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RESOLUTION Number 1

ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE INSTITUTE

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

What is stipulated in Articles 14, 15, and 22 of the Organic Statutes;

The timely and orderly candidacy presented by the Government of Uruguay;

What was approved during the Administrative Policy session of the 21st General Assembly, held October 26, 2017 in Panama City, Panama;

The recommendation by the Administrative Policy Committee and the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

1. Unanimously elects Mr. César Fernando Rodríguez Tomeo of Uruguay as Secretary General for the time period of 2018-2021, and until the 22nd General Assembly.
2. Communicate this decision to the PAIGH Member States.



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RESOLUTION Number 2

PAIGH AUTHORITIES AND COMMISSION VICE-PRESIDENTS

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That which was established in the Organic Statute, Chapter VI regarding the PAIGH Authorities and its Article N° 15, where it states that the Authorities of the PAIGH will be its President, Vice-President, Commission Presidents, and Secretary General;

That through the respective Meetings of Consultation of the Commissions, the following leaders were elected:

Cartography Commission (Costa Rica)

President: M.Sc. Max Lobo
Vice - President: Mr. Álvaro Álvarez

Geography Commission (United States)

President: Dr. Patricia Solís
Vice - President: Ms. Jean Parcher

History Commission (Mexico)

President: Dr. Patricia Galeana
Vice - President: Mr. Rubén Ruiz

Geophysics Commission (Ecuador)

President: Dr. Mario Ruiz
Vice - President: Dr. Alexandra Patricia Alvarado

That during the session on October 25, 2017, the following Authorities were elected by the General Assembly:

President (Panamá): Mr. Israel Sánchez
Vice – President (Chile): Mrs. Alejandra Coll
Secretary General (Uruguay): Mr. César Rodríguez

The recommendations of the First Plenary Session and the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,



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RESOLVES TO:

1. Ratify as Authorities of the PAIGH, until the 22nd General Assembly (second semester of the year 2021):

President:	Mr. Israel Sánchez
Vice-President:	Mrs. Alejandra Coll
Secretary General:	Mr. César Rodríguez
President, Cartography Commission:	M.Sc. Max Lobo
President, Geography Commission:	Dr. Patricia Solís
President, History Commission:	Dr. Patricia Galeana
President, Geophysics Commission:	Dr. Mario Ruiz

2. Ratify as Commission Vice - Presidents, until the 22nd General Assembly (second semester of the year 2021):

Vice-President, Cartography Commission:	Mr. Álvaro Álvarez
Vice-President, Geography Commission:	Ms. Jean Parcher
Vice-President, History Commission:	Mr. Rubén Ruiz
Vice-President, Geophysics Commission:	Dr. Alexandra Patricia Alvarado



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RESOLUTION Number 3

DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OF THE PAIGH

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The scientific, administrative and financial strategies of the Institute as a process of continual improvement to the benefit of fulfilling the Mission and the Purposes of the PAIGH;

The recommendations generated by the Technical Consultation Meetings of the Commissions:

- 23rd Meeting of the Cartography Commission
- 20th Meeting of the Geography Commission
- 19th Meeting of the History Commission
- 13th Meeting of the Geophysics Commission

The recommendations of the 88th Authorities Meeting and the Scientific Political Committee,

RESOLVES TO:

1. Entrust to the General Secretariat, that they present, during the first semester of 2018, a work plan to implement the recommendations generated by the Technical Consultation Meetings of the Commissions, which happened on October 23 and 24 in Panama. Having the considerations of the aspects that could influence the application of the cited recommendations such as:
 - a. Statutory and regulatory aspects
 - b. Financing
 - c. Required organizational structure
 - d. Responsible Establishment (Authorities, Commissions, National Sections, or the General Secretariat)
2. Complementarily entrust to the General Secretariat, in coordination with the Authorities, the task of carrying out a thorough analysis, in order to propose a plan for strategic institutional development, to be submitted to the 89th Authorities Meeting and then to the 48th Meeting of the Directing Council, both to be held in 2018.



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RESOLUTION Number 4

VERSION 2 OF THE LATIN AMERICAN METADATA PROFILE (LAMPv2)

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That through Resolution N° 7, approved at the 47th Meeting of the Directing Council (Paraguay, 2017), the distribution and assessment of version 2 of the Latin American Metadata Profile (LAMPv2) were recommended;

That in coordination with and between the Cartography Commission and the GEOSUR Program, and with the specialized advice of the National Centre for Geographic Information (CNIG) of the National Geographic Institute of Spain, an *ad hoc* Working Group was set up with the participation of specialists from the Member States, coordinated by the editor of this profile;

That the product resulting from the work carried out by the *ad hoc* Working Group, LAMPv2 was improved;

That within the cooperation with the CNIG of Spain, a program of virtual training in LAMPv2 has been considered, as also has been the incorporation of this profile in specialized software for metadata management;

That informed by the Cartography Commission;

The recommendations of the 87th and 88th Meetings of the Authorities and of the Scientific Policy Committee,

RESOLVES TO:

1. Adopt LAMPv2 as the PAIGH standard.
2. Entrust to the General Secretariat the task of publishing version 2 of the Latin American Metadata Profile (LAMPv2) and making it known as the PAIGH standard.
3. Recommend to the National Sections, that they collaborate with making known and implementing the use of LAMPv2 in the respective institutions in their countries, such as the Infrastructures of Geospatial Agencies,



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Official Cartographic Agencies, Academia, Universities and organizations linked to geo-information in the Member States.

4. Especially thank the National Center of Geographic Information (CNIG), of the National Geographic Institute of Spain, for the valuable advice they provided.
5. Thank the Development Bank of Latin America –CAF and the GEOSUR program for the support and sponsorship of this project.
6. Thank and recognize the *ad hoc* Working Group, and especially the editing team, for their dedication, effort, and knowledge, which have made it possible to publish and update version 2 of the Latin American Metadata Profile (LAMPv2).



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RESOLUTION Number 5

SCOPE OF THE PRODUCTS, SERVICES OR STUDIES OF THE PAIGH

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That in the concluding portion of Resolution No. 8, approved by the 47th Meeting of the Directing Council (Paraguay, 2016), the following is established:

That it is necessary to repeat that established in Article N° 1 of the Organic Statutes of the PAIGH and the conclusion made by Resolution N° IX of the XIV Meeting of the Directing Council (Argentina, 1972), through which the work that the PAIGH backs and sponsors relate only to technical aspects that do not affect other kinds of considerations of the Member States.

That it is very important to state that these considerations include in their scope all the types of products, services or studies that are created by the Institute, particularly the projects for integrated maps, published in any format whether these have been used, are being used or could be used in accordance with future technologies.

The recommendations of the 88th Meeting of the Authorities, of the Scientific Policy Committee and of the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

Make the following modification to the sixth paragraph of Article 1 of the Organic Statutes:

No work of a political or partisan nature shall be undertaken. On issues that are controversial for the Member States, the studies made by the PAIGH have no value as evidence in any case. The work that the PAIGH sponsors relates only to technical aspects that do not affect the opinions of the Member States.

“Mexico stands for the protection of freedom of expression and prohibition of censorship in the studies conducted by the PAIGH”.
Note from the Head of Delegation of Mexico, Ambassador José Piña



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RESOLUTION Number 6

RECOGNITION GIVEN TO SPAIN AS AN OBSERVING COUNTRY OF THE PAIGH

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That Spain, as an observing country of the PAIGH, through the Cooperation Agreement signed in 2005 with the National Geographic Institute of Spain (IGN), has supported various and major activities of the Institute for the benefit of its Commissions and Member States;

That a permanent cooperation has existed from the National Center of Geographic Information (CNIG) of the IGN of Spain to the PAIGH, for the benefit of its Member States through institutional strengthening, training, and specialized advice and guidance on many geographic information management topics;

The recommendations of the 87th and 88th Meetings of the Authorities, the Scientific Policy Committee, and the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

1. Express gratitude, on behalf of the Member States of the Institute and of the Pan American community, towards Spain, the IGN, and the National Center of Geographic Information (CNIG) of that country, and also to its leaders and Staff for the important and effective cooperation given so generously to the PAIGH.
2. Make evident the interest and willingness of the PAIGH to highlight and expand the cooperation during the four-year period of 2017-2021.



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RESOLUTION Number 7

APPRECIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF LATIN AMERICA-CAF

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That in Brasilia, Brazil, in March of the year 2007, the CAF and the PAIGH signed a Cooperation Agreement with the purpose of developing the GEOSUR Program, in order to establish an effective and decentralized mechanism that has a regional scope for the distribution and application of geo-spatial data in the continent;

That the CAF-PAIGH-GEOSUR Program is making progress in the consolidation of the Geospatial Network for Latin America and the Caribbean. The sustainability achieved with this Program and its results in application materials to facilitate access to spatial databases originating in the Member States, has encouraged the development of trans-national spatial information benefiting regional integration;

That to a large extent, the achievements obtained are a result of the support given to the PAIGH and its Member States by the Development Bank of Latin America-CAF;

The recommendations of the 87th and 88th Meetings of the Authorities, the Scientific Policy Committee and the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

1. Express, on behalf of the Member States and the Pan American community, their congratulations for the successful work of the GEOSUR Program, and also, to congratulate the Program for celebrating its 10th Anniversary.
2. Repeat, on behalf of the Member States of the Institute and of the Pan American community, appreciation to the Development Bank of Latin America-CAF for its permanent support to the PAIGH.



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3. Repeat the interest and willingness of the PAIGH to improve and expand this cooperation for the development and consolidation of the Program in the four-year period, 2017-2021.



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RESOLUTION Number 8

2016 FINANCIAL REPORT

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The Financial Report assessment which corresponds to the transactions in the year 2016;

The results achieved through the work of the General Secretariat in the 2016 exercise that translates into the financial sustainability of the Institute and the guarantee to be able to carry out the institutional programs for work corresponding to the year 2017;

The recommendations made by the Financial Policy Committee and the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

Approve the 2016 Financial Report.



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RESOLUTION Number 9

2016 AUDIT REPORT

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The Audit Report presented by the firm “Despacho Munir Hayek, S.C. Contadores Públicos y Consultores de Negocios” (Munir Hayek office of public accountants and business consultants), including the dates January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, and its findings over the financial standing of the PAIGH adequately reflects the financial situation for the transactions over the time period stated here;

The information submitted to the 21st General Assembly by the President of the PAIGH, regarding the content and the quality of the work audited;

The recommendations made by the Financial Policy Committee and the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

1. Approve the Audit Report covering the transactions of the 2016 period.
2. Authorize the PAIGH Secretary General to contract auditing services for the Institute, corresponding to 2017.



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RESOLUTION Number 10

MAXIMUM LIMIT FOR THE BUDGET PROGRAM AND MEMBERSHIP FEE SCALE FOR THE MEMBER STATES IN THE YEAR 2018

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That Resolution N° 10 of the 20th General Assembly (Uruguay, 2013), established that the quantity of US\$ 878,000, in force since the year 2001, should be kept as the maximum limit in the Budget Program for the concept of annual membership fees;

That through Resolution N° 25, approved at the 47th Directing Council Meeting (Paraguay, 2016) the percentage of the fees that the Member States contribute to the PAIGH were partially updated;

The recommendations made by the 87th and 88th Meetings of the Authorities and the Financial Policy Committee,

RESOLVES TO:

1. Keep the quantity of US\$ 878,000, in force since the year 2001, as the maximum limit of the Budget Program for annual membership fees.
2. The General Secretariat plans for the amount of US\$ 586,656 to be the budget to be executed for 2018.
3. Support the consistent strategy of the General Secretariat to search for alternative, specific funding in order to put into effect the priorities established in the Pan American Agenda.
4. Instruct the General Secretariat to carry out the tasks necessary so that those Member States with outstanding fees bring their payments up to date.
5. Set the following scale of minimum fees for the year 2018:



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Member State	%	Fee payable in 2018 (USD)
Argentina	6.34	37,206
Belize	0.94	5,509
Bolivia	0.94	5,509
Brazil	11.05	64,896
Chile	1.00	5,840
Colombia	1.22	7,176
Costa Rica	0.94	5,509
Ecuador	0.94	5,509
El Salvador	0.94	5,509
United States	55.21	323,900
Guatemala	0.94	5,509
Haiti	0.94	5,509
Honduras	0.94	5,509
Mexico	7.87	46,176
Nicaragua	0.94	5,509
Panama	0.94	5,509
Paraguay	0.94	5,509
Peru	0.94	5,509
Dominican Republic	0.94	5,509
Uruguay	0.94	5,509
Venezuela	4.15	24,336
Total	100.00	586,656



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RESOLUTION Number 11

ANNUAL FEES OF THE MEMBER STATES FROM THE YEAR 2020

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That the General Assembly, in accordance with what was established in Article 39 of the Organic Statute and Article 3 of the Financial Regulation, should annually set the amount of the fees the Member States are to provide;

That Resolution N° 10 of the 20th General Assembly, (Uruguay, 2013) established to maintain the maximum Budget Program limit, through membership fees, in the quantity of US\$ 878,000, which has been in force since the year 2001;

That through Resolution N° 25, approved in the 47th Directing Council Meeting (Paraguay, 2016), the percentage of the fees that the Member States contribute to the PAIGH was partially updated; also it was agreed to continue working jointly towards adjusting the fee scale so that no Member State contributes more than 50% of the annual budget of the Institute;

That with the concern noted in Resolution N° 25 which was approved in the 47th Directing Council (Paraguay, 2016) in the sense that, recognizing the important financial support that the Member States contribute, it is necessary to strengthen the financing of a greater number of the Technical Assistance Project Proposals associated with their respective PAIGH Commissions;

That through resolution No. AG2900 of the 47th General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) (Mexico, 2017) the PAIGH was recognized for its support in accomplishing the Sustainable Development Goals through the Pan American Agenda;

That through Decision No 7/104 of the seventh session of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management of the United Nations, held in August, 2017, the contribution of the PAIGH was recognized in the definition of the Geospatial Data Standards;

The importance of a sustainable organization, with solid resources, which is well financed to be able to continue the critical interchanges, and the technical and educational collaborations, which PAIGH facilitates;



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That according to Article 39 of the PAIGH Organic Statutes, Chapter XI of Finances, it is established that the membership fees will be calculated taking into consideration the contribution scale that the OAS uses;

The fact that during the 47th General Assembly of the Organization of American States (Mexico, 2017), through Resolution AG/RES.2911 (XLVII-O/17), the Member States agreed to work to adjust the contributions to achieve a more equitable and sustainable donor base, looking to gradually adjust the fees in such a way that no Member State contributes more than 49% of the overall budget;

The recommendations made by the 87th and 88th Meetings of the Authorities, the Financial Policy Committee, and the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

1. Implement a new membership fee scale to finalize a 2020 budget in which the Member State making the strongest contribution does not contribute more than 49% of the budget with the possibility of not reducing the amount of the current contribution. The percentage difference will be distributed in a proportional way amongst the rest of the Member States, attending to the OAS Resolution AG/RES.2911(XLVII-O/17).
2. In accordance with the former, the General Secretariat should prepare a new membership fee scale to be approved during the 2018 Directing Council Meeting.
3. Request that the General Secretariat inform the Member States about this adjustment so that these new amounts can be considered in their budgets beginning in 2020 and continuing in the following years.



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RESOLUTION Number 12

2018 BUDGET PROGRAM

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The Project of the Budget Program submitted by the General Secretariat for the year 2018;

That stated in Article 19 of the PAIGH Financial Regulations, that the annual Budget Program will be covered by the Member State fees, as also is stated in Article 20 that the fees should be paid during the first trimester of each corresponding year;

The recommendations made by the 87th and 88th Authorities Meetings, the Financial Policy Committee, and the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

Approve the Budget Program for the year 2018.



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RESOLUTION Number13

COOPERATING PARTNERS OF THE PAIGH

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The established standards for awarding the status of Cooperating Partner of the PAIGH;

That, through Resolution N°. 10, approved at the 46th Directing Council Meeting (Colombia, 2015), the status of PAIGH Cooperating Partner was reinitiated;

The recommendations made by the 87th Authorities Meeting and the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES TO:

1. Recognize the Cooperating Partners of the PAIGH in the year 2017 for their interest in contributing to the institutional aims and objectives:
 - Mapsys Latam, Inc.
 - Luciad, Inc.
 - ATISoft, Inc.
 - Decsef, Sistemas, Inc.
 - Merrick México, Inc.
 - Leica Geosystems, Inc.
 - Inteligencia Geoespacial Inc.
 - Global Computing Inc.
2. Request all organizations that are part of the PAIGH to invite new partners to join this noble initiative, in accordance with what is established in Article 46 of the Organic Statute.



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RESOLUTION Number 14

RECOMENDATION FOR THE FINANCING SYSTEM OF THE OFFICIAL CARTOGRAPHIC AGENCIES OF THE PAIGH MEMBER STATES

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The need for the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History to achieve an effective fulfillment of its mission with respect to promoting, strengthening, coordinating, and spreading collaboration in the cartography, geography, history, and geophysics areas among the Member States, in the quality of the Specialized Organization of the Organization of American States (OAS);

That this Pan-American Institute, with the support of its 21 Member States, is found to be financing and coordinating joint projects that allow for notorious advancements in the scope of the Earth Sciences, such as the Integrated Map of South America (MIAS in Spanish) and others which are required to use up to date cartography with high standards;

The predominant role that the updated cartography plays in the mitigation of disasters and emergencies, product of the intervention that happens to human beings on Earth, permanently modifying its geographic covering;

The importance of freely putting spatial data that is obtained with the fiscal budget at the disposition of their respective communities, now that this is in direct benefit to the social and technological development of each country;

That this Organization recognizes the efforts made by some Member States to finance 100% of their respective Geographic Institutes, but at the same time evidence exists that there are still countries in which Geographic Institutes must finance themselves, resulting in dependencies on the availability of external projects and the commercialization of their products to secure their financing;

The recommendations made by the Financial Policy Committee and the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

Entrust to the General Secretariat that the recommendation of the PAIGH



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General Assembly be made known, through the Governments of each Member State, to finance 100% of the Geographic Institute budgets, given that these instances provide updated cartography that is precise and timely, and is information that provides a certainty to make decisions and to achieve the sustainable development goals.



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RESOLUTION Number 15

INFORM ABOUT THE RECOGNITION OF THE PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That the Organization of American States (OAS), through a Resolution at the 47th General Assembly of that organization (Mexico, 2017) titled “Strengthening the organs, organizations, entities, initiatives and mechanisms of the OAS”, among other issues resolved to: *“Support and make widely known the work of the PAIGH, which seeks to integrate the concepts contained in the Pan-American Agenda of the Institute with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in order to contribute to the fulfillment of the Sustainable Development Objectives”*;

The recommendations made by the 88th Authorities Meeting and the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES TO:

1. Inform the Governments and make it known widely that the resolution was approved by the 47th General Assembly of the OAS.
2. Thank the OAS and its Member States for the recognition given to the work performed by the PAIGH, which means encouragement, especially for the Technical Commissions of the Institute and for the persons constituting the National Sections Membership, to the end of contributing, through the Pan American Agenda, to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.



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RESOLUTION Number 16

INFORM ABOUT THE RECOGNITION FROM THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT TO THE PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That based on the Joint Action Plan to accelerate the Development of the Spatial Data Infrastructure of the Americas, signed by the PAIGH, SIRGAS, UN GGIM:Americas, and the GEOSUR Program, the PAIGH has been given the task of working on the area of fundamental geospatial data from a Pan-American perspective;

That at the 7th session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN GGIM), held in New York, United States from the 2nd to the 4th of August, 2017, Decision 7/104 “*Determination of global fundamental geospatial data themes*” was approved. Through this approval process, they were pleased to recognize, among other topics, the support of regional initiatives, with PAIGH among them, for its respective contributions to the definition of fundamental geospatial standards;

The recommendations made by the 88th Meeting of the Authorities and by the Administrative Policy Committee.

RESOLVES TO:

1. Inform Governments about and widely make known the recognition given to the PAIGH at the 7th session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN GGIM).
2. Thank the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management for the recognition given to the work that the PAIGH performs in order to contribute, through the Joint Action Plan to accelerate the Development of the Spatial Data Infrastructure of the Americas, to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.



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RESOLUTION Number 17

EDITORIAL POLICY OF THE PAIGH

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

Resolution Number 11 of the 45th PAIGH Directing Council Meeting (Chile, 2014) to create the Working Group of Editors for the Institute;

The recommendations of the Cartography, Geography, History, and Geophysics Commission Consultation Meetings that were held prior to the 21st PAIGH General Assembly, to promote the continual improvement of each periodic journal;

The report of the PAIGH Working Group of Editors Coordinator, which presented the aspects that should be taken into account to guide actions toward progressively improving the quality of the Institute publications;

The recommendations made by the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

1. To entrust the Working Group of Editors of the PAIGH journals to present a proposal to the 89th Authorities Meeting (first semester of 2018). This proposal will be of an editorial policy founded on the principles contained in the Organic Statutes, in the Pan-American Agenda and in the characteristics of quality that each publication should have. This editorial policy should consider the justification of the number of journals that PAIGH will publish, taking into account the foundations of the transdisciplinary nature of the sciences, the editorial costs of the publication, the implementation of the Open Journal System platform for the editorial management, quality, and the type of desired indexing.
2. That these aspects should be used by the General Secretariat as input to update the Publications Regulation that was approved in the VI General Assembly held in Mexico City, 1955.



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RESOLUTION Number 18

ELECTRONIC EXCHANGE

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

What was specified in the “Eco-Guide to Holding Eco-Friendly Conferences and Meetings”, drafted by the Department of Conferences and Meetings Management (DCMM) of the General Secretariat of the OAS in the year 2011;

That during the 45th Directing Council Meeting (Chile, 2014) environmentally-friendly meetings were implemented, adopting the above-mentioned “Eco-guide” as reference;

That in Resolution N° 6 “Environmentally-friendly meetings” of the 45th Directing Council Meeting (Chile, 2014), it was decided to permanently encourage the use of the paper reduction policy through distributing electronic documents, for example, through electronic mail and/or by being published in the PAIGH Internet portal;

The high costs of dispatching these by regular mail and express couriers, and also of the required materials to put the dispatch of publications into effect through those channels;

That the latest issues of the periodic journal publications are located on the web portal of the National Library of Anthropology and History of Mexico;

The actions determined by the General Secretariat to use the electronic exchange;

The recommendations of the 87th Meeting of the Authorities and of the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES TO:

1. Coordinate interactions with the various organizations and institutions with which the Institute distributes publications, so that the electronic exchange can be put into effect as quickly as possible.



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2. Notwithstanding the above, the General Secretariat should plan to print the number of copies that the PAIGH must distribute, in accordance with regulations.
3. To these ends, the General Secretariat will carry out the necessary actions to fulfill the above-mentioned objectives in the shortest time possible.



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RESOLUTION Number 19

**PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS GROUP OF EXPERTS
ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES (UNGEGN)**

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The proposal from the PAIGH National Section of Panama about the convenience of the PAIGH to participate as a regional representative in the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN);

That the Cartography Commission has a Geographic Names Working Group within its operating structure, directed by Roger L. Payne, United States;

The recommendations made by the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

Entrust the General Secretariat to, in coordination with the respective Working Group, report at the 89th Authorities Meeting (first semester of 2018) about the feasibility for PAIGH to participate in the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN) as a regional representative.



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RESOLUTION Number 20

90th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PAIGH

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That the PAIGH was founded on February 7, 1928, at the Sixth International American Conference held in Havana, Cuba;

That in 1930, the Government of the Mexican United States provided the building on “Ex-Arzobispado” street at N° 29, Observatorio, in Mexico City, to the PAIGH for its use, from which the permanent headquarters operates;

That through Resolution N° 9, approved at the 46th Directing Council Meeting (Colombia, 2015), the task of drafting a text containing the History of the 90 years of the PAIGH was set;

The major contribution of the PAIGH over the last 90 years towards increasing knowledge of the Earth Sciences and History, to benefit the Americas;

The recommendations made by the 87th and 88th Authorities Meetings and the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES TO:

1. Entrust the General Secretariat with the task of organizing the PAIGH 90th Anniversary celebration ceremony to be held on February 7, 2018.
2. Plan to present the book covering the 90 years of PAIGH history during the respective ceremony to celebrate that anniversary.
3. Invite the National Sections to consider participating in the commemorative activities of the 90th Anniversary of the Institute.
4. Entrust the General Secretariat, on behalf of the 21st General Assembly, to place a commemorative plaque to mark this occasion.



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5. Entrust to the General Secretariat and the National Sections to organize activities oriented towards giving visibility to the mission and Institute Projects, in the context of the 90th Anniversary



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RESOLUTION Number 21

LOCATIONS AND HOSTS OF THE 2018 AND 2019 STATUTORY MEETINGS

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That the United States offered to hold the 89th Authorities Meeting in the first semester of 2018;

The cordial invitation from the National Section of Bolivia, to host the 48th PAIGH Directing Council Meeting in 2018;

The cordial proposal of the El Salvador Delegation to serve as an alternate host for the 48th Directing Council Meeting as an alternate location;

The kind offer from the Dominican Republic National Section to be the location for the 4th Joint Technical Commission Meeting in 2019;

The cordial invitation of Chile to host the 49th Directing Council Meeting;

The cordial proposal from CNIG of Spain to serve as an alternate host for the 49th Directing Council Meeting in 2019, in case of any contingency, and after consulting with the proper authorities;

The cordial invitations of the delegations of the United States, Bolivia, El Salvador, Dominican Republic and Chile to host the indicated meetings;

The recommendations of the 87th and 88th Authorities Meetings, the Administrative Policy Committee, and the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

1. Designate the United States as the host for the 89th Authorities Meeting (first semester of 2018).
2. Designate Bolivia as the location and host of the 48th PAIGH Directing Council Meeting, to be held during the last trimester of 2018, with El Salvador serving as an alternate location.



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3. Designate the Dominican Republic as the host for the 4th Joint Technical Commission Meetings to be held half-way through 2019.
4. Designate Chile as the host of the 49th Directing Council Meeting to be held in the last trimester of 2019 and in case of any contingency, to Spain as an alternate host.
5. Thank the United States, Bolivia, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Chile, and Spain for their offers and interest in supporting the organization of the said statutory meetings of the PAIGH.



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RESOLUTION Number 22

GALLERY OF PORTRAITS OF PAN-AMERICAN HISTORIANS AND GEOGRAPHERS

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That during the Preliminary Assembly held in September of 1929, it was recommended “that one of the main chambers of the Institute, which is being built, be dedicated as a Gallery of Portraits of the most outstanding Historians and Geographers of America that there have been up to this date ...”;

That in accordance with Resolution X of the PAIGH Preliminary Assembly, held in September of 1929, it was agreed that one of the main chambers of the Institute be dedicated to a Gallery of Portraits of the most notable Historians of America;

That at the VI General Assembly of the PAIGH and the III History Consultation Meeting, held in the year 1947, it was resolved to recommend National Members carry out the necessary work, with whatever effort was essential, to complete not only the Gallery of Portraits of the Historians of America, but also the series of bio-bibliographies relating to the same subjects; approving the expansion of this project to including specialists in the Americas from other parts of the world, both their portraits and publication of the studies;

The research work carried out jointly between the National Library of Anthropology and History of Mexico and the PAIGH General Secretariat in the year 2017;

The importance of using an art gallery to recognize the main Pan-American historians and geographers, and also the main pieces of cartographic work of the continent;

The recommendations made by the 88th Authorities Meeting and the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES TO:

1. Entrust the General Secretariat to perform the work to restore the Pan American Historians and Geographers Gallery to display these portraits



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and national maps from the Member States and that this should be created as an open space to the public.

2. To request the National Sections resume sending both portraits of notable historians and geographers from their countries and the respective National Maps to be displayed permanently at the PAIGH headquarters.



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RESOLUTION Number 23

RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN THE PAIGH AND THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND HISTORY OF MEXICO

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That Number 14 of Article 9, of the Regulations of the General Secretariat, establishes that among other functions, the Secretary General “Signs Agreements, Memorandums of Understanding and their equivalents with governments, international organizations or private institutions, which should be subsequently ratified by the General Assembly or the Directing Council”;

The text of the conditions of use agreement signed between the PAIGH and the “Dr. Eusebio Dávalos Hurtado” National Library of Anthropology and History;

The recommendations of the 88th Authorities Meeting, the Administrative Policy Committee, and the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

Ratify the Conditions of Use Agreement between the PAIGH and the National Library of Anthropology and History of Mexico, signed on June 16, 2017.



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RESOLUTION Number 24

**RATIFICATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE
PAN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That Number 14 of Article 9, of the Regulations of the General Secretariat, establishes that among other functions, the Secretary General “Signs Agreements, Memorandums of Understanding and their equivalents with governments, international organizations or private institutions, which should be subsequently ratified by the General Assembly or the Directing Council”;

The text of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Pan American Development Foundation and the PAIGH;

The recommendations of the 87th and 88th Authorities Meetings, the Administrative Policy Committee, and the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

Ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between the Pan American Development Foundation and the PAIGH, signed on July 28, 2017.



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RESOLUTION Number 25

RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH COPA AIRLINES

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That Number 14 of Article 9, of the Regulations of the General Secretariat, establishes that among other functions, the Secretary General “Signs Agreements, Memorandums of Understanding and their equivalents with governments, international organizations or private institutions, which should be subsequently ratified by the General Assembly or the Directing Council”;

The text of the Agreement between the airline, Copa Airlines, and the PAIGH;

The recommendations of the 87th and 88th Authorities Meetings, the Administrative Policy Committee, and the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

Ratify the Agreement between the airline, Copa Airlines, and the PAIGH, signed on January 25, 2017.



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RESOLUTION Number 26

ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The Memoirs of the PAIGH General Secretariat (2014-2017) presented during the first plenary session of the 21st General Assembly;

That said Memoirs reflect the accomplishments during a significant time period in the events of the Institute;

That recommended by the first plenary session and by the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

Accept the Memoirs of the PAIGH General Secretariat (2014-2017).



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RESOLUTION Number 27

ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORTS FROM THE 2014-2017 COMMISSION PRESIDENTS

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The reports about activities presented by the Cartography, Geography, History, and Geophysics Commissions, corresponding to the 2014-2017 time period;

The recommendations from the first plenary session and the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

1. Accept the report presented by the President of the Cartography Commission, Dr. Carlos López Vázquez, corresponding to the 2014-2017 time period.
2. Accept the report presented by the President of the Geography Commission, Ms. Jean Parcher, corresponding to the 2014-2017 time period.
3. Accept the report presented by the President of the History Commission, Dr. Patricia Galeana Herrera, corresponding to the 2014-2017 time period.
4. Accept the report presented by the President of the Geophysics Commission, Dr. Walter Fernández Rojas, corresponding to the 2014-2017 time period.
5. Highlight the leadership and achievements made during this time period for each of the Commission Presidents.



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RESOLUTION Number 28

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM NATIONAL SECTIONS

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That Article 38, point 5 of the PAIGH Organic Statutes establishes that, among the functions of the National Sections is the requirement to provide an annual report about the activities of that Section to the Directing Council or the General Assembly;

That the National Sections of the following countries have submitted their respective reports to the 21st General Assembly: Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, the United States and Uruguay;

The recommendation of the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

1. Thank the National Sections of these countries for reporting their activities to the 21st General Assembly for the benefit of the programs of the Institute and their relations with the respective governments of the Member States.
2. Reiterate the importance of including the description of the corresponding activities and the full list of the National Section members in the report.
3. Reiterate that, for National Sections to submit requests for Technical Assistance projects, it is a requirement to have complied with the commitment to present the report of the National Section activities of the respective country.
4. Set April 15, 2018 as the deadline for those Member States, which have not yet done so, to provide the report covering the year 2017.



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RESOLUTION Number 29

RECOGNITION OF THE EXITING PAIGH PRESIDENT

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The contribution and dedication of the exiting PAIGH President, Mr. Rigoberto Magaña Chavarría, during the time-period, 2014-2017;

The recommendation of the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

1. Express the gratitude of PAIGH to Mr. Rigoberto Magaña Chavarría for his support, his outstanding efficiency and dedication to the Pan-American cause of the Institute.
2. Entrust to the General Secretariat to communicate the distinction awarded to the exiting President and make this resolution known through available means.



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RESOLUTION Number 30

RECOGNITION OF THE EXITING PAIGH VICE-PRESIDENT

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The dedication and enthusiastic work displayed by the PAIGH Vice-President, Dr. Roberto Aguiar Falconi, that has been widely recognized, as much by the Institute members, as by the 21st General Assembly;

The recommendation of the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

Warmly express the appreciation of PAIGH to Dr. Roberto Aguiar Falconi for his support, his outstanding effectiveness and dedication in accomplishing his work as the Vice-President of the Institute.



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RESOLUTION Number 31

GRATITUDE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC PANAMA

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The support and special attention received from the Illustrious Government of the Republic of Panama for hosting the 21st General Assembly and PAIGH Consultation Meetings and the linked scientific activities;

The recommendation of the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

1. Entrust to the General Secretariat that on behalf of the PAIGH Member States and representatives, present their appreciation to the Illustrious Government of the Republic of Panama and their Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the outstanding collaboration and the support given for the accomplishment of the 21st PAIGH General Assembly, sending expressions of affection to all the Panamanian people and their institutions, for all the received attention.
2. To especially thank the National Land Administration of Panama (ANATI) for their decisive support and commitment toward the preparation, coordination, and successful development of the 21st General Assembly and Consultation Meetings.
3. Give a vote of recognition to the Panamanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for their valuable contribution for the successful accomplishment of the 21st General Assembly.



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RESOLUTION Number 32

RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE “TOMMY GUARDIA,” THE PAIGH NATIONAL SECTION OF PANAMA, AND THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The careful organization, timely execution and fraternal attention given by the National Geographic Institute, “Tommy Guardia,” host of the PAIGH National Section, and the Organizing Committee for the accomplishment of the 21st General Assembly and Consultation Meetings, as well as the other scientific events, linked to the activities of the Institute;

The recommendation of the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

Affectionately express the recognition and gratitude of PAIGH and the Pan-American community to the National Geographic Institute, “Tommy Guardia,” host of the PAIGH National Section, led by their Director, and to all the members of the local Organizing Committee for the important contribution given to PAIGH for the successful celebration of the 21st General Assembly and Consultation Meetings statutorily foreseen and other academic and informative meetings for the Pan-American community.



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RESOLUTION Number 33

GRATITUDE TO THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT STAFF

The 21st General Assembly of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That the 21st General Assembly and Commission Consultation Meetings have been successfully finalized;

The dedicated work done by all the General Secretariat Staff for the preparation, coordination, organization, and development of the General Assembly and the Commission Consultation Meetings;

The recommendation of the Committee for the Coordination of Resolutions,

RESOLVES TO:

Express to all of the General Secretariat staff, profound recognition for the polished work seen in the preparation, coordination, organization, and successful execution, as much for the 21st General Assembly as for the Commission Consultation Meetings:

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