

The delegate from WHO/OMS, representing an intergovernmental organisation like INTERPOL, was not excluded from the Monday afternoon and Tuesday working sessions that were closed to NGOs to allow delegates from law enforcement agencies, to discuss "sensitive law enforcement issues." As the role of the WHO/OMS representative is to collate and disseminate information that is relevant to public health / safety and prevention, no statement was given on behalf of WHO in Sao Paulo, nor any interviews given to the media even if a few opportunities to address Paulistas on firearm injury prevention in Portuguese were offered - despite the OMS delegate's Carioca accent. WHO/OMS resolution WHA49.25 and background documents on the Prevention of Violence as a public health problem and priority, were deposited for the record. An update of the results of the « United Nations international study on firearm regulation » was requested and will be made available upon request.

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- ⁱⁱ Legislative Background of the United Nations Project on Firearms Regulation for the Purposes of Crime Prevention and Public Safety. UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division. Annex 1; 5. Undated: distributed at Ljubljana, 22 Sep 1997.
- ⁱⁱⁱ Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders. Cairo, 29 April - 8 May, 1995. Resolution 9 (A/CONF.169/16/Rev.1, chap.1.)
- ^{iv} Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. Sixth Session, Vienna, 28 April - 9 May 1997. Resolution L.19 (E/CN.15/1997/L.19/Rev.1); Resolution 1997/28.
- ^v Hayes, J. Statement by the Chairman of the Expert Group on Firearm Regulation to the Panel of Governmental Experts on Small Arms. United Nations, New York. July 8, 1997; 1: "The work of the Commission [on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice] was mandated by the Economic and Social Council (1995/27), assisted by the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division in Vienna, and the focus has been *civilian firearms and civilian firearms regulation*, with an international perspective" [original emphasis].
- ^{vi} Syllabus of the European Regional Workshop on Firearm Regulation for the Purposes of Crime Prevention and Public Safety. United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Division. Ljubljana, 22 Sep 1997.
- ^{vii} Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. Sixth Session, Vienna, 28 April - 9 May 1997. Resolution L.19 (E/CN.15/1997/L.19/Rev.1); Resolution 1997/28.
- ^{viii} Mwansasu Wilson, Commissioner of Police, Dar-Es -Salam, Tanzania: Summary of the Chairman, African Regional Workshop on Firearm Regulation for the Purposes of Crime Prevention and Public Safety held at Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, distributed at Sao Paulo, Brazil on 12 December 1997. Pp.2.
- ^{ix} Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Italy Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, United-States, Uruguay.