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RESOLUTION No. 1

THE PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

AS:

On January 12, 1949, the Council of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) signed an agreement to define the relationship between the two entities;

On May 06, 1974, within the framework of the Buenos Aires Protocol, a new agreement was formalized which governs the current relationship between the OAS and the PAIGH;

CONSIDERING:

That the purpose of the PAIGH, in its capacity as a specialized agency of the OAS, is to promote, coordinate and disseminate cartographical, geophysical, geographical and historical studies, as well as those of similar sciences of interest for the Americas; to promote and conduct studies, projects and training in said fields and to encourage cooperation between institutions associated with said fields in the Americas and related international organizations;

That during the 44th General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), held in the Republic of Paraguay in June 2014, the importance of continuing to implement the commitments assumed regarding sustainable development, climate change and comprehensive disaster risk management was highlighted in order to contribute to improve the standard of living of all;

RECOGNIZING:

The importance of the studies conducted by the PAIGH in its respective fields of action, particularly the historical and patrimonial knowledge of our peoples, as well as the in-depth analysis of our diverse continental territorial reality, with a vision of integration and cooperation between the specialized agencies of the Member States;

The broad consensus of many international organizations that these types of analyses are fundamental in order to be able to back the comprehensive development plans required for our region on important topics such as the eradication of poverty, climate change and territory risk studies,



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RESOLVES:

1. To acknowledge the work of the PAIGH in its fields of action, which have benefitted the American continent.
2. To entrust the PAIGH to continue to conduct studies and submit publications on the history of the Americas so as to contribute to the knowledge and preservation of the patrimony of the peoples of the Americas, as well as to foster their integration and bolster Pan-Americanism.
3. To recommend the PAIGH act as facilitator in creating an integrated digital map that will, among other things, contribute to sustainable development, prevention and integral management of natural risks, climate change studies and adaptation.
4. To recommend to the Members States of the OAS that are not yet part of the PAIGH to assess the feasibility of joining said Institute, so as to facilitate processes to conduct historical and territorial studies in order to improve the standard of living of the peoples and inhabitants of the region.



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RESOLUTION No. 2

RULES FOR THE AWARD FOR THE MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL THESIS ON CARTOGRAPHY, GEODESY OR GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The relevance of the PAIGH advancing geographical information for Pan America;

The need to strengthen the links between the Commission on Cartography, National Sections and scientific networks;

The importance of consolidating the Pan American Network of Professionals and integrating new generations of specialists, technicians and scientists;

Recommendation number 23 “Creation of the award for the best postgraduate thesis (master’s or doctorate degree)” of the 22nd Meeting of Consultation on Cartography (Uruguay, 2013);

The recommendations of the 81st and 82nd Meeting of Officers and the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To, as of 2015, create the “Master’s and/or doctoral thesis award in cartography, geodesy or geographical information” as a means whereby the PAIGH, through the Commission on Cartography, shall strengthen the links between the National Sections and scientific networks, fostering the integration of new generations of specialists, scientists and researchers.
2. In order to encourage the participation of the next generations, as of 2015, each year a “Master’s Thesis Award in Cartography, Geodesy or Geographical Information” will be granted. As of 2016, every two years the “Doctoral Thesis Award in Cartography, Geodesy or Geographical information” will be granted.



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3. The Technical Secretariat of the Commission on Cartography shall verify compliance of the formal elements of the documents prior to sending them to the members of the Jury.
4. The call for the awards shall be made each year through the General Secretariat of the PAIGH, in coordination with the Institute's President and the Commission on Cartography.
5. [The attached bases](#), which are very similar to the general bases of other awards and acknowledgements granted by the PAIGH, have been approved. These may be modified as per agreement of the Officers of the PAIGH, prior to each call, at the request of the General Secretariat.
6. To ask the Commission on Cartography to propose the names for the Master's and Doctoral Thesis Awards in Cartography, Geodesy or Geographical Information to the 83rd Meeting of Officers (2015).



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RESOLUTION No. 3

**AWARD FOR THE MASTER'S
OR DOCTORAL THESIS IN HISTORY**

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The relevance of the PAIGH advancing historical information for Pan America;

The need to strengthen the links between the Commission on History, the National Sections and scientific networks;

The importance of consolidating the Pan American Network of Professionals and integrating new generations of specialists, technicians and scientists;

The report of the Chairperson of the Commission on History which was submitted to the 45th Meeting of the Directing Council (Chile, 2014);

The recommendations of the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To ask the Commission on History to propose to the 83rd Meeting of Officers (2015) the bases and names for the Master's and Doctoral Thesis Awards in History.



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RESOLUTION No. 4

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIONAL SECTION
ANNUAL REPORTS**

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That the Pan American Agenda of the PAIGH stipulates it is important to improve the actions of its National Sections;

That it is essential to be informed of the works carried out by the National Sections through the corresponding annual reports;

That National Sections must issue an annual report on their activities;

The recommendations of the 81st and 82nd Meetings of Officers, the Scientific Policy Committee and the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To set forth the following minimum requirements for the reports National Sections must file each year:

1. Legal background information, decrees, regulations or any other national standards that govern the National Section.
2. National Section members and contact information:
 - a. National Section Chairperson
 - b. National Section Vice Chairperson
 - c. Principal members: Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics
 - d. Alternate members: Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics
 - e. Technical Secretary of the National Section
 - f. Specialists who participate in each Commission, indicating position and duties (committees, work groups, names of people responsible for projects, etc.)
3. Annual work plan
 - a. Objectives
 - b. Goals
 - c. Meetings of the National Section
 - d. PAIGH Technical Assistance Projects carried out
 - e. Other activities carried out in connection with the PAIGH
4. Technical recommendations and/or suggestions that are deemed worthy of sharing with other Members States
5. Other topics of interest of the respective National Section.



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RESOLUTION No. 5

**INVITATION TO MEMBER STATES OF THE OAS
THAT ARE NOT CURRENTLY MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE TO BECOME
OBSERVERS OR FULL MEMBERS OF THE PAIGH**

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That the PAIGH is a specialized technical agency of the Organization of American States (OAS);

That not all Member States of the OAS are part of the PAIGH;

That when the Secretary General submitted the annual report to the OAS (United States of America, 2014) mention was made of the need to invite those American States that are not yet a part of the PAIGH to join it;

The recommendations of the 81st and 82nd Meetings of Officers, the Administrative Policy Committee and the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To back the actions of the Secretary General to invite those Member States of the OAS that are not yet a part of the PAIGH to join as observers or full members.



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RESOLUTION No. 6

SUSTAINABLE MEETINGS

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The importance of adopting environmental protection measures;

The provisions of the “Eco-Guide: Guide to Holding Eco-Friendly Conferences and Meetings” published in 2011 by the Department of Conferences and Meetings Management (DCMM) of the OAS;

The recommendations of the 82nd Meeting of Officers and the Administrative Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To encourage the PAIGH to carry out environmentally-friendly meetings, adopting as its reference the “Eco-Guide: Guide to Holding Eco-Friendly Conferences and Meetings” of the OAS.
2. To permanently follow a policy of using less paper and, to that end, electronically distribute documents by email and/or publish them on the PAIGH internet portal.
3. To promote the implementation of a policy to print only on request and to print on both sides of the paper for those attending meetings and who expressly ask for it.
4. To, in every respect, reduce materials for participants (note pads, printed documents, pencils, binders, etc.) and to foster the use, to the extent possible, of biodegradable materials.
5. To instruct the Secretary General of the PAIGH to implement sustainability measures in the management of the Institute.



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RESOLUTION No. 7

STRENGTHENING OF INSTITUTIONS IN THE AMERICAS IN THE SPECIALTY FIELDS OF THE PAIGH

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That the Sixth Summit of Heads of State and/or Governments of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) held in Mexico in April 2014 acknowledged the relevance of comprehensive disaster management, as well as the importance of having a territorial information platform and a national spatial infrastructure in place for the benefit of the respective States;

That the 44th General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), held in the Republic of Paraguay in June 2014 highlighted the importance of continuing to implement the commitments assumed regarding sustainable development, climate change and comprehensive disaster management in order to contribute to improve the standard of living of all persons;

That Resolution 1 of the United Nations' Tenth Regional Cartography Conference for the Americas acknowledged the work carried out by the PAIGH, the Geocentric Reference System for the Americas (SIRGAS in Spanish), the Regional Committee of the UN Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas (UN-GGIM:Americas) and the GeoSUR Program of the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) and recommended to increase the cooperation and coordination between such organizations, based on a joint action plan;

That promoting the submission of proposals to the annual call for Technical Assistance Projects in the fields of expertise of the Institute (cartography, geography, history and geophysics) is encouraged;

That the use of a historical approach to all topics is essential in order to preserve the heritage of the peoples of the Americas and to foster Pan-Americanism;

That the foregoing objectives are consistent with the provisions of the strategic plan defined in the Pan American Agenda and the permanent goals of the PAIGH;

The recommendations of the 81st and 82nd Meetings of Officers, the Scientific Policy Committee and the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,



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RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Chairpersons of the Commissions on Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics to propose pertinent improvements to the PAIGH Pan American Agenda, so as to create a joint work schedule for the Commissions.
2. To use the 2013-2015 Joint Action Plan to Expedite the Development of the Spatial Data Infrastructure for the Americas signed by the PAIGH, SIRGAS, UN-GGIM:A and GeoSUR as a model to analyze the possibility of establishing partnerships with external agencies so as to strengthen the Pan American Agenda.
3. To instruct Officers so that, based on the proposals resulting from the Technical Meeting of the Commissions (2015), the pertinent improvements to the Pan-American Agenda and the Joint Action Plan mentioned above be submitted to the 2015 46th Meeting of the Directing Council.



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RESOLUTION No. 8

SYSTEM TO REQUEST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That promoting the submission of proposals to the annual call for Technical Assistance Projects in the fields of expertise of the Institute is encouraged;

That the PAIGH must modernize the current submission and evaluation procedures followed in the annual call for Technical Assistance Projects;

The recommendations of the 81st and 82nd Meetings of Officers, the Scientific Policy Committee and the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the General Secretariat so that, in coordination with the respective Chairpersons of the Commissions, it may implement a new system as of 2015 to submit and evaluate projects responding to the annual call for Technical Assistance of the PAIGH in order to optimize current processes and use technology and IT innovations.
2. To that end, the General Secretariat shall, in a timely manner, inform National Sections of the new processes.



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RESOLUTION No. 9

PAIGH PAN AMERICAN NETWORK OF PROFESSIONALS

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That the PAIGH Pan American Network of Professionals was created to strengthen the connections between the Institute and professionals interested in its fields of expertise and to encourage measures that foster their development;

The importance of forging connections between young researchers and the PAIGH;

The recommendations of the 81st and 82nd Meetings of Officers and the Scientific Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to the Chairpersons of the National Sections of the Member States that their members, as well as the academicians, researchers and professionals linked to the National Section in question, join the Pan American Network of Professionals as per the guidelines mentioned on the PAIGH website.
2. To stipulate it is an indispensable requirement for those submitting Technical Assistance Projects that they belong to the Pan American Network of Professionals.



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RESOLUTION No. 10

REPRESENTATION OF THE PAIGH

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That Resolution 1 of the United Nations' Tenth Regional Cartography Conference for the Americas acknowledged the work carried out by the PAIGH, the Geocentric Reference System for the Americas (SIRGAS in Spanish), the Regional Committee of the UN Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas (UN-GGIM:Americas) and the GeoSUR Program of the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) and recommended to increase the cooperation and coordination between the UN-GGIM:Americas and the PAIGH, SIRGAS and GeoSUR based on a joint action plan;

That the foregoing objectives are consistent with the provisions of the strategic plan defined in the PAIGH Pan American Agenda;

That both the PAIGH Pan American Agenda and the abovementioned joint action plan should include fostering actions to strengthen institutions so as to make the best use of resources and geospatial information for the benefit of the Pan American region;

That, for such purpose, it is necessary to stay connected with international agencies specializing in spatial infrastructure;

The recommendations of the 81st and 82nd Meetings of Officers, the Scientific Policy Committee and the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

1. To maintain the formal representation of the PAIGH before agencies specializing in the field of spatial data infrastructure through the Secretary General of the Institute. Particularly with the Global Spatial Data Infrastructure Association (GSDI) and the ISO TC/211 Technical Committee.
2. To instruct the pertinent Commissions of the Institute to designate technical delegates to said specialized agencies so they may provide direct advice to the Secretary General on the relevant technical fields in order to reach the institution's objectives.



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RESOLUTION No. 11

CREATION OF THE PAIGH EDITORS WORK GROUP

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The recommendations of the Meetings of Consultation of the Commissions on Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics held prior to the 20th General Assembly of the PAIGH (Uruguay, 2013) regarding the need to constantly adapt their periodic publications to the international standards applied to scientific journals, as well as to promote their incorporation into indexes of broad international renown;

The recommendations of the 22nd and 19th Meetings of Consultation of the Commissions on Cartography and Geography, respectively, to update the periodic publications, including editorial committees, design, content and format, as well as the recommendation to create a special work group that holds scheduled virtual meetings and is comprised of the editors of the PAIGH periodic publications, guided by the General Secretariat;

The diagnosis performed by the Commission on History on the *Revista de Historia de América*, *Revista de Arqueología Americana* and the *Boletín de Antropología Americana* to comply with the minimum requirements to enter the “Latindex”;

The recommendations of the 81st and 82nd Meetings of Officers, the Scientific Policy Committee and the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

1. To create the PAIGH Editors Work Group comprised of the periodic publications’ editors and coordinated by the Publications Department of the General Secretariat.
2. To instruct the aforementioned work group to, in coordination with the Commission Chairpersons present at the 83rd Meeting of Officers (2015,) submit a work plan so as to be included in “Latindex”, ideally by December 2015. Once that has been done, inclusion in other indexes will be arranged for.



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RESOLUTION No. 12

UPDATING THE NATIONAL MAPS OF MEMBER STATES

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The importance of updating the national cartography and maps of its Member States in order to assist with their comprehensive development plans;

The recommendations of the 81st and 82nd Meetings of Officers, the Scientific Policy Committee and the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend the Member States make the necessary efforts to update their national cartography.
2. To request the Commissions on Cartography and Geography to set up a mechanism, to be submitted to the Officers in the first quarter 2015, to determine the status of the Member States' digital maps.
3. To instruct the Commissions on Cartography and Geography to, in coordination with the National Sections, propose technical procedures to optimize cartography updating processes using the latest geographical information technologies.
4. To request that, during the Joint Meetings of Consultation to be held in 2015 the Commission on Cartography, in coordination with the Commission on Geography, conduct a workshop on technical updating procedures with the cooperation of the Member States interested in submitting proposals.



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RESOLUTION No. 13

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PAIGH
AND THE URUGUAYAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION
AGENCY**

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That point 14 of Article 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Secretariat stipulates the duties of the Secretary General are: "To sign agreements, memoranda of understanding and their equivalent with governments, international organizations or private institutions, which shall subsequently be ratified by the General Assembly or the Directing Council";

The text of the memorandum of understanding signed by the Uruguayan International Cooperation Agency (AUCI) and the PAIGH;

The recommendations of the 82nd Meeting of Officers, the Scientific Policy Committee and the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To ratify the signing of the memorandum of understanding between the PAIGH and the Uruguayan International Cooperation Agency which took place in Montevideo, Uruguay on November 7, 2014.



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RESOLUTION No. 14

**RATIFICATION OF THE LETTER OF INTENT SIGNED BY
EUROGEOGRAPHICS, CAF – DEVELOPMENT BANK OF LATIN AMERICA,
PSMA AUSTRALIA AND THE PAIGH**

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That point 14 Article 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Secretariat stipulates the duties of the Secretary General are: “To sign agreements, memoranda of understanding and their equivalent with governments, international organizations or private institutions, which shall subsequently be ratified by the General Assembly or the Directing Council”;

The wording of the letter of intent signed by EuroGeographics, CAF – Development Bank of Latin America, PSMA Australia and the PAIGH;

The recommendations of the 82nd Meeting of Officers, the Scientific Policy Committee and the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To ratify the letter of intent signed by EuroGeographics, CAF – Development Bank of Latin America, PSMA Australia and the PAIGH on June 18, 2014.



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RESOLUTION No. 15

PROPOSED PAYMENT OF QUOTAS BY THE MEMBER STATE NICARAGUA

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That Article 27 of the Financial Rules of Procedure stipulates the Secretary General is authorized to proceed to request the payment of late quotas from its Member States and to submit the draft agreement considered together with the Officers of the debtor Member State to the Directing Council;

That the government of Nicaragua, by means of its Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has officially submitted a proposal to pay its quotas to the PAIGH General Secretariat of the PAIGH;

The recommendations of the 81st and 82nd Meetings of Officers and the Financial Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the payment proposal officially submitted by the government of Nicaragua to the PAIGH General Secretariat and to ratify the negotiations conducted for such purpose by the General Secretariat. With this, the following payments will be made so the Member State may be current in the payment of its quotas:
 - One payment, already made in 2014, of US\$ 3,900.00
 - Six annual payments of US\$ 12,690.55 each, to be made between 2015 – 2020.
2. To authorize the PAIGH National Section in said country to submit Technical Assistance Projects as long as it complies with the proposed payment of quotas.



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RESOLUTION No. 16

2015 SCALE OF QUOTAS

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That each year the Directing Council, as per the provisions of Article 39 of the Organic Statutes and Article 3 of the Financial Rules of Procedure, must set the amount of the quotas to be paid by Member States and which shall apply during the following year;

That Resolution 10 of the 20th General Assembly of the PAIGH (Uruguay 2013) stipulated the maximum limit for annual quotas in the amount of US\$878,000, which has been in effect since 2001, could remain in effect;

That the current scale of quotas has been in effect since 1996;

That the PAIGH General Secretariat conducted a study on the inflation rates of its Member States that pointed to the fact that the dollar has lost purchasing power, mainly in Mexico where the headquarters of the General Secretariat are located;

The recommendations of the 81st and 82nd Meetings of Officers and the Financial Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To continue in 2015 with the same scale of quotas of 2014 and that has been in effect since 1996.
2. To back the strategy of the General Secretariat, which consists of seeking specific alternative funds to execute the priorities, established in the Pan American Agenda.
3. To ask the General Secretariat to conduct a financial study to back the request for resources of the pertinent officers to be submitted to the 83rd Meeting of Officers (2015) and later to the 46th Meeting of the Directing Council.



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RESOLUTION No. 17

**MODIFICATION TO ARTICLE 28 OF THE FINANCIAL RULES OF
PROCEDURE REGARDING THE SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS**

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The appropriateness of having mechanisms that will make the organization more efficient for its adequate governance and the achievement of its goals;

The importance of focusing on the best interests of the Institute and the advantage of striking a consensus when reaching decisions that affect the development of the institution;

The recommendations of the 81st and 82nd Meetings of Officers and the Financial Policy Committee,

RESOLVES:

To modify Article 28 of the Financial Rules of Procedure to read as follows:

Article 28. Member States that on the date of submission of nominations are current in the payment of their quotas or pending payment of up to one quota shall be entitled to have their nationals elected for a position as Officer of the PAIGH.



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RESOLUTION No. 18

HONORARY AFFILIATES

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

Resolution VII of the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council (the United States of America, 1983) and Resolution V of the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council (Dominican Republic, 1984);

The recommendations of the 82nd Meeting of Officers, the Administrative Policy Committee and the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

1. To designate the following as honorary affiliates of the PAIGH:
 - María Elena Rodríguez Ozán, Mexico
 - Doctor Óscar Aguilar Bulgarelli, Costa Rica
2. To ask the Secretary General to make said announcements widely public.



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RESOLUTION No. 19

VENUE FOR THE 47TH MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The cordial invitation of the government of Paraguay to hold the 47th Meeting of the Directing Council of the PAIGH in 2016;

The recommendations of the Administrative Policy Committee and the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

1. To designate Paraguay as the venue of the 47th Meeting of the Directing Council to be held in the last quarter of 2016.
2. To thank the government of Paraguay for its offer and interest in backing the activities of the PAIGH.



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RESOLUTION No. 20

**BACKING FOR THE CARIBBEAN PROJECT SUBMITTED
BY THE MEMBER STATE MEXICO**

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That the Sixth Summit of Heads of State and/or Governments of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) held in Mexico in April 2014 acknowledged the relevance of comprehensive disaster management, as well as the importance of having a territorial information platform and a national geospatial infrastructure in place for the benefit of the respective States;

That the National Section of Mexico submitted the scope of the Caribbean Project, which seeks to implement a geospatial information and infrastructure system that meets the needs of the Caribbean region and uses geospatial information for the benefit of the respective peoples of the region. That with this, the broader Caribbean region would become a part of the efforts of the Initiative of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, which coincides with the objectives of the PAIGH at the continental level;

The recommendations of the Scientific Policy Committee and the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To express its backing of the Caribbean Project submitted by the National Section of Mexico, and to instruct the respective Commission Chairpersons and the General Secretariat to do whatever is necessary to undertake this cooperation project.



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RESOLUTION No. 21

2015 INTERNATIONAL CARTOGRAPHIC CONFERENCE

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

That the 27th International Cartographic Conference will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 2015;

The importance of this subject for the members of the PAIGH as an opportunity to exchange information among cartographic and geoinformation experts;

The recommendations of the Scientific Policy Committee and the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the National Sections and the official cartographic agencies of the Member States to attend the 27th International Cartographic Conference to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from August 23 – 28, 2015.



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RESOLUTION No. 22

2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The review of the Financial Report for fiscal year 2013;

The successful management results of the General Secretariat during fiscal year 2013 which translated into the financial sustainability of the Institute and the ability to carry out the institutional programs during fiscal year 2014;

The recommendations of the Financial Policy Committee and the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To approve the 2013 Financial Report.



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RESOLUTION No. 23

2013 AUDIT REPORT

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The Audit Report submitted by the public accountant and business consultancy firm of “Despacho Munir Hayek, S.C. Contadores Públicos y Consultores de Negocios”, dated January 1 to December 31, 2013 and its ruling that the financial statements of the PAIGH adequately reflect the financial situation for the stated fiscal year;

The information presented to the 45th Meeting of the Directing Council by the President of the PAIGH as to the content and quality of the audited period;

The recommendations of the Financial Policy Committee and the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the Audit Report for fiscal year 2013.
2. To authorize the Secretary General of the PAIGH to hire the auditing services for the Institute for 2014.



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RESOLUTION No. 24

PRESENTATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE NATIONAL SECTIONS

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

Article 38, subsection 5 of the Organic Statutes of the PAIGH establishes that one of the duties of the National Sections is to annually account for their activities before the Directing Council or General Assembly;

The National Sections of the following countries have submitted their reports to the 45th Meeting of the Directing Council: Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, the United States of America, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Peru, the Dominican Republic and Uruguay;

The recommendations of the Scientific Policy Committee and the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the National Sections of said countries for providing a report to the 45th Meeting of the Directing Council on their activities in support of the programs of the Institute and on their relationships with the corresponding governments of the Member States.
2. To reiterate the importance of including a description of the corresponding activities and the full list of members of the National Section in their reports.
3. To reiterate that one of the requirements for National Sections to submit requests for Technical Assistance Projects is that they present the report of activities of the National Section of the corresponding country.
4. To set April 15, 2015 as the deadline for Member States who have not already done so, to submit their 2014 reports.



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RESOLUTION No. 25

2015 PROGRAM BUDGET

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The Draft Program-Budget submitted by the General Secretariat for 2015;

The recommendations of the 82nd Meeting of Officers, the Financial Policy Committee and the Coordinating Committee for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To approve the 2015 Program-Budget.



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RESOLUTION No. 26

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY GENERAL
AND THE COMMISSION CHAIRPERSONS**

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The reports of activities submitted by the President, Secretary General and the Commissions on Cartography, Geography, History and Geophysics;

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

RESOLVES:

To accept said reports.



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RESOLUTION No. 27

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The support and outstanding considerations of the illustrious government of the Republic of Chile in the organization of the 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the PAIGH and related scientific activities;

The recommendations of the Coordinating Commission for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To entrust the Secretary General to, on behalf of the Member States of the PAIGH and their representatives, express our gratitude to the illustrious government of the Republic of Chile and its Minister of Foreign Affairs for the notable collaboration and support provided to the organization of the 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the PAIGH, extending expressions of fondness to the people of Chile and their institutions for all their courtesies.

To express its appreciation to the Office of the Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Multilateral Policies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile for their valuable contributions to the successful execution of the 45th Meeting of the Directing Council.



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RESOLUTION No. 28

**RECOGNITION TO THE MILITARY GEOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE OF CHILE,
THE NATIONAL SECTION OF THE PAIGH IN CHILE
AND THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

The 45th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The painstaking organization, timely execution and fraternal kindnesses extended by the Military Geographical Institute of Chile, which houses the National Section of the PAIGH, and the Organizing Committee to hold the 45th Meeting of the Directing Council and other scientific events connected to the work of the PAIGH;

The recommendations of the Coordinating Commission for Resolutions,

RESOLVES:

To affectionately express the recognition and gratitude of the PAIGH and the Pan American community to the Military Geographic Institute of Chile, which houses the National Section of the PAIGH, headed by its director, and all the members of the organizing committee for the significant contributions made to the PAIGH for the successful execution of the statutory 45th Meeting of the Directing Council and other academic and informational meetings for the Pan American community