

SAN JOSE DECLARATION THE OUTLINE OF SOCIAL SECURITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

-Considers that the very foundation of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security addressed the need to establish a joint acquis among the countries of the Americas to continue promoting Social Security and establish new links of solidarity for the solution of common problems.

-Acknowledges that, despite the strengthening of Social Security in the Americas, there are problems that make possible to be aware that the horizon of the 21st century will continue to be impacted by different political, economic and social forces, characterising the dimension of the challenge to be overcome and testing the response capacity of their institutions.

-Affirms that, in this process, it is essential to give social security a distinctive and unmistakable dimension that fosters a real conspiracy to end disease, misery, inequality and injustice.

-Reiterates that never before have the challenges been greater or the pledges more extensive, since expectations on social security impose over it a great commitment so fear and uncertainty disappear from the horizon of our communities.

-Appreciates the political determination of governments to support the strengthening of social security and reinforces the importance of their legislative amendments and the effectiveness of institutions that echoes the union strength, the sector participation, the administration and financing capacity, and the community participation as a goal of national solidarity.

-Recognises that the suitability of social security institutions will be achieved to the extent that an increasing democratic and community participation in primary health care programmes is accomplished, their progress towards a conceptualization of social security law is reinforced, management mechanisms and social security programmes are improved and challenges arising from social security perspectives are faced.

By virtue of such considerations, the Conference:

Declares:

That social security in the Americas on the horizon of the 21st century must be supported with the creative effort of its institutions, the determined drive of its men and the highest solidarity and commitment before social needs, in a concerted effort, as has happened in this 15th Assembly.