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Pan American Resolutions

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### Resolution 1

The PAEB resolves that TRADE/WP.4/R.840/Rev.3, Release 1 of Message Design Rules for Batch EDI, dated 31 January 1997, be tabled for information purposes only by GE.1 and WP.4 at its March 1997 meeting. The PAEB has identified that the Rules do not address Version 4 of the syntax and do not include interactive EDI. During an initial analysis a number of rules were perceived as conflicting or ambiguous. In addition, the PAEB recommends that after revisions are made, the MDR be circulated for review and comment by all regions.

### Resolution 2

The Pan American EDIFACT Board resolves that TRADE/WP.4/R.982/Rev.1, UN/EDIFACT Directory Version/Release Procedures, dated 19 July 1996, shall not be adopted.

The document represents an unnecessary change to the present effective procedure. Maintenance and implementation of a message are directly tied to the message structure and code values in the Directory cited by the message type release number in data element 0054. The introduction of a new identification process for changes to message structure and boilerplate does not remove this linkage to the code values. The new identifiers also provide an additional data requirement for developers and implementers without corresponding benefit.

Sufficient identification is available in the existing message type release number procedures. The PAEB recognizes that the three position identifier may be more effectively transmitted in two data elements identifying the year (97) as a version and the letter designator (A or B) as the release.

### Resolution 3

The document JTAG Procedures for Regionally Unresolved DMRs Version 2.2 of April 1996 represents a significant initiative toward improving the visibility and consistency in Data Maintenance Request (DMR) processing. In order to formalize the procedures and review criteria reflected in this document, the PAEB resolves that it be adopted by the ESG and incorporated in future CEFACT operating procedures.

### Resolution 4

The PAEB recognizes the work of the Joint Rapporteur Team Task Group T3 Interactive EDI in developing the Interactive Technical Assessment Checklist as a means of consistently defining the development of Interactive EDI messages. The JTAG anticipates finalizing this document at the April 1997 JRT. The PAEB resolves that, based upon final JTAG agreement on the content of this document, the ESG adopt the document for use by all regions in developing, assessing, and approving Interactive messages.

### Resolution 5

The PAEB resolves that each JM group at the Singapore JRT meeting should be responsible for developing a position on each of the duplicate codes listed by the DAT in Annex A of the ESG report of 11-13 December 1996. Be it further resolved that the JMs positions be coordinated at the Singapore JRT meeting and that the Steering Committee at the JRT assign an ad hoc group to resolve the differences between the JM groups and raise DMRs accordingly.