



48th Meeting of the Directing Council

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RESOLUTION N° 16

INTEGRATED MAP OF AMERICA

The 48th Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan-American Institute for Geography and History (PAIGH),

CONSIDERING:

The workshops held in conjunction with the GEOSUR program of the CAF - Development Bank of Latin America, the National Geographic Information Center of Spain (CNIG-Spain), the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and the official cartographic agencies for the development of Integrated Digital Maps at 1:250,000 of America;

In order to make this cooperation effective, the Member States need to share and make compatible fundamental geographic data, also environmental, thematic and demographic data, in such a way that cooperation between the nations is encouraged and improved without compromising their national security;

The fact that monitoring of environmental change at a global scale requires cooperation between nations;

The fact that Article 1 of the PAIGH Statutes specifies that: “No work of a political or partisan nature shall be undertaken by the PAIGH. 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 supports and sponsors relates only to technical aspects that do not affect the interests pertaining to the Member States.”;

The fact that, in the Regulations for PAIGH Publications and Documents, Chapter VIII “General Rules”, Article 31 states: “In the publication of maps that contain international boundaries that may be subject to disputes, the PAIGH will make the limitations to its responsibility clear by printing at a visible location, the following clarification:

“The boundaries that appear in this map are not, in some cases, definitively determined and their reproduction does not mean the official approval or acceptance by the Pan American Institute for Geography and History (PAIGH)”;

The fact that the Integrated Map of America constitutes a trans-boundary project with the aim of setting up an integrated digital continental map that contributes to sustainable development, to the prevention and integrated management of natural hazards, and to studies of climate change and its mitigation;



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The recommendations of the 90th Meeting of the Authorities, of the Scientific Policy Working Committee, and of the Resolutions Coordination Committee,

RESOLVES TO:

1. Reaffirm that this type of initiative and work does not cause, under circumstances, any judicially valid position nor precedent in issues involving the international boundaries of the countries.
2. Insert the above-mentioned clarification stipulated by Article 31 in the products that result from the Project.
3. Continue to encourage coordinated and collaborative work between the National Sections of the Member States of the PAIGH, also in cooperation with other States of the Region.
4. Invite the States of the Caribbean to participate in the Integrated Map of America.
5. Hold a workshop in the framework of the 4th Technical Meeting of the Commissions (2019) coordinated by the Dominican Republic and Haiti, where the other Caribbean states are invited as observers.
6. Declare the permanent interest of the PAIGH in creating the tools that make it possible to improve the decision-making processes of governments, the academic sector, businesses, non-governmental organizations and all kinds of institutions involved in the formulation of policies for sustainable development at regional scale.
7. Recommend, to the PAIGH National Sections, that the Integrated Map of America be used as a basis for future projects that involve statistics, climate change and the reduction of natural hazards, among others, in order to avoid the duplication of efforts that use up resources.

