



**24<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**  
November 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023  
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

## **Resolution 20**

### **RECOGNITION AND CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE GEODESIC REFERENCE SYSTEM FOR THE AMERICAS (SIRGAS) UPON THE 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDATION**

The 24<sup>th</sup> 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 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;
- That recommended by the Administrative Policy Committee and by the Resolutions Coordinating Committee,

#### **Resolves:**

- Firstly: To give congratulations to SIRGAS, upon the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its labors and for its valuable contributions to the development of Geodesy at a regional level and its dissemination.



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Secondly: To recognize the work of the various authorities of SIRGAS done over the years, also the contributors to SIRGAS for their definition and implementing of a Geodesic Reference frame for the Americas, in its horizontal, vertical, and gravimetric components. These activities are aligned with the mission, vision, and principles of the PAIGH, also with the scientific principles of the IAG.

*“Science in the Service of Peace”*

This Resolution was adopted at the 24<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

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