Resolution 11

APPROVAL OF FUNDS INTENDED FOR SUSTAINING THE AMERICAS REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (UN-GGIM: Américas)

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, in accordance with Resolution N.º 3 of the 6th United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference of the Americas (UNRCC-Americas), held in New York, from the 2nd to the 6th of June 1997, the Permanent Committee for the Spatial Data Infrastructure of the Americas (CP-IDEA) was established;

- The fact that, in the framework of the 9th Cartographic Conference of the Americas, the Secretariat of the United Nations presented a report about the global coordination of the management of geospatial information for the approval of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC); in this way the UN-GGIM Committee of Experts was created in the month of July, 2011;

- The fact that, at the 44th Meeting of the Directing Council (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2012), the Joint Action Plan for 2012-2016 was signed between the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH), the Permanent Committee for the Spatial Data Infrastructure of the Americas (CP-IDEA), GEOSUR and SIRGAS;

- The fact that, for the achievement of the objectives of the UN-GGIM, the building of a regional architecture was necessary by means of the creation of Regional Committees; for this reason, in 2013, CP-IDEA was converted into the Americas Regional Committee of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM: Americas);

- The fact that, during the 6th Session of the UN-GGIM, the signing of the second version of the Joint Action Plan for 2016-2020 between the PAIGH, UN-GGIM: Americas, GEOSUR and SIRGAS was held;
The fact that, since the creation of the Technical Assistance Program (PAT), UN-GGIM: Americas has submitted proposals to the commissions of the PAIGH for obtaining funds with the objective of supporting the running of the annual sessions, the performance of specific projects 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 UN-GGIM: Americas has proposed;

The fact that, currently, in the budgets of the Cartography, Geophysics and Geography commissions, a budget for UN-GGIM: Americas is assigned separately from the PAT;

The fact that, on the basis of the parallel activities performed by the PAIGH and UN-GGIM: Americas, within the framework of a regional SDI being set up to strengthen the development of each of the member countries, it is necessary to consolidate support for an organization which, for more than 10 years, has been backing the integration of geospatial information in the Americas with significant achievements in the member countries;

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 UN-GGIM: Americas 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: To establish the rule that the assignation of the funds will come from the commissions and from the General Secretariat.

Thirdly: To establish that, for the assignation of the above-mentioned funds, the president of de UN-GGIM: Americas should submit a work plan for the corresponding year, approved by the Executive Body of the UN-GGIM: Americas, and also render the related accounts of expenses when ending that year.
Fourthly: For the General Assembly to perform an assessment of the work plans that have been put into effect, and of the achievements reached every four years, starting from this Resolution.

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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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