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FINAL REPORT

The Fourteenth Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization was held at Washington, D. C. , in the International Conference Suite of the Department of State from 20 to 24 September 1951, as convoked by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau. The following Members of the Committee and Observers were present:

Members of the Committee:

Dr. Gerardo Segura	ARGENTINA
Dr. Nacianceno Romero	CHILE
Mr. Alberto Díaz Alemañy (Adviser)	
Dr. Luis F. Thomen	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
Mr. Luis Galván (Adviser)	
Dr. Juan Allwood Paredes	EL SALVADOR
Dr. Luis F. Galich	GUATEMALA
Dr. H. van Zile Hyde	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Dr. Frederick J. Brady (Alternate)	

Mr. Howard B. Calderwood (Alternate)

Mr. Simon N. Wilson (Adviser)

Dr. Fred L. Soper (ex officio)

**PAN AMERICAN
SANITARY BUREAU**

Secretary:

Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante (ex officio)

Observers:

Dr. Almir Castro

BRAZIL

Dr. Jorge Boshell Manrique

COLOMBIA

Dr. Félix Hurtado

CUBA

Dr. Pedro Nogueira (Adviser)

Dr. René Lavoine

FRANCE

Mr. Gabriel Rosaz (Adviser)

Mr. Jean-Pierre Bénard (Adviser)

Dr. Nicolaas Hendrik Swellengrebel

NETHERLANDS

Dr. Leonardo Somarriba

NICARAGUA

Dr. J. W. P. Harkness

UNITED KINGDOM

Dr. J. P. O'Mahony (Adviser)

Mr. Paul R. Kelbaugh

**ORGANIZATION OF
AMERICAN STATES**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the first plenary session held on 20 September 1951, under the temporary Chairmanship of Dr. Gerardo Segura, Vice-Chairman of the 13th Meeting of the Executive Committee, the election of officers took place in conformity with Article 3 of the Rules of Procedure. Doctors H. van Zile Hyde (United States) and Juan Allwood Paredes (El Salvador) were unanimously elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively.

AGENDA

The draft agenda (Document CE14/1 - Rev. 2) was unanimously approved. At the request of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, the following topic was added: Approval of the Appointment of the Assistant Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

At the request of the Representative of Cuba, the proposal by the Government of Cuba for an Economic and Social Research Center was deleted from the agenda.

PROGRAM OF MEETINGS

The draft program of meetings (Document CE14/2 - Rev. 1) was unanimously approved. Six plenary sessions were held.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Committee received the report of the Subcommittee on the Revision of the Constitution (Document CE14/13/Addendum 1 and Annexes I and II); after discussion, the pertinent Resolution appearing in the Report was approved.

DRAFTING COMMITTEE

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the Drafting Committee was composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Secretary. The Committee held two meetings.

VOTES OF THANKS

The Executive Committee resolved to give a vote of thanks to the Secretary General and the Conference staff for their excellent work and the efficiency shown in the preparation of the documents.

It also resolved to place on record its gratitude to the Department of State of the United States for its generous cooperation in offering the Meeting the facilities of its International Conference Suite.

RESOLUTIONS

As a result of its deliberations, the Executive Committee approved the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION I

PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE
PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1952

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

NOTING THAT the changes in the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1952 as set forth in Resolution I of the 13th Meeting of the Executive Committee have been incorporated in Document CD5/4; and

POINTING OUT THAT, owing to circumstances of an economic nature, adjustments have been made in the Proposed Program and Budget for 1952, taking into account the proposed activities and financial contributions of other international organizations cooperating in public health programs in this Hemisphere,

RESOLVES:

To submit to the Directing Council for consideration the Proposed Program and Budget, prepared with the cooperation of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and presented in Document CD5/4.

RESOLUTION II

DESIGNATION OF THE REPRESENTATIVES
WHO ARE TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSED
PROGRAM AND BUDGET TO THE
DIRECTING COUNCIL

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

RESOLVES:

To appoint the Representatives of Chile and the United States to submit the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1952 to the Directing Council.

RESOLUTION III

ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIELD OFFICE IN THE
SOUTHERN REGION OF SOUTH AMERICA

WHEREAS:

The establishment of field offices has made it possible to carry out the decentralization policy of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau with the objective of collaborating more effectively with the Member Governments in the solution of public health problems;

In view of the numerous programs that are being developed in the Southern Region of South America, and after consideration of the factors determining the location of a field office, negotiations were initiated for establishing the headquarters for this Region in Buenos Aires; and

On 21 August 1951, the Government of the Republic of Argentina signed an Agreement with the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in which the establishment of a field office in the city of Buenos Aires to meet the needs of the Southern Region of South America was authorized, and the necessary privileges and immunities to facilitate its operation were granted,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the Directing Council that the Director be authorized to transfer, within the budget approved for 1952, the necessary funds for the operation of the Field Office for the Southern Region of South America.

RESOLUTION IV

**PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE
PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1953**

WHEREAS:

The Executive Committee is responsible for preparing, with the cooperation of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, the annual program and budget to be transmitted to the Directing Council for consideration;

The Executive Committee, at its 13th and 14th Meetings, made preliminary studies of the program and budget for 1953 with the Director; and

Document CE14/12, as part of these studies, remains under consideration by the Executive Committee,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

RESOLVES:

To transmit Document CE14/12 to the Directing Council for its information and for such comments as the Directing Council wishes to make thereon for the guidance of the Executive Committee in the preparation of the Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1953.

RESOLUTION V

**PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE REGION
OF THE AMERICAS, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION,
FOR 1953**

WHEREAS:

The proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, for 1953 has been examined,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

RESOLVES:

To transmit to the Directing Council, acting in its capacity as Regional Committee, the Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, for 1953, which the Committee finds satisfactory, so that the Council may give appropriate instructions to the Regional Director.

RESOLUTION VI

MEANS FOR FACILITATING PAYMENT OF QUOTA
CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS:

The transmission of monthly notifications by the Director to the Health Authorities of the Member Nations, as to the status of contributions to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, appears to be conducive to more prompt payments and a better understanding of the problem;

The time available has been insufficient to permit an adequate analysis of the replies received from the Governments regarding the budget questionnaire authorized by Resolution IV of the Executive Committee at its 13th Meeting; and

The Director has investigated and studied the proposals of the Executive Committee contained in paragraphs 4a and 4b of Resolution CE13/R/IV and recommends that the requirements for payments of contributions in U. S. dollars be continued; and, in view of the replies received from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Director to continue the procedure of notifying monthly the Health Authorities of Member Nations as to the status of quota contributions.

2. To request the Director to present a report based on a comprehensive analysis of the replies of the Governments to the budget questionnaire, with recommendations regarding this subject, to a future meeting of the Executive Committee.

3. To approve the recommendation of the Director that the practice of payments of contributions from Member Nations in U. S. dollars be continued.

RESOLUTION VII

PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FOR THE
PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

WHEREAS:

It is the desire of the governing bodies of the Pan American Sanitary Organization that the site for the construction of a permanent headquarters building for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau be located in the United States; and

In order to examine further with the Government of the United States of America any terms that may be attached to the offer of land made by the United States Delegation at the III and IV Meeting of the Directing Council, the Pan American Sanitary Bureau must notify the United States Department of State of the desire of the Pan American Sanitary Organization to acquire the aforesaid property,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

RESOLVES:

To recommend that the Directing Council inspect the site offered by the Government of the United States of America and make whatever decision it deems advisable.

RESOLUTION VIII

PARTICIPATION IN THE CONTINGENCY FUND
OF THE PAN AMERICAN UNION

WHEREAS:

The staff of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, with the exception of five staff members, are now participating in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

The staff members remaining in the Pan American Union Pension Fund are now provided with insurance benefits in cases of disability substantially greater than those afforded under the Contingency Fund of the Pan American Union; and

The need for participation in the Contingency Fund has now disappeared,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the action of the Director in discontinuing negotiations with the Pan American Union for participation in the Pan American Union Contingency Fund.

2. To recommend to the Directing Council that coverage under the Contingency Fund not be established for the staff members of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau who do not participate in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

RESOLUTION IX

**SPECIAL COMPENSATION FOR BILINGUAL
STAFF MEMBERS**

WHEREAS;

The IV Meeting of the Directing Council and the 13th Meeting of the Executive Committee have indicated the need for developing a bilingual staff for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and expressed the desire for providing special compensation for such bilingual personnel;

The World Health Organization has adopted a workable plan for providing additional monetary recognition for ability to read, write, speak and understand two or more working languages;

The Pan American Sanitary Bureau wishes to afford equal treatment for personnel of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and World Health Organization staff; and

The Executive Committee is cognizant of the estimated cost to the Bureau of granting such a language allowance,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the action of the Director in setting up examinations in the official languages of the Pan American Sanitary Organization and to grant special compensation for personnel under the local salary scale.
2. To recommend that the Directing Council take similar action in approving the action of the Director.
3. To request the Director to continue his efforts to develop a bilingual staff for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

RESOLUTION X

STAFF RULES OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

WHEREAS:

It is necessary that the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau conform as closely as possible to those of the World Health Organization; and

Document CE14/6 on the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which embodied the changes introduced in the Staff Rules of the World Health Organization, has been duly considered,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

RESOLVES:

1. To confirm the approval given by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to the changes in the Staff Rules under the terms of Staff Rule 060.
2. To form a working party, composed of the Representatives of Chile and Guatemala, to study the information furnished by the Director

with regard to the salaries of the three unclassified members of the staff of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and to request this working party to report to the Directing Council at its V Meeting.

RESOLUTION XI

REVISION OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY
CODE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL
SANITARY REGULATIONS

WHEREAS:

The Fourth World Health Assembly has adopted the International Sanitary Regulations as World Health Organization Regulations No. 2, which are world-wide in scope and represent the largest measure of agreement that it was possible for the Member States to achieve under the circumstances;

These Regulations represent a notable advance over other international sanitary conventions and contain provisions that are advantageous to the countries and territories of the Americas;

It is highly desirable to effect uniformity in the application of international sanitary measures in the Western Hemisphere and in other areas of the world, and also to achieve unanimity of action in the approval of the said Regulations and in the date on which they are to enter into force; and

It is necessary to reconcile the Pan American Sanitary Code with the International Sanitary Regulations of the World Health Organization so

that it will be consistent with the new Regulations, and the Pan American Sanitary Organization is the only body competent to accomplish this,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

RESOLVES:

To refer to the V Meeting of the Directing Council the documents on the revision of the Pan American Sanitary Code in accordance with the International Sanitary Regulations, submitted to the Committee by the Director, so that the Council may adopt the resolution it deems appropriate.

RESOLUTION XII

APPOINTMENT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF
THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

WHEREAS:

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau appointed Dr. Paulo C. A. Antunes as Assistant Director of the Bureau, commencing 1 July 1951, and requests the approval of this appointment in accordance with Article 18 (B) of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

RESOLVES:

To approve the appointment of Dr. Paulo C. A. Antunes as Assistant Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

RESOLUTION XIII

**APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT AGENDA OF THE
V MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL**

WHEREAS:

Pursuant to Article 10 (B) and Article 12 (B) of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, the Director submitted to the Executive Committee for approval the draft agenda of the V Meeting of the Directing Council,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

RESOLVES:

To approve the draft agenda contained in Document CD5/1 (Rev. 2) and submit it to the Directing Council for consideration at its V Meeting.

RESOLUTION XIV

FIRST INTER-AMERICAN CONGRESS OF PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS:

The Ministry of Public Health of the Government of Cuba has presented a preliminary program for the First Inter-American Congress of Public Health,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the preliminary program as outlined in Document CE14/14, and Addendum I.
2. To prepare a list of topics, so that the Directing Council may select two, which will complete the number of official topics.
3. To authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to invite the specialists whom he deems best qualified, to develop the topics referred to in Paragraph 2.

RESOLUTION XV

**REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION**

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Acting pursuant to the authority conferred in Resolution XXIII of the IV Meeting of the Directing Council and Resolution XXV of the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, and having noted the Report of the Subcommittee appointed to study this question, as contained in Document CE14/13 (Rev. 1) and Annex I thereto,

RESOLVES:

1. To transmit the said document and annex to the Directing Council for consideration.
2. To approve and adopt the recommendations that the revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization be postponed, and the study of the revision of the Constitution be continued by the Executive Committee, with consideration given to the points set forth in the Subcommittee Report.

3. To recommend that the Directing Council adopt the draft resolution and the amendments to the Rules of Procedure that appear in Annex I of the said Report.