COMMUNIQUÉ

BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER HEALTH COMMISSION
AND THE
PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

CONSIDERING:

• That on September 26, 2004 the representative of the United States of America at the federal level, Rear Admiral Richard Walling, the representatives of Mexico at the federal level, Dr. Gabriel García Pérez and Mr. Mauricio Bailón, the Executive Directors of the United States-Mexico Border Health Commission (USMBHC), Ms. Eva M. Moya and Mr. Héctor Xavier Martinez, the Deputy Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Dr. Joxel García, and by telephone, Dr. Isaias Daniel Gutiérrez, Chief, PAHO Field Office El Paso, met in Washington, D.C. with the purpose of defining the role and function of the PAHO Field Office in light of the USMBHC;

• That in this meeting the Executive Directors of the USMBHC and the Chief of the PAHO El Paso Field Office were entrusted to meet to jointly program their activities for the years 2005-2007, with the purpose of not duplicating efforts and to strengthen the coordination between the institutions to accelerate the health development process on the United States-Mexico border; and

• That the USMBHC Executive Directors and Chief of the PAHO El Paso Field Office met on October 1, 2004 to coordinate the steps to follow up and on October 26, 2004 to jointly program the activities for the years 2005-2007.

Noting the above, the following has been agreed to:

1. Both organizations will cooperate with the purpose of improving the health conditions of border populations;

2. The PAHO El Paso Field Office will strive to develop and implement its 2004-2005 and 2006-2007 biennial program budget (BPB) based on the Healthy Border 2010 program goals and the internationally agreed upon goals of the U.N. Millennium Declaration, that are complementary to the Healthy Border 2010 goals.

3. To work together in conducting a Healthy Border 2010 program evaluation;

4. To develop with the Commission a single web-based health technology information platform for the United States-Mexico border;

5. To work jointly towards develop collaborative projects that support specialized training and technical cooperation;

6. To work together to assure the incorporation of border indigenous populations and migrant health themes within the overall Healthy Border 2010 goals;
7. The Chief of PAHO El Paso Field Office and the U.S. and Mexican Section Executive Directors will convene early in 2005 to prepare a collaborative implementation schedule that details their joint and complementary activities on the U.S.-Mexico border and responsibilities for each institution for 2005 and beyond.

In faith of which, the subscribed sign the present Agreement on two copies, in English and Spanish languages, of equal state and validity on this 17 day of March, 2005.

For the Pan American Health Organization:

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Isaías Daniel Gutiérrez
Chief, PAHO U.S.-Mexico Field Office
Designee for the Director of PAHO

For the U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission:

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Richard S. Walling
Designee for
U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services

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Gabriel García Pérez
Designee for
Mexico Secretary of Health