Opportunities for the member States and the PAHO/WHO Secretariat to Advance the Commission’s Work

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• Avoid parallel tracks: interdependence

• Independence but not divorced

• Mainstream the work of the CSDH into the regular work of the Secretariat at global, regional, subregional and country level

• Incorporate Secretariat’s activities related to the CSDH into the Program Management Cycle of the Organization and the “One Program Budget”
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- Promoting country analysis of social determinants and social policies as part of Country Cooperation Strategy framework

- Articulate knowledge networks with collaborating centers, with research promoted by PAHO / WHO and with clearinghouse function of PAHO/WHO programs

- Linkages between CSDH and MDG technical cooperation and advocacy activities
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• Articulate a framework of operational definitions of WHO technical cooperation at country, subregional and global levels in support of the work of the CSDH

• Define mechanisms for the Commission to take part in WHO’s work in matters related to Social Determinants in Health

• Insert the voice of the CSDH in High Level Fora such as the MDGs or the Harmonization and Alignment ones