



24th General Assembly
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Resolution 10

APPROVAL OF FUNDS INTENDED FOR SUSTAINING THE GEODESIC REFERENCE SYSTEM FOR THE AMERICAS (SIRGAS)

The 24th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH), held in the city of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic,

Considering:

- The fact that, at the XIV General Assembly of the PAIGH (San José, Costa Rica, 1990), the Working Group “Geodesic networks integration” of the PAIGH recommended the re-definition of the South American Datum;
- The fact that, in the year 1993, at the XV General Assembly of the PAIGH (San José, Costa Rica), the PAIGH gave its support to the creation of a Project that put into effect the definition of a South American Datum;
- The fact that, in the year 1993, the PAIGH, the International Association of Geodesy (IAG), and the US Defense Mapping Agency (NIMA – currently the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency), convened the International Conference for the Definition of a Geocentric Reference System for South America, held in Asuncion, Paraguay;
- The fact that, at that conference, the Geocentric Reference System for South America (SIRGAS), as it was known then, currently called the Geodesic Reference System for the Americas while keeping the initials, as a Working Group of the PAIGH Cartography Commission;
- The fact that, in the current year, 2023, SIRGAS has completed 30 years of uninterrupted and successful service, working for the PAIGH member countries, consolidating the geodesic networks, and training the technical and professional staff of the Mapping Agencies and universities of the Member States;



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- The fact that, since the creation of the Technical Assistance Projects (PAT), SIRGAS has submitted proposals to the Cartography, Geophysics and Geography commissions for obtaining funds, with the objective of supporting the running of the annual symposiums and training for the technical and professional staff of the Member States, in addition to the backing of most of the countries belonging to the PAIGH;
- The fact that, over the years, the commissions have always supported the PAT that SIRGAS has proposed;
- The fact that, currently, in the budgets of the Cartography, Geophysics and Geography commissions, a budget for SIRGAS is assigned separately from the PAT;
- The fact that, it is necessary to consolidate support for an organization which, for more than 30 years, has benefited geodesic science in the Americas with significant achievements, both for the Member States and for the international geodesic community;
- That recommended by the Financial Policy Committee,

Resolves:

Firstly: To instruct the PAIGH Secretary General to establish in the annual Budget of the PAIGH an assignation of funds for SIRGAS with a maximum limit of up to US\$ 20,000, depending upon the income obtained from the annual membership quotas from the Member States.

Secondly: Establish the rule that the assignation of the funds will come from the commissions and from the General Secretariat.

Thirdly: Establish that, for the above-mentioned funds to be assigned, the President of SIRGAS should submit a work plan for the corresponding year, approved by the SIRGAS Directing Council, and then render accounts about the expenses at the end of that year.



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Fourthly: The General Assembly, every 4 years and starting from this Resolution onwards, should perform an assessment of the work plans that have been put into effect and of the achievements reached.

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This Resolution was adopted at the 24th General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH), held and recorded in the city of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic on November the 2nd, 2023.

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Secretary General

