of Studies and Geographic Research" was celebrated on 3 December, 1973;

That the parties are in agreement over the convenience of its reconsideration and updating;

That Article 13 of the agreement establishes: "To agree that either of the contracting parties may request the revision of this Agreement, establishing a term of ninety days to come to a new agreement."

That the current agreement indicates that it may be denounced by either of the contracting parties, via prior notification sent to the other party before 30 June of each year;

That the denunciation made in these terms shall enter into effect from the 31st of December of the same year;

The recommendations of the 64th Meeting of Authorities and of the Administrative Policy Committee,

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RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Secretary General to express to the Government of Ecuador the disposition of the PAIGH to reconsider, denounce or update the agreement.
2. To request the Secretary General that, in conjunction with the President of the Geography Commission, to advance with the Government of Ecuador the corresponding negotiations following the terms established in Article 13 of the current Agreement.
3. In the case of the need arising, to apply that set out in Article 14 of the Agreement.
- 4 To inform the Authorities in their 65th Meeting of the advances made.
5. To request the Secretary General to report on the advances made to the Directing Council in its session XXXIX of 2006 and, if it is the case, to present for its ratification, the updated version of the Agreement.

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RESOLUTION No. 28

**MODIFICATIONS TO THE REGULATION OF THE PUBLICATIONS FUND
OF THE HISTORY COMMISSION**

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

CONSIDERING:

That the "Publications Fund of the History Commission" was created by way of Resolution 8, approved by the XIV Consultative Meeting of the History Commission celebrated in Santiago de Chile in November, 1997;

That the Regulation of the Publications Fund of the History Commission was approved in the XXXVI Meeting of the Directing Council of the PAIGH (Mexico, 2002);

That recommended by the XVI Consultative Meeting of the History Commission and by the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

To approve the modification to Article 4 of the Regulation of the Publications Fund of the History Commission so that it reads in the following manner:

"Article 4. The Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Commission, and the president of the Publications Fund shall be those responsible for analyzing the works and to make the pertinent consultations, by which evaluators who are specialists in the theme of the proposed publication are designated, with the objective of guaranteeing its scientific and social relevance".

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RESOLUTION No. 29

VENUE OF THE XIX GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

CONSIDERING:

The cordial invitations of the Governments of Ecuador and Venezuela to be the venue of the XIX General Assembly of the PAIGH in 2009;

That approved by the Administrative Policy Committee;

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for its kind invitation and later gesture of withdrawal for the sake of the Pan American interest.
2. To accept the proposal of the Government of Ecuador to provide the venue for the XIX General Assembly.
3. To entrust the General Secretariat to carry out the necessary negotiations with the object of organizing the XIX General Assembly that will take place in the last trimester of 2009.

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RESOLUTION No. 30

SUBSTITUTE VENUE OF THE XIX GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

CONSIDERING:

That recommended by the Administrative Policy Committee

RESOLVES:

To postpone until the XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council the consideration of the naming of the alternate venue.

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RESOLUTION No. 31

XXXIX MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

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

CONSIDERING:

The cordial invitation of the Governments of Chile, Colombia and El Salvador to organize the XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the PAIGH;

That approved by the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank Governments of Chile, Colombia and El Salvador for their kind invitations.
2. To accept the proposal of the Government of Chile as venue of the XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council (2006).
3. To maintain the Republic of El Salvador as the substitute venue for the XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council (2006).
4. To accept the proposal of the Government of Colombia to be the venue of the XL Meeting of the Directing Council (2007).
5. To request of the Government of El Salvador the opportune confirmation of its kind offer to provide the venue for the XLI Meeting of the Directing Council (2008).

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RESOLUTION No. 32

HONORARY AFFILIATES

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

CONSIDERING:

Resolution VII of the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council and Resolution V of the XXIV Meeting of the Directing Council;

The recommendations of the 64th Meeting of Authorities and of the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To designate as an Honorary Affiliate of the PAIGH:

Prof. Carlos Aguilar Piedra (Costa Rica)

2. To request the Secretary General that he diffuse this designation as widely as possible.

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RESOLUTION No. 33

"ARCH C. GERLACH" PRIZE

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

CONSIDERING:

Resolution VI of the XXIII Meeting of the Directing Council of the PAIGH "Norms for the selection of the winner of the "Arch C. Gerlach" Prize;

The decision of the jury composed of: Col. Alfredo A. Stahlschmidt (Argentina), Col. Luis Alegría Matta (Chile), Ing. Roberto López Meyer (El Salvador), Ing. Antonio Hernández Navarro (Mexico), Ing. Rolando Yarihuamán Aguilar (Peru),

RESOLVES:

1. To award the "Arch C. Gerlach" prize to the distinguished North American geographer William B. Denevan.
2. To present the prize in accord with that established in the bases.

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RESOLUTION No. 34

REVISION OF THE BASES FOR THE AWARD OF PRIZES OF THE PAIGH

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

CONSIDERING:

That it is necessary to consolidate the relevance and prestige of the prizes and recognitions that the PAIGH awards;

That it is convenient to update the bases of the prizes, to guarantee the make up of the jurors, and offer the opportunity and the time necessary that these same carry out their work;

That in this case reference is made to the quadrennial prizes awarded by PAIGH in the context of the Consultative Technical Meetings and the General Assembly;

That recommended by the 64th Meeting of Authorities and by the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To analyze the regulations for the current recognitions and propose the necessary modifications, presenting them for the consideration of the 65th Meeting of Authorities of the PAIGH that will make the corresponding decisions and will relate the matter to the XXXIX Directing Council to be celebrated in 2006.
2. To postpone the evaluation and award of the Wallace W. Atwood prize and the Pan American Geography Medal, these to be undertaken during the Directing Council to be held in 2006.

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RESOLUTION No. 35

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

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

CONSIDERING:

The Reports of Activities presented by the Secretary General and the Chairmen of the Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics Commissions;

That recommended in the First Plenary Session;

RESOLVES:

To accept the aforementioned Reports.

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RESOLUTION No. 36

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL SECTION REPORTS

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

CONSIDERING:

That article 38, paragraph 5 of the Organic Statute of the PAIGH establishes that among the functions of the National Sections one is to render annually a report on its activities to the Directing Council and the General Assembly;

That the National Sections of the following countries have presented their respective reports to the XVIII General Assembly: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, México, Panamá, Paraguay, Perú, Uruguay, USA, and Venezuela;

That recommended by the Coordinating Committee on Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the National Sections of the said countries for reporting to the XVIII General Assembly in relation to their activities in favor of the Programs of the Institute and their relations with the governments of Member States.
2. To insist that it is a requisite that for National Sections to submit Requests for Technical Assistance Projects, they must have complied with the commitment of presenting the Report of Activities of the National Section of the respective country.

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RESOLUTION No. 37

HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE PAIGH

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

CONSIDERING:

The dedicated service of the President of the Institute during the period between the XVII General Assembly held in Bogotá, Colombia and the present one, and

That recommended by the Coordinating Committee on Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

1. To award to Ing. Juan Francisco Sanmarco the title of Honorary President of the PAIGH for the quadrennial 2005-2009.
2. To charge the Secretary General communicate this designation to the exiting President, Ing. Juan Francisco Sanmarco, to the Illustrious Government of Argentina, and to the National Section in that country, as well as diffuse the present Resolution as widely as possible.

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RESOLUTION No. 38

RECOGNITION OF THE AUTHORITIES OF THE PAIGH

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

CONSIDERING:

That in ending the mandate derived from the XVII General Assembly that took place in Bogota, Colombia in 2001, the following leave: the Presidency of the Institute, Ing. Juan Francisco Sanmarco; the Vice-presidency, Dr. Alberto A. McKay; the Presidency of the Geography Commission, Dr. Carlos Peñaherrera; the Presidency of the History Commission, Dr. Chester J. Zelaya Goodman, having completed their period of office;

The recognition of the work undertaken in their positions in the corresponding period;

That recommended by the Coordinating Committee on Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To thank the Ex-President of the Institute, Ing. Juan Francisco Sanmarco; the Ex-Vice-president, Dr. Alberto A. McKay; the Ex-President of the Geography Commission, Dr. Carlos Peñaherrera; the Ex-President of the History Commission, Dr. Chester J. Zelaya Goodman, for their efficient and dedicated service to the PAIGH during the period for which they were named.

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RESOLUTION No. 39

**THANKS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA**

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

CONSIDERING:

The extraordinary assistance of the Government of Venezuela for the organization of the XVIII General Assembly and the Consultative Meetings

That recommended by the Coordinating Committee on Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To charge the Secretary General that, in the name of the Member countries of the PAIGH and of the attendees, he present the thanks of the same to the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, to the Ministry of Foreign Relations, to the Ministry of Environment, and the Simón Bolívar Venezuelan Geographical Institute, for the outstanding collaboration and help given for the realization of the XVIII General Assembly and the Consultative Meetings, offering expressions of affection and gratitude to the Venezuelan people and its official institutions for all the attentions received.

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RESOLUTION No. 40

**RECOGNITION OF DIVERSE ENTITIES OF THE
BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA**

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

CONSIDERING:

The collaboration of diverse entities of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela offered for the realization of the XVIII General Assembly and the Consultative Meetings;

That recommended by the Coordinating Committee on Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To give a vote of recognition to the following entities of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela for their valuable contribution in the realization of the XVIII General Assembly and Consultative Meetings:

- Instituto Geográfico de Venezuela Simón Bolívar
- Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y de los Recursos Naturales
- Círculo Militar de la Fuerza Armada
- FUNVISIS
- Ministerio de Ciencia y Tecnología
- Ministerio de la Cultura
- Ministerio de Participación Popular y Desarrollo Social
- Ministerio de Turismo
- Universidad Central de Venezuela
- Universidad Pedagógica Experimental Libertador

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RESOLUTION No. 41

**RECOGNITION OF THE SIMÓN BOLÍVAR GEOGRAPHICAL INSTITUTE
OF VENEZUELA, THE NATIONAL SECTION OF THE PAIGH IN VENEZUELA,
AND THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

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

CONSIDERING:

The collaboration offered by the National Section of the PAIGH in Venezuela, and the Organizing Committee for the realization of the XVIII General Assembly and the Consultative Meetings;

That recommended by the Coordinating Committee on Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To give a vote of recognition to the Simón Bolívar Venezuelan Geographical Institute (IGVSB), the National Section of the PAIGH in Venezuela, and the Organizing Committee, for the important collaboration and help offered for the celebration of the XVIII General Assembly and Consultative Meetings of the PAIGH.

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RESOLUTION No. 42

RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL SECTIONS OF VENEZUELA AND PERU

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

CONSIDERING:

The pertinence of noting the examples of Pan American unity and its support of the development of the ideals of the institution;

That recommended by the Coordinating Committee on Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the gesture of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in withdrawing its candidature for the Presidency of the PAIGH for the period 2005-2009 in favor of the candidature presented by the Republic of Costa Rica.
2. To thank the gesture of the Republic of Peru in withdrawing its candidature for the Vice-presidency of the PAIGH for the period 2005-2009 in favor of the candidature of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

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RESOLUTION No. 43

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE PERSONNEL OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

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

CONSIDERING:

That the deliberations of the XVIII General Assembly have ended;

The work of the personnel of the General Secretariat during the organization and development of the General Assembly;

That recommended by the Coordinating Committee on Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To express to the personnel of the General Secretariat recognition for the efficient and highly effective work they have offered for the realization of this XVIII General Assembly and Consultative Meetings.

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