

PHM Secretariat

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 Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2003 8:47 PM
 Attach: IPHC report from Ani Wihbey.doc; Breves de Latinoamérica FINAL.doc; Final Latin American Briefs IV.doc
 Subject: RAVI and PRASANNA

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With regard to the communication of the 26th of June I will send initial corrections on the Appendices in a separate message

Several months ago we prepared a Briefing on our Latin American work. This was done in both English and Spanish and was sent to Nand for inclusion on the website. It was sent to him in May. It is not yet posted. So I am sending you both the documents we have prepared. They can be used for the News Brief and should eventually be posted on web site.

Another issue I want to raise is about the contribution of IPHC. Please understand that we have an extremely limited budget and under our current grant we have spent considerable resources for PHM related work. In fact there is often a confusion in terms of identity. Ravi, sometime we need to address this personally. Just please understand that we are limited and cannot begin to cover all the PHM activities. We do not even have the faintest idea of how we can fund the PHA II. We must be much more active in discussing and resolving the financial problems.

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In this region of Central America most of our long term community based programs in health are currently suffering from severe financial crisis. We are going to discuss this in the meeting in Guatemala. We do not think all groups will survive. European funders are phasing out in Latin America and US sources are almost impossible to access because of conditionalities. They are working actively against progressive groups and discrediting many of the leaders of these groups. My own colleague and cofounder of CISAS in Nicaragua is being attacked continuously by the right wing and there is an ugly campaign against her related to our positions on women's sexual and reproductive rights.

Therefore I believe it is very important that our website and other communication means be developed fully in order that our PHM can grow and flourish without having to be event driven all the time.

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Finally
I will try to get back to you with our responses by the end of the month when I return from Guatemala and the meetings.

Arturo, please advise me as to your comments about this present communication.

Best to all of you,
Maria

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Dear Maria

Thanks for your prompt and frank response. We in the secretariat are always feeling endorsed/reassured when ~~sees~~ PHM resource persons/steering group members like you take ^{seriously} the collective decision making strategy we are trying to facilitate.

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IPHIC/PHM ACTIVITIES - BRASIL
SEPTEMBER 15 to APRIL 17, 2003

Since December 2000 PHM has been on the move in Brasil, especially in Maranhão recognized as the poorest state in the country. The slow start gave birth to the movement which has mushroomed, reaching grassroots organizations in Rio de Janeiro, the interior of Ceará as well as Santa Catarina, Mato Grosso and Rio Grande do Sul!

Materials circulated during the past six months are as follows:

2500 copies of the Charter,

2000 copies of Voices,

3500 copies of the Global Campaign leaflet with insert of the Signature Campaign,

3500 copies of the Alma-Ata Declaration and

500 copies of the Declaration from the II International Forum for the Defense of Peoples' Health. All materials are translated into Portuguese by PHM members who volunteer their services.

1000 copies of *Reflections from the South* have just been printed and many will be distributed in Geneva at the WHA in May, 2003.

We also distributed hundreds of copies of materials on FTAA (ALCA in Portuguese) and the Space Base in Alcântara during marches and protests that we helped to organize and coordinate.

Workshops in Communities, with organized grassroots and Church groups have resulted in endorsement of the Charter, signing the Signature Campaign, participation in public protests and marches for Peace, Health Rights and against Bush's invasion of Iraq. We have alerted the "Manager of Quality of Life" (the State Secretary of Health) to our Movement and he "appears" open to it. With the new government of President Lula, popular movements are not under "suspicion" as formerly. Thus we have much more hope for the growth of PHM in Brasil as time goes on.

At the State Legislative Assembly, in a unique Public Audience, we were invited to speak on IPHC and the PHM, again with very positive results for signing the Campaign. We have a woman Legislator who firmly supports us. With her Cabinet and facilitator personnel, we spent an entire morning in relating our history, objectives, plans, etc. It was their dynamic questioning that kept us beyond the "half hour" initially indicated.

THE CONTINENTAL ENCOUNTER ON ALCA (FTAA) IN QUITO, ECUADOR:

Late October, IPHC/PHM Brasil participated in the Continental Encounter. There, our experience with the problems of the Space Launching Center in Alcântara was a contribution to the discussions and reflection on militarism in Latin America. Use of the Base by the USA military would give full domination to them over all of Latin America. It was enlightening for many to hear that our consistent protests and the 10,000 signatures of the Plebiscite forced the Brazilian Congress to post pone voting, 5 times, on the Accord signed by the USA and Brazilian governments for rental to the USA in April of 2000. The last putting it on "hold" was in late September when the Law Makers decided to wait until January when a new government would be in authority.

Do to even more pressure and the New President as well as the Ministers of Science and Technology and Foreign Ministry the record was completely removed from Congress. PHM has been in this struggle for Health with the people in Alcântara since our return from Bangladesh in Dec. 2000.

Much of our material in Portuguese was distributed to Portuguese speaking participants. However many Spanish and English speaking groups asked for copies. Interest was quite evident whenever a presentation was made. In that way PHM was carried to many other countries.

While in Quito, we joined forces with our PHM members from Ecuador, marched together carrying our IPHC/PHM flags with the logo and our cry against ALCA (FTAA). It is always very rewarding to meet with militant members of PHM from other countries. Here in Latin America we are linked by so many equal problems and efforts.

● THE TWO FORUMS IN PORTO ALEGRE, BRASIL

IPHC/PHM Brasil along with other members from Central America, Asia, Africa and Europe participated actively in the II International Forum for the Defense Of Peoples' Health. In this Forum, IPHC/PHM played an important part as co-coordinators and the valuable testimonies given by several countries.

Brasil was responsible for 365 kilos of materials which included Tee-shirts that read "Health for All NOW" in three languages and the logo with IPHC and PHM on the front of the shirt. All of us were easily recognized as members of the same movement. We circulated thousands of Charters and other publications as mentioned above. Flags, banner and other significant material was on display and used in the marches. Results of the forum were listed in the Declaration of the Forum in Spanish and English and later translated into Portuguese in São Luis, Maranhão.

The World Social Forum (WSF) followed immediately, in which we coordinated 3 workshops and assisted in the workshop on Alcântara and the Quilombos. Members of our Movement from Palestine were present and gave testimony of the cruelty imposed on them by the Israeli military. I was introduced to the Palestinian Ambassador from Brasilia which gave the opportunity to share with him that our PHM in Maranhão had created a solidarity committee with the People of Palestine. He supports our movement and is willing to come to Maranhão as soon as we can organize the groups and place.

On return to home base, we lost no time in sharing the events of WSF and began preparing and coordinating along with a few other groups the Feb. 15 International Peace March. Ours included 4 stations (stops for reflection). PHM was asked to give testimony at one of the stops on the movement and its impact. The Peace E-Union. Hundreds marched.

March and the first two weeks in April were full of invitations to shed light on the International Movement and its activities on the local level. We accepted all invitations and made presentations dynamically with the following large groups:

- The Federal University (UFMA), Department of Nursing.
- The Worker's Party, PT, State group.

- Vida Ativa (GVA) 120 elders
- Legislative Assembly Public Audience
- Radio Educadora: 1/2 hour interview program.
- The Sisters of St. Paul: Book Store panel,
- State health Council

In each group, announcement of our 25th anniversary Campaign of the Alma-Ata Declaration: Health for All drew much interest. Many signed the slips at the meetings. Second invitations have come from the Radio station asking to know more about the WHA in Bangladesh, from the GVA and the Sisters of St. Paul.

The best part for me, is the work in the grassroots communities. In Poço da Onça in the interior of Ceará, the farmer folks have endorsed the Charter and moved into political action winning from their local political leaders electricity, water supply, transportation for their secondary students who need to travel to the nearest town for evening classes. These health victories have given them even more courage to confront politicians on the issues of ALCA and demand other health rights.

In Alcântara the situation is quite different with military domination over the people. Hunger is the result of the people having been illegally moved from their original beach areas, where fishing and farming nearby gave them sufficient food. They were moved for the building of the Spice Base and placed a few miles inland, still "military property", where the soil is not fertile. Employment is so scarce, and income for the elderly so little, young people prefer leaving. There is no secondary schools, health problems have increased and people in general are afraid of the military.

PHM along with other organizations have formed a Committee for the Defense of Alcântara.

PHM's main focus is on reducing fear and organizing for the demand of Health rights. Many have signed our Campaign flyers and are now beginning to organize for the program Fome Zero (Hunger zero).

The communities in the interior of the Island (São Luís) as well as youth groups in several parishes are participating in the movement, especially the Campaign against ALCA.

Justice, Peace and Health for all is like finding pieces for a complex puzzle. With our joint talents, energies and efforts we can sing: A new world is possible.

Blessings and health to all our militants with peace of heart and deeper love that will transform hatred into love.

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Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2003 3:02 PM
Subject: Funding

Dear Maria,

Greetings from People's Health Movement Secretariat (Global) at CHC, Bangalore!

1. I received the reimbursement sheet given to Urni. We have just finishing the compilation and will send it to Andy later this week. **You can account it in IPHC as receivable.**
2. I got the message from Theima but was awaiting the direct communication from you as well.
3. I am working on the log frame and will have the first level draft to send out to all of you next week for the period of April 2003 to March 2006. Canadian International Development Agency has shown interest in PHA - II. Other have evinced interest **but once we have a clearer documentation of our needs - only then we can approach a wide range of potential donors.**
4. A separate longer communication follows to the funding group as a post Geneva Communication.
5. In principle, however, I feel that IPHC should continue to include PHM inputs into their budgeting and we should use IPHC's good example as symbol and invite the other founding networks and organizations to do the same so that PHM is a coalition, not a new bureaucracy and can be supported by all of them without having to raise all the resources itself.

Best wishes,

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Cc: Andy Rutherford <arutherford@oneworldaction.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2003 12:00 PM
Subject: RAVI

WAR KILLS. SO DOES INDIFFERENCE. STOP THE WAR AND THE OCCUPATION!

Dear Ravi,

Please advise me if you received the reimbursement sheet that I gave to Unni in Geneva. He was to have passed it on to you. If so, has it been submitted to One World Action?
I need to know this for my accounting for IPHC.

Another issue. FUNDING

I assume that Thelma shared our conversation in Holland. At the WHA I did speak to reyna Buijjs from the Dutch Foreign Ministry. She indicated that the project applications for this funding period have closed. In other words funds for dispersement in April 2004! Now applications would be for the fiscal year beginning in April 2005. She also said that funds have been reduced and things are very difficult given that a new government is about to be formed in Holland.

This cut in funds also affects the Dutch NGOs such as Cordaid.

So, I can only urge that some serious considerations be made with respect to how we expect to finance the PHM secretariat and any other many activities we have proposed. As you know, IPHC has put almost all our resources into PHM related activities and now we are in a difficult situation. We are in the final year of the present project, face an external evaluation, and must write a new project proposal. So, we cannot always assume that IPHC will cover expenses, particularly in Latin America. I have the same concern about funding for the PHA II. We did not make any concrete commitments in Geneva on how to do the fund raising.

Any comments?

Regards,
Maria

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 Subject: Re: RAVI and PRASANNA

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6. I fully appreciate the funding crisis and the constraints against which we are all constantly battling. Regarding identity, we should definitely discuss this as soon as possible. I believe that the only way forward is that all our networks and organizations that have evolved PHA and then PHM will have to see all that we do as also PHM keeping out creative diversity and history, but slowly subsuming to a larger collectivity. We are already doing that and IPHC has a good track record. However the Global financial crisis affected by increasing conditionalities is something we need to take seriously as a collective. Here again I believe from CHC's own 20 year experience that small amounts from a large variety of sources based on credibility and good will can do more than chasing large grants (which also increase bureaucracy and administrative costs). How we are going to fund Health Forum (VVSF - IV) or PHA - II is a mystery to me as well. But somehow, I have an unbounded optimism (perhaps unrealistic) that we shall get there somehow!
7. Incidentally, now that we have circulated the PHA - II draft outline (see Appendix A of communication - III). Kindly continue the dialogue with Armando and also include Arturo, Hugo, Ani and give us some more clarity about PHA - II. We can be realistic about numbers and PHA - II should be perhaps smaller number and more representative sample of those who have done something since PHA - I or those who are likely to do something seriously after PHA - II. I think 'action potential' must be higher priority than numbers this time. Do you all agree in the region?

I fully agree about strengthening website and communication strategy and to be less event driven but unfortunately, we have not received any feedback on communication strategy

paper circulated by Andrew and followed up by a strategy framework by Prasanna. That was a little surprise!

Hope I have answered your main concerns. We now await the Latin American homework by the end of July.

Best wishes

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Sent: Friday, August 01, 2003 6:05 PM
Subject: Re: RESPONSES - COMMUNICATIONS I-III

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RJ
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De: PHM Secretariat [mailto:phmsec@touchtelindia.net]
Enviado el: jueves, 31 de julio de 2003 13:48
Para: Maria Hamlin Zuniga
Asunto: Re: RESPONSES - COMMUNICATIONS I-III

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Thanks for the excellent report - brief and to the point

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Best wishes to you all

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Attach: The Right to Health Care Campaign.doc
Subject: Re: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] Some important Follow-up

Dear Maria,

You can alert WEMOS to do the same for their workshop with IPHC in the Canadian conference (i.e. put notice on the exchange). I am sending you a short reflection on the Right to health care campaign which was presented at the Asia social forum to help PHM India evolve a campaign strategy. We have just completed further discussions at PHM India planning meeting last week in Bangalore. The right to health care campaign process will now be launched on 8th September as part of PHM India's Alma Ata Anniversary celebrations bringing together testimonies of Denial of the right to health care. Presently these are being documented all over the country. For more information you can write to Abhay Shukla (atapun@vsnl.com), he is the joint convener who is coordinating the campaign.

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Who else plans to be in Ottawa for the Conference? Please advise.

Maria

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We invite you to sign on to our Campaign for Health for All Now
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Dear Maria,

I have submitted an abstract of a paper for presentation, but have not heard yet whether it has been accepted. If it is accepted I will try to secure funding to attend.

Regards,
David.

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Dear Maria *7/8/03*
Glad to hear that you will be attending the Canadian Conference and organising a workshop why don't you put an announcement in the PHM Exchange - so other participants can be alerted as well. Hope David can join you.

Best wishes
Ran

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Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2003 12:38 PM
Subject: RE: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] Some Important Follow-up

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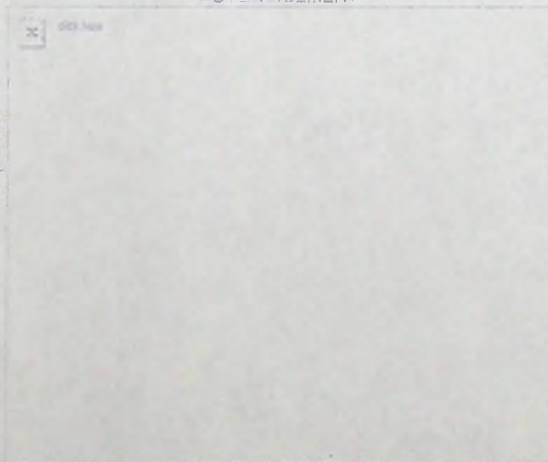
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To: Maria Hamlin Zuniga <maria@phcglobal.org>
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2003 5:19 PM
Subject: Re: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] A considered response from Maria

Dear Maria,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)

Your letter of 23rd August 6:04pm was received just after I sent my earlier response. It's a miracle that you have already responded the way you have. We are all definitely on the same wavelength. I know Teheran has some constraints for women. We shall do our best to make it as easy as possible.

In response to Pam and your suggestions, I shall circulate a clear agenda. I am sure you both will appreciate what I send.

Do list out the profound issues that are necessary to move forward with the movement around the world so that is also on the agenda. About PHA - II, I hope my letter is somewhat helpful.

Your travel Managua - Teheran (20th - 23rd) - Rome (24th - 25th) and you leave for Canada on 25th after joining me in receiving the Human Rights award at AIFO Bi-annual on behalf of PHM. This will be taken care by AIFO / PHM. We shall request (Sunil to make it in the forenoon of 26th so that you can travel later in the day).

I shall respond to other issues next week.

Best wishes.

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To: PHM_Steering_Group_02-03@yahooogroups.com
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2003 6:34 PM
Subject: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] A considered response from Maria

Dear Ravi,

During several days I have been contemplating what to do about the proposed PHM Steering Group meeting in Rome. PHC has been part of the organization of PHA and is quite involved in the movement. It seems important to be at the Steering Group meeting in order to make our positions clear. Also it is imperative that our region of the world have representation in discussions about the PHM and its activities.

So, I am willing to travel to Rome for the period of October 20th - 24th if that is the final decision. That requires at least \$1,250.00 US minimum. It also means almost 2 full days of travel to get there from Managua. I would not find it possible to go to Iran, especially given the limitations for women there.

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 To: <PHM_Steering_Group_02-03@yahoo.com>
 Cc: Hugo Icu <icuperen@yahoo.com>, Wimbey <wiespau@teleo.com.br>, ARTURO QUIZHPE <arquizhpe@yahoo.com>
 Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2003 10:17 AM
 Subject: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] Response to your dilemma

Dear Friends in the PHM Steering Group,

As Ravi has made clear in his message it will be difficult to have any representation from Latin America at the proposed meetings in the month of October. We have important activities in South America that are taking place in Ecuador, as well as in Argentina. I will be participating in the Canadian Society meeting in late October. And hopefully I will be able to go to the Philippines where I have been invited to be one of the keynote speakers at the International Conference being planned in early November.

It would be very difficult for Hugo to go to this meeting without Arturo or myself being present, given the translation issue. Hugo is working part time and doing his Master in Public Health Program as well. So, Latin America will necessarily be absent from these events.

We are not clear either about being able to attend the WSF. It seems very doubtful given no information on resources.

As for Porto Alegre and the PHA II, we are finding it almost impossible to move forward on this. As was proposed in Geneva the dates would be from July 3-7, 2004. However, we have NO indication of funding, available for this event. I must make it VERY clear that iPHC cannot assume the costs of organizing this event. Our present funding terminates on March 31, 2004 and we have an external evaluation pending upon which future funding is dependent. We have very limited funding at this point and we have contributed a great deal to the development of the PHM. I would hope that would be taken into consideration.

We have attempted to communicate with Armando since Geneva, without success. In the meantime in Central America Hugo, Margarita and myself have met and discussed the situation. We are planning pre-Assembly activities. We are in frequent communication with Arturo in Ecuador who is busy with numerous activities in his region. We are also in regular communication with Ani in the northeast of Brazil. Right now Margarita is in Brazil and we hope to hear from her as to what is happening with Armando.

So, this is a bit sobering, but it is our reality

As for the events, we wish you well and hope that there will be communication with us about the results so we can share with persons in our area of the world.

Regards,

Maria on behalf of Latin American representatives

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From: PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>
 To: Maria Hamlin Zuniga <iphc@cable.net.com.ni>
 Cc: Lanny <vze2@com.verizon.net>; Sarah Shannon <sarahs@hesperian.org>
 Sent: Friday, August 29, 2003 3:08 PM
 Subject: Re: PHAI in July 2004

Dear Maria,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)

I think the language problem is a very important one and will come up all the time as we evolve the process for PHA - IL. I think there are many people in PHM - USA - Lanny and others in DGH and in Hesperian, who are bilingual and can be supportive of just translating communication from Spanish to English and English to Spanish, so that the Latin American resource persons like the five of you can get on with the work and not be too distracted or constrained by the translation responsibility. During the PHM - US tour, we met many PHM enthusiasts who had bilingual backgrounds. It is a resource waiting to be tapped as a complementary region-to-region support potential.

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 To: PHM Secretariat <phmsec@touchtelindia.net>
 Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2003 9:59 AM
 Subject: RE: PHAI in July 2004

Dear Ravi,

Just to be clear, the letters written to Armando have been in Spanish as they come from our LA Group. Armando is not a member of the PHM Steering Group and therefore the communication to you did not include his name. He received essentially the same information in Spanish.

This language business keeps coming up all the time. Please remember that I do not have bilingual personnel nor do most of my colleagues understand English. Arturo is the exception.

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So let us see if you get a response from Armando.

More soon,
Maria

--Mensaje original--

De: PHM Secretariat [mailto:phmsec@touchtelindia.net]
Enviado el: miércoles, 27 de agosto de 2003 12:08
Para: Maria Hamlin Zuniga; Margarita Posada; Arturo Quiroz; Hugo Ica Peren; Ani Whibey
Asunto: Re: PHAII in July 2004

Dear Maria, Margarita, Arturo, Hugo, Ani,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)

Thanks for your surprising, but frank and perhaps even reassuring response. The uncertainty of PHA - II including Armando's non-response has been causing some stress to all of us. So it was very helpful getting your collective response.

A word of caution however since we have been giving this event some mention in our newsbrief, website, recent communications and exchange. We will make a final decision at the steering / support group meeting in Teheran as suggested in your letter, including the issue of postponement etc. That still gives us about six weeks to continue to try and contact Armando, ALAMES and others and explore the 'communication lacunae' or local problem, if any.

The fundamental commitments you have mentioned are endorsed.

- i. A confirmation of a sponsorship from the authorities in Porto Alegre and ALAMES.
- ii. The formation of a secretariat and an International organizing committee

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Cc: Sarah Shannon <sarahs@hesperian.org>; <abaysema@pn3.vsnl.net.in>; David Sanders <lmartin@uwc.ac.za>
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2003 11:39 AM
Subject: RE: Follow Up

Dear Ravi,

Yes, the Latin American delegation has received the communication from Armando to you. It was only sent to me and I sent it on to the others immediately.

As I communicated earlier, the Latin American group is planning to meet next week. We will be discussing both personally and through e mail with Ani who is now in the US and with Arturo in Ecuador. We will put forward our considerations about this issue at that time.

Be assured that we have communicated with Armando in the past and we are awaiting his response to the issues we raised with him. I hope you understand that.

As for the CSIH Conference.

I would like all PHM members to be part of the workshop on the Right to Health that will take place on Tuesday, October 28th.

Actually we will have two workshops, one with Jose Utrera from WEMOS on Public Private Partnerships and then immediately following the Right to Health activity.

I am unable to follow up on this until after September 19th as I leave for Guatemala this morning.

Then I will communicate with the others. Lenny and I are already coordinating.

Thanks,
 Maria

-----Mensaje original-----

De: PHM Secretariat [<mailto:phmsec@touchtelindia.net>]
 Enviado el: viernes, 12 de septiembre de 2003 15:09
 Para: Lanny; Maria Hamlin Zuniga
 CC: Sarah Shannon; abaysema@pn3.vsnl.net.in; David Sanders
 Asunto: Follow Up

Dear Lanny and Maria,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

Just two quick points of follow up:

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Ravi Narayan

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Cc: Claudio <aviva@netnam.vn>; ANI <Acwlepalis@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 20, 2003 9:33 AM
Subject: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] Re: [IPHCWORLDWIDE] PAHO 44th Directive Council

Dear Maria

Greetings from Bangkok, Thailand !

Congratulations ! This is an excellent intervention.

● Please mail a copy when your paper/ speech is ready. We could use your speech / paper as the base for a press release that we could issue simultaneously.

We could also try to get it published in leading journals like Z Mag, IPS etc.

2) Is there a phone number (especially a mobile number) where we can reach you in US ? Please send it to me so that I can pass it on to some journalist friends in US. We will also alert/ talk to the Inter Press Service (IPS) regional bureau here in Bangkok . IPS has a good presence in UN building, NY.

3) On the draft resolution:

- (a) See resolves- 1(d): consider adding 'research' . You may suggest inclusion of 'research' also under 2(a).
- (b) Need to include complimentary use of non-allopathic systems of medicine (including indigenous medicine); ie; reaffirming their role and strengths.

I understand that it is a PAHO/ UN resolution, but these two components are missing in the present draft.

With best wishes and in solidarity

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Cc: "Claudio" <aviva@netnam.vn>; "ANI" <Acwlepalis@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, September 19, 2003 3:13 PM
Subject: [IPHCWORLDWIDE] PAHO 44th Directive Council

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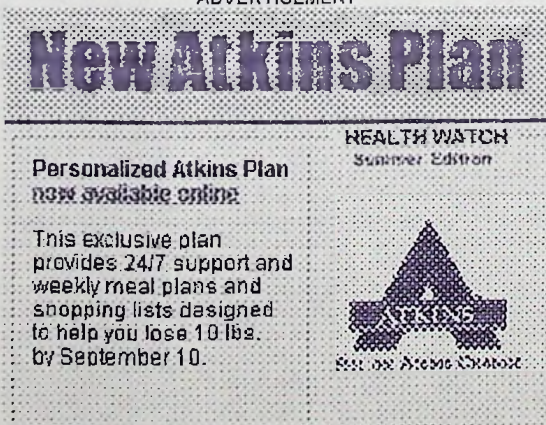
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Sent: Monday, September 22, 2003 6:14 PM
Subject: Re: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] PAHO 44th Directive Council

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Annex

RESOLUTION CE132.R5 PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IN THE AMERICAS

THE 132nd SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Having seen Document CE132/13 on primary health care in the Americas; Bearing in mind the lessons learned in the 25 years since the implementation of primary health care began, as well as the challenges of its renewal for the future in the Region;

Recognizing the validity of primary care as a general strategy for improving the health of the population and human development; and Taking note, moreover, of Resolution WHA56.6, adopted by the World Health Assembly in May 2003,

RESOLVES:

To recommend that the 44th Directing Council adopt a resolution along the following lines:
THE 44th DIRECTING COUNCIL, Having seen Document CD44/9 on primary health care in the Americas;

Considering the Declaration of Alma-Ata (1978), as well as Resolutions CD27.R20 and CD27.R21 on the regional strategies to promote health for all by the year CE132.R5 (Eng)

2000 (HFA2000) and CD28.R11 on the plan of action for the implementation of the regional strategies to promote HFA2000; Resolutions CSP21.R12 and CSP21.R20 on the Regional Plan of Action on HFA2000; Resolutions CD31.R27, CD33.R17, and CD35.R19 on the monitoring and evaluation of the HFA2000 strategies; and Resolutions CD39.R4 and CD40.R11 on renewal of the call for HFA and the health for all strategies;

Observing the impact of a changing environment on primary health care in the Americas;
and

Acknowledging the efforts of the countries of the Region to put policies and programs on primary care at the center of their health services systems to meet the goal of health for all—efforts in which the State, nongovernmental organizations, and grassroots community organizations have played a role,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Member States to:

(a) ensure that the necessary resources are available for primary care and that its implementation helps to reduce inequalities in health;

- (b) renew their commitment to ensuring the human resources development required for primary health care in the long term;
- (c) boost the potential of primary health care to reorient the health services, fostering the adoption of a health promotion approach;
- (d) promote the maintenance and strengthening of information and surveillance systems in primary health care;
- (e) support local communities to participate actively in primary health care.

2. To request the Director to:

- (a) take the principles of primary health care into account in the activities of all technical cooperation programs, especially those related to the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals;
 - (b) evaluate the different systems based on primary health care and identify and disseminate information on best practice with a view to improving application of the relevant policies;
 - (c) continue assisting the countries to improve training for health workers in the priority activities of primary health care;
 - (d) place renewed emphasis on support for locally defined primary health care models that are both flexible and adaptable;
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- (e) promote and organize a celebration with activities devoted to underscoring throughout the Region the importance of the 25 years of experience with primary health care in the Americas. This would be a year-long process involving discussions, national commemorations, subregional forums, regional activities, etc.;
 - (f) organize a regional consultation for the definition of future strategic and programmatic orientations in primary health care.

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Subject: [PHM_Steering_Group_02-03] Letter from Latin American group to IPHC and PHM

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Dear friends,

Please find the letter which our small Latin American group has prepared for IPHC colleagues and the PHM Steering Group.

We hope that this letter will stimulate the discussion. It is sent to all of you in a spirit of constructive criticism.

There is a Spanish version and an English version.

>From now on all our communications will be prepared taking into account these two languages. These translations will be the responsibility of the IPHC Global Coordination office. We hope this will help communications.

Cheers,
Maria

Estimadas colegas,

Estamos enviando la carta elaborada por nuestro pequeño grupo latinoamericano para IPHC y el grupo coordinador del Movimiento de Salud de los Pueblos.

Esperamos estimular la discusión. Estamos enviandola a Uds en un espíritu de crítica constructiva.

Hay una versión en español y otra en inglés.

Desde ahora nuestras comunicaciones estaran preparadas en estas dos idiomas. La Oficina de Coordinación de IPHC cumplirá con esta responsabilidad. Asi esperamos facilitar la comunicación.

Saludos,
Maria

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International People's Health Council

September 17, 2003
Chimaltenango, Guatemala

Members of the
PHM Coordinating Committee
IPHC Colleagues

Dear Colleagues:

We send you warm solidarity greetings on behalf of the Latin American Group along with our best wishes for success in your struggle for people and the Right to Health.

We are writing to present our reflections to you about what has occurred around the planning of the Second World People's Health Assembly, slated for next July in Brazil.

Due to the way that information has been handled, both in terms of content as well as the use of channels, we are concerned about the following:

1. The misunderstandings that arise from the entire communication process for the discussion are due to the fact that we are communicating in a number of different languages, among people that belong to different member organizations or structures connected with IPHC and/or PHM.
2. There should be a framework for resolving communications problems within the organizations and/or regions themselves, unless they require the support of others.
3. The problem that occurred is not simply a problem of translation; rather it is a communications problem both within the decision-making process as well as in working methods and styles, where, from our perspective, there should be overall respect for collective decisions.
4. The idea of developing a Second World People's Health Assembly emerged in Porto Alegre, after the Second Forum on the Defense of People's Health. The proposal was made in a bilateral meeting between representatives of the IPHC and the PHM, with Armando Di Negri. In addition, the members of the PHM Coordinating Committee were consulted and the proposal was later accepted.
5. The representatives of the IPHC and of the PHM present in Porto Alegre recognized the feasibility of the proposal given the political support of the Municipal Government of Porto

- Alegre and its indisputable experience in organizing the World Social Forum. And, at the request of Armando, we adjusted the date (July 2004) so that the event would not be affected by the electoral agenda.

6. After the decision was made, there was no follow-up communication between January and May, until contact was again made at the Geneva meeting, at which point the viability of the event continued to be analyzed and was ratified in a collective consultation with IPHC and PHM.
7. In Geneva, issues were defined, the dates of the event were ratified, and two commissions were elected: one commission to connect the Mumbai Forum and the Second WPHA and another to put the Assembly in Porto Alegre into place, composed of the Latin American Group.
8. The LA Group agreement was to communicate on an ongoing basis and to meet in July in Guatemala during the National ASECSA Assembly to further the commitments that had been made; however, it was difficult once again to communicate with Armando, and he did not participate in the Guatemala event.
9. The growing concern caused us to send a letter to Armando, requesting, in writing, the commitment from Porto Alegre and the need to postpone the event. To date, we have still not received a response, not as a group or to the concerns expressed. A letter was also sent to Ravi, for the PHM Secretariat, explaining the content of the letter to Armando and making our proposal to postpone the event in Porto Alegre.
10. Surprisingly and very efficiently, communication was established between Armando and Ravi, and the LA Group, without having received a response to the letter we sent, only received a copy of the communication between these two.
11. The LA Group is composed of persons and organizations with many years of working together, and we are in constant communication, as our interest continues to be the struggle for people's health. It is in this spirit that we make the following proposals:

○ IN THE SHORT TERM

1. We demand respect for the Latin American Group in the internal discussion on the operational aspects of the preparation for the Second WPHA.
2. We maintain our interest in holding the Second WPHA in Latin America, either in Brazil or in Ecuador.
3. We recommend postponing the event to enable the various regions to complete their preparatory work.
4. We will allow one month for Porto Alegre to provide a written commitment regarding auditoriums, lodging, internal transportation.
5. We are also requesting the same written proposal and commitment from Ecuador.
6. The content framework proposed in Geneva should be maintained.

○ IN THE MEDIUM AND LONG TERM

1. Initiate a discussion on strategies to strengthen the IPHC and PHM at the regional and

worldwide levels.

2. Establish clear mechanisms for communication and relationship between each network and its members as well as between the networks themselves (IPHC and PHM).
3. Define policy and logistical criteria for the development of worldwide events.
4. Clearly define a flexible and functional organizational structure for action by IPHC and PHM.

We hope that this letter serves to advance this process to globalize the struggle for the defense of life and we ratify our commitment to strengthen the movement on the national, regional and global levels.

Sr. Ani Wihbey,
Dr. Arturo Quizhpe
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International People's Health Council

Chimaltenango, Guatemala 17 de Septiembre del 2003.

Sres.
Comité Coordinador PHM
Compañeros y compañeras IPHC
Presente.

Estimados y estimadas compañeras:

Reciban un fraterno y solidario saludo en nombre del Grupo de América Latina y nuestros mejores deseos de éxito en su lucha por el Derecho a la Salud de los pueblos.

Por medio de la presente queremos hacerles llegar nuestras reflexiones con respecto a los hechos sucedidos en el marco de la Planificación de la Segunda Asamblea Mundial por la Salud de los Pueblos, prevista para Julio próximo en Brasil.

Por la forma como se ha manejado la información, tanto en términos de contenido como de utilización de canales nos preocupa lo siguiente:

1. Los malentendidos que surgen de todo el proceso de comunicación para la discusión, se deben a que nos estamos comunicando en varios idiomas, entre diferentes personas que pertenecemos a diferentes organismos o estructuras vinculadas a IPHC y/o a PHM.
2. Debe haber un marco de resolución de los problemas de comunicación dentro de las mismas instancias y/o regiones, a menos que los mismos demanden apoyo de otros.
3. El problema que se ha dado no es de simple traducción, sino mas bien es un problema de comunicación tanto en el proceso de toma de decisiones como en los métodos y estilos de trabajo, en donde, desde nuestro criterio debe prevalecer el respeto a las decisiones colectivas.
4. La idea de desarrollar una II Asamblea Mundial por la Salud de los Pueblos surge en Porto Alegre, luego de la realización del II Foro por la Defensa de la Salud de los Pueblos. Propuesta que se hizo en una reunión bilateral entre representantes de IPHC y PHM, con Armando Di Negri, misma que fue consultada a los miembros del Comité Coordinador de PHM y posteriormente aceptada.
5. Desde los representantes de IPHC y de PHM presentes en Porto Alegre, se vio la factibilidad de hacerla por contar con el respaldo político del Gobierno Municipal de Porto Alegre y su indudable experiencia de organización de los Foros Sociales Mundiales, con respecto de la fecha (Julio 2004) nos adecuamos a solicitud hecha por Armando para no afectar el evento por la agenda electoral.
6. Posteriormente a la decisión no se tuvo comunicación de seguimiento entre Enero y Mayo, hasta que se toma contacto de nuevo en la reunión de Ginebra, momento en el cual se continuaba analizando viable y se ratifica en consulta colectiva con IPHC y PHM.
7. En Ginebra se definen temas y se ratifican las fechas para su realización, eligiéndose además dos comisiones, una comisión para relacionar el Foro de Mumbai y la II AMSP y otra para operativizar la Asamblea en Porto Alegre, conformada por el Grupo de América Latina.

8. El acuerdo del Grupo LA, era mantener una comunicación constante y reunirnos en Julio en Guatemala en el marco de la Asamblea Nacional de ASECSA para avanzar en los compromisos adquiridos; sin embargo fue una vez mas difícil la comunicación del Grupo con Armando, quien tampoco participo en el evento de Guatemala.
9. La preocupación creciente nos motiva ha enviar una carta a Armando, solicitando por escrito el compromiso de Porto Alegre y la necesidad de postergar el evento, sin que a la fecha se nos haya respondido, ni como grupo, ni a las inquietudes planteadas. De igual forma se hizo llegar a Ravi para el Secretariado de PHM, explicando el contenido de la carta a Armando y haciendo nuestra propuesta de posponer el evento en Porto Alegre.
10. Sorprendentemente y de manera muy eficiente se establece una comunicación entre Armando y Ravi, donde como Grupo L.A. sin que de ninguno de ellos recibiéramos respuesta de la carta enviada, únicamente recibimos copia de la comunicación entre ellos dos.
11. El Grupo de AL somos organizaciones históricas y nos mantenemos en constante comunicación, por lo que nuestro interés seguirá siendo la lucha por la salud de los pueblos. Y con ese espíritu hacemos las siguientes propuestas:

➤ EN EL CORTO PLAZO

1. Demandamos respeto al grupo de América Latina en la discusión interna sobre los aspectos operativos preparatorios de la II AMSP
2. Mantendremos nuestro interés de que la II AMSP se desarrolle en América latina, pudiendo hacer en Brasil o Ecuador.
3. Posponer la fecha para garantizar todo el trabajo previo en las diferentes regiones.
4. Damos un mes de plazo para tener por escrito el compromiso en Porto Alegre, respeto de Auditorios, Hospedaje, transporte interno.
5. De igual forma estamos solicitando el propuesta y compromiso por escrito de Ecuador.
6. Que se mantenga el marco de contenidos propuestas en Ginebra.

➤ EN EL MEDIANO Y LARGO PLAZO

1. iniciar una discusión sobre las estrategias de fortalecimiento de IPHC y PHM a nivel de las regiones y a nivel mundial.
2. Establecer mecanismos claros de comunicación y formas de relacionarse entre cada red y sus miembros, así como entre ellas. (IPHC y PHM).
3. Definir criterios políticos y logísticos para el desarrollo de eventos mundiales.
4. Definir con claridad una estructura organizativa flexible y funcional al accionar de IPHC y PHM.

Esperamos que la presente carta sirva para avanzar en este proceso de construcción por globalizar la lucha por la defensa de la vida y ratificamos nuestro compromiso de fortalecer el movimiento a nivel nacional, regional y mundial.

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Health to All,
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PRESENTATION FOR THE PAHO ROUND TABLE ON PRIMARY HEALTH
CARE IN THE AMERICAS
44TH DIRECTING COUNCIL, 24 SEPTEMBER, 2003
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Presenter, Maria Hamlin Zuniga, MPH
Global Coordinator, International People's Health Council
Steering Group of the People's Health Movement

On behalf of the International People's Health Council and the People's Health Movement, we wish to thank Dr. Mirta Roses, Director of the Pan American Health Organization, for the opportunity to participate on this round table.

In December, 2000 a People's Health Assembly was held at GK, Savar, Bangladesh involving 1,500 representatives of citizens and peoples organizations from around the world who met to share their stories, especially of their experiences in community based health programs of Primary health care and to discuss the reasons why there was not Health for All by the year 2000. A People's Health Charter was developed, building on the principles of universal and comprehensive primary health care envisioned in the 1978 Alma Ata Declaration.

The Charter makes clear the Vision of the People's Health Movement.

Equity, ecologically-sustainable development and peace are at the heart of our vision of a better world - a world in which a healthy life for all is a reality; a world that respects, appreciates and celebrates all life and diversity; a world that enables the flowering of people's talents and abilities to enrich each other; a world in which people's voices guide the decisions that shape our lives.

Since December 2000 the People's Health Movement has grown and extended to many localities in countries throughout of the world. In national and international forums, we have made our position clear that Primary Health Care and Health For All are relevant to the problems facing our communities, our countries, and our world today. Our concept of Primary Health Care is integral and is based on social justice, participatory democracy and an intersectorial approach to problem solving.

The People's Health Movement believes in the principle of **HEALTH AS A HUMAN RIGHT**

Health is a reflection of a society's commitment to equity and justice. Health and human rights should prevail over economic and political concerns.

At the People's Health Assembly, many people shared their testimonies, their direct experiences of health and health related problems. One person from Central America stated:

"Illness and death every day anger us. Not because there are people who get sick or because there are people who die. We are angry because many illnesses and deaths have their roots in the economic and social policies that are imposed on us."

What is the reality of our continent? What are the major concerns of the People's Health Movement with regard to our continent?

In Latin America, the gap between the rich and the poor is greater than in any other region of the world. And that gap is growing. According to the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), progress toward overcoming poverty has ground to a halt in the last five years. Living conditions remain without significant change.

The concentration of wealth by a few means that the actual numbers of poor people is greater everywhere in our region, even in the richer countries. More women than men live in poverty, despite the fact that women have more years of schooling. Secondary poverty of women in male headed households is not even mentioned in the statistics, when it has been documented that those women and their children frequently suffer bigger deprivation than women and children from households headed by women, even with their with lower income

The document prepared by PAHO (CD44/9 English) does mention the inequities between countries and within countries, (sec.22). However, it does not mention the unipolar world economic order and the macroeconomic policies set forth by the richest and powerful countries and the International Financial Institutions and their impact on the health of our people.

There is an enormous contradiction between the Millennium Development Goals put forth by the United Nations and the conditionalities placed on countries to meet the demands of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. This is also the case with the bilateral and regional Free Trade Agreements and the regulations of the World Trade Organization.

Health care reform, in many of our countries, is synonymous with the increasing privatization of health services and the contracting out of services within the public health system. While those who are wealthy have the opportunity to access health care, the distribution of risks is immensely greater for the poor.

Even though there are opportunities to develop Country Poverty Reduction Strategies, there is very little participation of the Ministries of Health, and much less of social movements and the poor themselves in the elaboration and implementation, the monitoring and evaluating poverty reduction strategies of poverty reduction strategies. Many PRSP's become just another paper exercise with many macroeconomic conditionalities and little effect on poverty reduction where debt payments take precedence over everything, affecting any substantial investments in the social sectors.

Interestingly enough, the same World Bank in its very recently released (Sunday Sept. 21st) 2004 World Development Report "Making Services Work for Poor People" recognizes various important issues that civil society and social movements have been stressing for years:

1. Basic services are failing poor people
2. There is no such thing as "one size fits all" recipe to readdress this issue, and privatization is not always the solution, nor increasing public expenditures alone.

3. Social accountability and citizens control and participation are key to make things better.

With the implementation of the CAFTA and the FTAA many basic public services including health services and water will be open to privatization by foreign, particularly transnational companies, outside of the regulations of national governments. We must not permit this to happen, as it will have a devastating effect on the lives and the health of our citizens.

Public policies have failed and unemployment is increasing everywhere, resulting in more poverty and even death. Young people increasingly resort to violence, which in many cases is a direct result of unemployment, the lack of opportunities and hopelessness. Unfortunately, rather than deal with violence as a public health problem, as recommended by the World Health Organization, many countries are increasingly using repressive measures.

Rather than invest in social programs, limited national budgets are being used for upgrading police and defense departments to fight against delinquency, therefore engendering even more violence. At the same time, with the new approach to terrorism, money is being diverted from poverty reduction to the "Antiterrorism Crusade" to control frontiers, elaborate new types of passports and documents, and design "more control on laundering of money" that could finance terrorism, although we have not seen the effect of these measures in problems as sensitive as drug trafficking or corruption.

Or even worse, money has been diverted from national budgets to send members of the armed forces from Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador and Dominican Republic to Iraq. They are expected to risk their lives in a multinational force occupying another country in the defense of an increasingly unpopular coalition.

Agricultural production is decreasing to alarming degrees. This has resulted in wide spread hunger in many countries and many deaths, especially in children, due to severe malnutrition. Trade policies and liberated markets are destroying the agricultural economies, even in terms of subsistence farming. The introduction of genetically modified seeds and food products is also a concern of our people.

Migration has become the only alternative for hundreds of thousands of our citizens whose labor results in the remittances sent back to the families in their native countries, but also in having their basic human rights violate in the countries where they work and family disintegration and its consequences back home. These have become, in some cases, the most important product in the national economies.

The Millennium Development Goals, just like the Health For All goal, are not possible if these situations and contradictions persist and if the market continues to dominate public policies for development.

And certainly, we cannot talk about the Millennium Development Goals or the Goal of Health for All if we allow medicines to be included in the CAFTA or FTAA as commodities and subject to market rules as if there were no lives depending on the availability and the prices of those medicines.

CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE.

The PHM agrees with PAHO in the renewed commitment to Primary Health Care and Health for All. This is the demand our movement has been making to the World Health Organization. Rather than health in the hands of bankers and economists, we want health in the hands of the people and in the interest of the majority, who happen to be poor. We want PAHO to accompany us in this renewal.

We believe that a major issue to be considered is that of participation and empowerment of the poor in health decisions at all levels. Unless the poor have the opportunity to participate and to empower themselves to take an active role in the decisions which affect them, there is no way any health initiative will succeed in terms of equity, effectiveness and sustainability.

This includes the recognition of the practices and experiences of the people themselves and a reaffirmation of their role and their strengths. As a result of their exclusion, the poor use self-medication and alternative therapies. These alternatives, known as popular, natural, traditional or indigenous are legitimate and should be recognized as complementary to allopathic systems.

Specifically, the PHM supports Resolution CE132.R5

We ask for the inclusion of the People's Health Movement, of non-governmental organizations and social movements in the processes proposed in the Resolution. Together with PAHO, we could develop institutional mechanisms to involve civil society in the distinct levels of discussion and proposals, not just at the local level.

We invite PAHO and the health ministers of our countries to participate in the activities we are planning related to Primary Health Care and the renewed goal of Health for All.

We urge PAHO to establish a strong commitment in the national offices to maintain an open and permanent dialogue with civil movements and civil society organizations as well talking to our governments. It is now widely recognized that the UN and other multilateral institutions have as a constituency not only national governments but also the people. And PAHO should move in this direction. This will create a productive collaboration to address the roots of poverty, inequity and injustice in our region.

We propose that PAHO take a more belligerent position with respect to the broader determinants of health and the problems we have identified. It should be possible for us - PAHO and the People's Health Movement - to develop a strategic alliance to make the Health For All and the Millennium Development Goals a reality in the Americas.

THANKS to all.

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Dear Maria,
I enjoyed reading your very comprehensive presentation to PAHO.
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Friends,

Here is the final version of the PAHO resolution on Primary Health Care for your information.

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Dear Maria,

Greetings from PHM Secretariat (Global)!

Zafrullah and I are just back from Teheran after a very useful planning visit. A report from Dr. Barzgar and a communication from the secretariat was dispatched yesterday (13th October 2003). This is just to respond to some of your recent mail and other matters.

- i. Your presentation at the Round Table Discussion on Primary Health Care at PAHO is very well done. Thanks for presenting the concerns from the People's Charter for Health, so well. It will be very helpful for my input in the Primary Health Care meeting organized by WHO in Madrid at the end of this month. I have also received some relevant inputs from Bala, Claudio and Prof. D. Banerji
 - ii. I was glad to find that the Canadian conference (CSIH) has a strong PHM contingent – you, David Sanders, Lanny, Abhay, Jose and also at least three important workshops. I am sure it will go well and I hope the PHM Canada circle will be supported as well.
 - iii. I notice you will be in Amsterdam on 20th October. By any chance would you be able to visit London on 22nd / 23rd October, enroute to Rome? As a recent development, Olle, Andy, Prem and I as members of a funding group will meet at Methodist International Center (MIC - near Euston, where we had Andrew's Evaluation meeting in April) to finalize the draft of the 3-year plan and PHM Log frame. Bala and Qasem as members of the funding group will not be able to join. I had send an earlier tentative communication but you did not respond and at that time, my visit to London was also not sure. You will all receive the draft plan by email soon. With your rather complicated travel programme, if you are not able to join – its also okay, since we shall meet in Rome between 24th – 26th October and I can discuss the plan further with you, Mwajuma and Sunil. It will be a sort of extended funding group meeting. In London, we hope to draw on the wisdom and experience of Pam, Andrew and Mike as well.
 - iv. Just in case you are not able to join, would it be possible for you to indicate very tentatively what is the time schedule you propose for PHA – II in Brazil or Ecuador and in terms of process support what sort of grants for the region for planning and organizing would be helpful? What would be a minimum to be added to the PHM budget excluding the actual event? If this is difficult in the time available, we can also work on it together in Rome and add it to the exercise.
 - v. When are you reaching Rome and how? When are you leaving Rome? I shall be in London on 22nd / 23rd October (MIC), then reach Rome on 24th afternoon and leave Rome on 26th late evening, since the WHO meeting in Madrid is on 27th -- 29th October 2003.
- Hope you have got your visa. Mine is still being processed. The Italian Embassy gives a lot of problem to South Asians of late.
- vi. Regarding the Award Acceptance Speech, I shall forward to you and Mwajuma the tentative draft of the acceptance speech shortly. You both will have to plan messages of 10 minutes each from Latin America and Africa to supplement the presentation, bringing greetings and thanks

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from your regions and also sharing the concerns, challenges and what PHM is doing in the region

vii. Hope the meetings in Ecuador went well. Looking forward to hearing more about it from you, Arturo, Lanny, Unni and Satya. Was any further clarity evolved about PHA – II?

viii. Finally, there's lots to discuss with you about PHM / IPHC / PHA – II / WSF – IHF / Iran Conference, since you have such a good collective PHM process in your region and I think PHM must be able to draw on this expertise, enthusiasm and grassroots experience, transcending language and other barriers.

Looking forward to the opportunity of a discussion in Rome (London?)

Best wishes,

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3. I am in Amsterdam from the 18th until the morning of the 23rd when I go to Rome. I explained in my letter yesterday that I will not be able to go to London as I will be busy in Wemos all day on the 20th and then am with the Dutch evaluation team on the 21st and 22. See my letter of Tuesday 14 October 6:59 am.
4. You will receive a report from the special sessions being held with IPHC and PHM in Cuenca after the event. I expect a report by the 20th from Arturo with the conclusions of the sessions.
5. I arrive Rome via Amsterdam at noon on the 23rd. I leave Rome very early on the 27th flying to Amsterdam and on to Ottawa. I do not require a visa for Italy.
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7. I am not in Cuenca but in Managua with one of the evaluation team. We finish tomorrow morning and I leave on Friday for Europe. The meeting is going well and we will have a good report as I mentioned above. There will be an attempt toward clarity on PHA II.
8. Indeed there is a great deal to discuss in Rome. I just hope we will have sufficient time.

9. IRAN: I must have an answer about the visa BEFORE I purchase my ticket for Iran. Please advise. It is very late for making trips because of the December holiday season. I must take care of this no later than next week.

Good luck in London. I hope that Pam, Mike and Andrew will be present.

Regards,
Maria

RW
17/10/03

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PRESENTATION FOR THE AIFO AWARDS

THE PEOPLE'S HEALTH MOVEMENT IN LATIN AMERICA

On behalf of the PHM in America we wish to thank AIFO for this award. This is really a tremendous challenge for all of us in the Americas to continue our struggle for the right to health and health services for our people throughout the region.

Historical Background

For over forty years groups and organizations in Latin America have been active in promoting the strategy of Primary Health Care and the concept of Health for All. Some of the initial (pioneering) programs that implemented the PHC strategy and the promotion of community health through the involvement of community based health workers were in our region of the world. Since the mid-sixties these programs were providing health care as part of integrated community development programs and were an inspiration to Dr. Halfdan Mahler when he was the Director General of the WHO.

In Central America such non governmental programs came together to establish the CRPSC in 1975, three years before the Alma Ata Conference and the Declaration of HFA. These programs were based on prevention and promotion of health within the broader context of community development. This integrated approach allowed for meeting the needs of indigenous communities in the region that were neglected or ignored by the official government programs in most of our countries.

Similar programs developed in other parts of Latin America, but because of distances and difficulties in communication there was not the same kind of network development as that of Central America. In South America however, the Base Christian Communities were active in pastoral work in health care in their communities. Other churches followed that lead and were also instrumental in stimulating PHC concepts in South America.

Most of these programs had little acceptance from the governments in the regions, given that in the 70's and even in the 80's many countries in Latin America were governed by military dictatorships that were adverse to citizen's initiatives, looking upon them as subversive.

The truth is that during the decade of the 70's and 80's hundreds of community based health workers were detained, assassinated or disappeared as a result of their work in the promotion of community health and in the conscientization of their communities with respect to the root causes of disease. They were much more than health workers, they were activists committed to social justice and to peace.

During the decade of the 90's, with efforts at bringing about an end to conflict, there was recognition of the importance of and the contribution that had been made by community health programs. Ministries of health began to dialogue with and take into account the programs in planning for decentralization of Health services.

The process of the PHA

During the period leading up to the PHA many local and national events were held in Latin America. The purpose of these events was to analyze and question the reasons for the failure to reach to goal of HFA. This exercise resulted in many testimonies, stories, and also declarations, which were shared at the PHA and have been published for use in the region.

Delegates were selected to represent the region at the PHA. This was quite an achievement given the distances, languages, cultures and financial restraints that existed. Twenty nine representatives from eleven Latin American countries participated in the PHA. Especially important was the participation of two Cubans in the delegation. Cuba is the only country in the Americas where HFA is a reality.

...ation by the United States. Cuba today enjoys health statistics that are the envy of developed countries.

While present together in Savar, the Latin American group and other Spanish-speaking delegates decided to set up an internet list serve which is called REDLATINOAMERICANASALUD. Today the list serve acts as a means for individuals and groups to maintain communication and share information. There are 107 members from seventeen countries on that list serve.

The People's Charter for Health has become a basic tool for creating awareness and for making demands related to health services, basic public services such as water, and to demands that violence and conflict cease in our region. The Charter has been distributed widely in English, Spanish and in Portuguese.

The Movement has grown throughout Latin America with leadership in Central America from the RCPCH and in South America with the work being carried out in Brazil, Ecuador and Argentina, which is having an impact on neighboring countries as well.

Especially notable is the work being done by the University of Cuenca in Ecuador where Forums on Health and Globalization have brought people together from across the region and across the world to analyze the situation of health and propose concrete ways of moving forward as a movement.

There is a regular publication of a grassroots bulletin "Red de redes" which is produced in Argentina that shares experiences from community health programs in Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay. Recently an excellent booklet on the experiences of PHM delegates at the World Social Forum, 2003 was also published.

Challenges faced by the PHM

The unipolar world economic order and the macroeconomic policies set forth by the richest and powerful countries and the International Financial Institutions are having a devastating impact on the health of our people.

In Latin America, the gap between the rich and the poor is greater than in any other region of the world. And that gap is growing. According to the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), progress toward overcoming poverty has ground to a halt in the last five years. Living conditions remain without significant change.

The concentration of wealth by a few means that the actual number of poor people is greater everywhere in our region, even in the richer countries. More women than men live in poverty, despite the fact that women have more years of schooling. Secondary poverty of women in male headed households is not even mentioned in the statistics, when it has been documented that those women and their children frequently suffer bigger deprivation than women and children from households headed by women, even with their with lower income.

Health care reform, in many of our countries, is synonymous with the increasing privatization of health services and the contracting out of services within the public health system. While those who are wealthy have the opportunity to access health care, the distribution of risks is immensely greater for the poor.

One of the greatest challenges facing the PHM in Latin America is the Free Trade Agreements which our countries are negotiating with the USA. With the implementation of the CAFTA / Central American Free Trade Agreement and the FTAA / Free Trade Agreement for the Americas many basic public services including health services and water will be open to privatization by foreign.

particularly transnational companies, totally outside of the regulations of national governments. It also provides for patent rights for transnational pharmaceutical companies and places essential drugs.

The Catholic Bishops of South America's Mercosur trade bloc have condemned the FTAA as a consolidation of the hold of "unfettered neo-liberalism on the entire region ... with a negative impact on local communities.... A true process of integration in the Americas should be based on a continent-wide policy that takes into account human rights and the principles of sovereignty, justice, solidarity and respect for the cultural identities of nations" said the statement.

It is important to understand that these regional trade agreements actually go beyond the WTO and its conventions, which regulate trade in both commodities and intellectual property, as well as the GATS (Global Agreement on Trade in Services) convention.

The PHM is working actively to create awareness among the population and decision makers about the overwhelming danger of these agreements.

Conclusions from the Forum in Cuenca..... TO BE SENT ON 20 OCTOBER FOR TRANSLATION

PHM-Secretariat(Global)

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Sunil

Thanks and best regards,

is PHM involved in this initiative in any way? Can any one provide more information about this meeting?

In the WHO media agenda for 2003-04, I have noticed a meeting planned in Brasilia on 7 December 2003 with the title 'Achieving Health For all - the 25th anniversary of Alma Ata conference'. The contact person for this meeting is Dr Orville Adams at WHO/Geneva adamso@who.int

Dear all,

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"A Decade After Cairo:
Women's Health in a Free Market Economy"
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It is now ten years since the UN held its International Conference on
Population and Development in Cairo. Its Programme of Action was the first
and most comprehensive international policy document to promote the concepts
of reproductive rights and reproductive health.

Its major recommendation -- that population programmes should provide
integrated reproductive health services rather than just family planning --
reflects the organising and lobbying of women's groups.

One decade later, however, some 600,000 women die each year
(95 per cent of them in sub Saharan Africa and Asia) while 18 million are
left disabled or chronically ill because of largely preventable
complications during pregnancy or childbirth. These figures indicate that
many women do not have access to essential and emergency obstetric care, let
alone access to more comprehensive reproductive health services.

Indeed, health services in many countries are in terminal decline. The
underlying conditions that determine women's health and their ability to
make decisions about their childbearing are deteriorating. Fundamentalisms
opposing women's rights are on the rise. And Malthusian thinking is as
ingrained as ever in many development institutions, donor agencies and
government departments.

These four trends can be attributed in large measure to the implementation
of neo-liberal economic policies over the past two decades, first by means
of structural adjustment programmes and more recently by international trade
agreements. Such policies have helped to prevent the more progressive
aspects of the Cairo Programme of Action from being implemented.

More critically, however, the Programme of Action, and the political
organising that accompanied it, did not challenge this neo-liberal framework
substantively. In fact, it endorsed it in several respects.

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A closer look at the ways in which neo-liberalism has impacted upon women's reproductive rights may suggest avenues for more fruitful alliances with other social movements in the future.

Corner House Briefing 31, "A Decade After Cairo: Women's Health in a Free Market Economy" is now on the Corner House website, www.thecornerhouse.org.uk, in html and PDF formats.

Please contact us enquiries@thecornerhouse.org.uk if you would like a printed paper copy or to receive an electronic copy directly rather than via the website.

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