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# PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT OF THE SIXTH MEETING

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## PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION

# SIXTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### FINAL REPORT

The Sixth Meeting of the Executive Committee convened in Mexico City, Mexico, on October 13, 1948, as called by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau. The following persons were present in representation of the seven countries constituting the Executive Committee:

#### REPRESENTATIVES:

Dr. Alberto Zwanck,

Representante Permanente ante los

Organismos Internacionales de Salubridad
Secretaría de Salud Pública

Dr. Heitor Praguer Fróes,

Diretor Geral do

Departamento Nacional de Saúde

Dr. Gonzalo González Murillo, COSTA RICA Jefe del Servicio de Neuropsiquiatría del Seguro Social

Dr. Luis F. Galich, GUATEMALA Director General de Sanidad Pública

Dr. Ignacio Morones Prieto, MEXICO Subsecretario de Salubridad y Asistencia

Dr. Ricardo Cappeletti, URUGUAY
Jefe de la División de Higiene
Ministerio de Salud Pública

Dr. Alfredo Arreaza Guzmán, VENEZUELA
Director de Salubridad Pública

#### ALTERNATES:

Dr. Carlos A. Crivellari, Secretario General de Sanidad Secretaría de Salud Pública ARGENT INA

Dr. José Zozaya, Asesor Técnico de la Secretaría de Salubridad y Asistencia MEXICO

Dr. Juvencio Ochoa, Director de Asistencia Social VENEZUELA

#### PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU:

Dr. Fred L. Soper, Director

Dr. John R. Murdock, Assistant Director

Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante, Secretary General.

The first plenary session was held at 10:45 A. M. on October 13, under the chairmanship of Dr. Ignacio Morones Prieto. The Representatives of Argentina and Guatemala were installed as members of the Executive Committee, pursuant to the election of those two countries, at the Second Meeting of the Directing Council, to fill the vacancies left in the Committee by Cuba and the United States of America, whose periods had expired. The election of Argentina and Guatemala is recorded in the Final Report (Title V) of the Second Meeting of the Directing Council (Document OSP.CD2.M/-5)<sup>1</sup>.

With full representation of the Member Countries, the Executive Committee accepted without modification the Rules of Procedure and Debate adopted at its Fifth Meeting, held from October 1 to 8, 1948 (Document OSP.CE5.M/-3). The election of officers was then taken up, with the following results:

Chairman: Dr. Ignacio Morones Prieto,

<sup>1</sup> Annex II, Letter A.

Vice Chairman: Dr. Alfredo Arreaza Guzmán,

Secretary: Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante, in accordance with Article 4 of the Rules of Procedure and Debate.

Immediately thereafter, the Committee approved the agenda (Document OSP.CE6.M/-1)<sup>2</sup> prepared for the Sixth Meeting by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

The Executive Committee decided to act as a single working committee; the following Drafting Committee was appointed:

The Chairman of the Committee, the Secretary and Drs. PRAGUER FROES and ARREAZA GUZMÁN.

Two plenary sessions were held, the second and Closing Session on October 13 at 9:00 P. M.

#### I - BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

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THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE studied the instructions and recommendations issued by the Directing Council at the Executive Section of its Second Meeting, held in Mexico City from October 8 to 12, 1948, and with reference to Title I, Paragraph 7 of the Directing Council Report<sup>3</sup>.

#### WHEREAS:

for the purpose of acting as a Budget Committee under Article 12, Letter "c" of the Constitution, the members of the Executive Committee require ample time to carry out pertinent studies, particularly in view of the lack of information regarding previous fiscal periods and on the preparation of

<sup>2</sup> Annex I.

<sup>3</sup> Annex II, Letter B.

data to serve as a basis in preparing budgets for the new program of the Bureau,

#### RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary
Bureau to submit the necessary accounting reports and budget
proposals at least twenty-five days in advance of the date of
the next Meeting of the Executive Committee.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, in accordance with the authorization conferred upon it by the Directing Council in Title I, Paragraph 9, of the Final Report of its Second Meeting 4,

#### RESOLVES:

2. To approve as modifications of the annual salaries of the Assistant Director and the Secretary General of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau the sums of US\$13,000.00 and US\$12,000.00, respectively. It was decided to distribute the annual budgetary appropriation for representation allowances in three subdivisions, as follows: US\$6,000.00 for the expenses of the Director, US\$2,000.00 for the Assistant Director, and US\$2,000.00 for the Secretary General.

# II - PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, upon consideration of Title II,
Paragraph 10, of the Final Report of the Second Meeting of the
Directing Council<sup>5</sup>,

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<sup>4</sup> Annex II, Letter C.

<sup>5</sup> Annex II, Letter D.

#### RESOLVES:

- 1. To place the study relating to the Pan American
  Conferences of National Directors of Health on the agenda of
  the Seventh Meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 2. To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to request, at least six months in advance of the Third Meeting of the Directing Council, the opinion of the national health authorities concerning the advisability of holding simultaneous annual meetings of the National Directors of Health and of the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.

# III - FACTUAL SURVEY OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL STUDIES

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, after hearing and fully discussing the proposal of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to carry out a factual field survey of medical and public health institutions in the American Republics, with a view to obtaining and presenting in tabulated form information regarding the programs and facilities which these institutions have available for the training of physicians, sanitarians and nurses, and considering the importance of this project and the difficulties inherent in its execution,

#### RESOLVES:

- 1. To accept in principle the proposal of the Director and instruct him to submit plans for such a study to the Seventh Meeting, and
  - 2. To authorize the Director to appoint the Pan American

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Commission that is to assist him in preparing these plans.

#### IV - GENERAL SUBJECTS

(a) Date of the Next Meeting of the Executive Committee.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, after hearing the opinions of its members regarding the date of its Seventh Meeting,

#### RESOLVES:

- 1. To abstain, for the present, from fixing a definite date for the Seventh Meeting, in Washington, in order that the date chosen may permit the Representatives of the countries to attend the Seventh Meeting and have sufficient time to proceed to Europe for the Second World Health Assembly, scheduled to take place in Rome in the middle of 1949.
  - (b) Welcome to the New Members.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE welcomed the Representatives of Argentina and Guatemala, the countries elected to membership for three years on the Committee.

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This Final Report was approved at the Plenary Session of October 13, 1948, and signed in Mexico City, Mexico, on the same date, at the Closing Session, by the Representatives of the countries composing the Executive Committee, as well as by the Director, Assistant Director and Secretary General of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

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Secretary General

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#### AGENDA

### SIXTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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#### PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION

October 13, 1948

Mexico City

- 1. Consideration of the resolutions of the Directing Council providing for action by the Executive Committee in reference to budgets.
- 2. Consideration of the resolutions of the Directing Council providing for action by the Executive Committee in reference to the program of the Bureau.
- 3. Proposal of the Director of the Bureau concerning a factual field study of institutions for the education of physicians, sanitarians and nurses. (Final Paragraph of Document OSP.CE5.M/-2).
  - 4. Miscellaneous subjects.

# PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION SIXTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEXICO CITY, OCTOBER 13, 1948

Resolutions taken by the Directing Council, Second Meeting, referred to in the Final Report of the Sixth Meeting of the Executive Committee:

A.- "V - ELECTION OF MEMBER COUNTRIES
TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Directing Council elected Argentina and Guatemala to fill the vacancies on the Executive Committee created by the termination of the periods of office of Cuba and the United States of America."

B.- "I - ORGANIZATION AND BUDGETS

After careful study of the documents presented by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, including the Final Report of the Fifth Meeting of the Executive Committee (OSP.CE5.M/-4),

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

#### RESOLVES:

.....7. To recommend that the Executive Committee give special attention to the provisions of Article 12, paragraph C, of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization and carry out the pertinent studies at the proper time, and that it prepare a comparative analysis of the two preceding fiscal periods and of the Preliminary Budget submitted, which should be forwarded to the Member Governments as early as possible.

C.-

.....9. To authorize the Executive Committee, at its Sixth Meeting, to study and propose modifications of the annual salaries of the Assistant Director and of the Secretary General of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, as well as of the representation allowances for the Director, the Assistant Director and the Secretary General of the Bureau."

D.-

"The Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, mindful of the considerations expressed by the Representatives of Panama and Peru,

#### "RESOLVES:

10. To direct the Executive Committee of the Pan American Sanitary Organization that it take up immediately a study of the objectives of future Pan American Conferences of National Directors of Health so that these may be devoted to study in toto and in situ of the progress achieved in the field of public health in the country where the respective meeting is held.

This study should take into account the desirability of holding simultaneous annual meetings of National Directors of Health and of the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, and should be communicated to the national health authorities six months before the next meeting, for its consideration and incorporation, if approved, as a resolution of the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization."