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REQUEST OF JAMAICA FOR ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE PAN AMERICAN
HEALTH ORGANIZATION

The Chair has the honor of submitting for the consideration of the Delegates the request of Jamaica for admission to membership of the Pan American Health Organization, together with the correspondence exchanged with the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the technical report on this matter prepared by the secretariat.

In accordance with the decision taken today by the General Committee, this matter will constitute the first item on the Order of the Day at the third plenary session, which will be held tomorrow, Thursday, 23 August.

Enclosures



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IN REPLY REFER TO: CT-MPS-17-62

22 August 1962

Sir:

I am carrying out the request contained in the communication dated 10 August from the Embassy of Jamaica in the United States of America by transmitting the original of that communication to you for your consideration.

In the document in question the Government of Jamaica applies for admission to membership of the Pan American Health Organization, in conformity with Article 2, Paragraph A of the Constitution of the Organization.

On 12 August the text of this communication was cabled to all the Governments of the Organization and later, on 13 August confirmed by a letter which was also sent to the Organization of American States and to the Director General of the World Health Organization.

I should be grateful if you would let me know what steps should be taken at the Conference with respect to the communication from the Government of Jamaica.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Abraham Hcrwitz
Director

Enclosure

His Excellency Dr. José Alvarez Amézquita
Chairman of the XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference
Minneapolis, Minnesota



Jamaican Embassy,
2129 Leroy Place, N.W.,
Washington D.C.

10th August, 1962.

Dear Dr. Horwitz,

I have the honour, on behalf of the Government of Jamaica, to make application for the membership of Jamaica in the Pan American Health Organization in accordance with Article 2A of the Constitution of the Organization.

On the 6th August, 1962, Jamaica became an independent American state responsible for the conduct of its international affairs.

The Government of Jamaica is willing to assume all the obligations imposed by the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization, and to comply with the provisions of the Pan American Sanitary Code as amended by the Additional Protocol of 1952. Furthermore, Jamaica is prepared to contribute, by means of a quota assessment, to the financial support of the Organization.

Before becoming independent, Jamaica was an associate member of the World Health Organization, to which the Pan American Health Organization is affiliated. In addition, for many years, through the Government of the United Kingdom and subsequently through the Government of the former West Indies Federation, Jamaica has been associated with Pan American Health Organization and has sent delegates to previous conferences.

The Jamaica Government now wishes to become a full member in its own right.

I should appreciate the transmittal of this letter to the Governments of the Pan American Health Organization and to the Chairman of the XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference for its consideration.

Yours faithfully,

V.H. McFARLANE
Chargé d'Affaires.

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IN REPLY REFER TO: CT-MPS-18-62

August 22, 1962

Dear Dr. Horwitz:

Thank you for your letter of today's date referring to the communication received from the Government of Jamaica requesting admission to Membership of the Pan American Health Organization, together with the original which you enclosed.

In the opinion of the Chair, the communication of the Government of Jamaica should be distributed to representatives as a Conference document, in spite of the fact that the Governments have already been informed of its contents.

Further, the Secretariat is requested to prepare a note on the subject of the legal and regulatory considerations arising out of the request of the Government of Jamaica for admission to the Organization. After its approval by the Chair, you will perhaps be good enough to distribute the note, which should be drafted as soon as possible to all the members of the General Committee. The Committee will consider the case and the Chair will then take appropriate measures to resolve the matter.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Dr. José Alvarez Amézquita
Chairman of the XVI Pan
American Sanitary Conference

Dr. Abraham Horwitz
Director
Pan American Sanitary Bureau
Minneapolis, Minnesota

REQUEST BY JAMAICA FOR ADMISSION AS A MEMBER OF THE
PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

The Director has the honour to inform the Conference that he has received a letter dated 10 August 1962 from the Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy of Jamaica in Washington, Mr. V. H. McFarlane, making application on behalf of the Government of Jamaica for membership of the Pan American Health Organization. The text of this letter was communicated to Governments of the Organization by cable on 12 August and confirmed by circular letter on 13 August and has been also transmitted to the President of the XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference. Copies of Mr. McFarlane's letter and of the Director's circular letter are annexed to this document.

In the absence of express provisions in the basic documents of the Organization establishing a procedure for the consideration by the Conference of this request, the Conference may wish to determine in what manner it would be appropriate to deal with it.

Without prejudice to such arrangements as may later be incorporated in the basic documents of the Organization, concerning the admission of new Members, it is thought that in this specific instance, certain principles could be followed by the Conference in considering the request by the government of Jamaica. The simple procedure outlined below would enable the Conference, should it so decide, to incorporate Jamaica into the Organization at this time and thus permit that country to participate forthwith in the Inter-American health activities sponsored by the Organization and to benefit from and contribute to these activities.

The government of Jamaica has already communicated in writing to the Director its formal request for membership of the Pan American Health Organization.

In so doing the Government of Jamaica has intimated that it is willing to assume all the obligations imposed by the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization and to comply with the provisions of the Pan American Sanitary Code, as amended.

The Government has further declared that it is prepared to contribute, by means of a quota assessment, to the financial support of the Organization.

This request has been transmitted to each of the Governments of PAHO.

Taking into account these preliminary steps, it is therefore suggested that an appropriate procedure could be the following:

- 1) The application for membership by Jamaica should be included in the agenda of the Conference as an additional item, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure.

2) The Conference should examine the application in plenary session and vote thereon. In accordance with the provisions concerning voting in the Constitution and in the Rules of Procedure, the application would be considered as approved when it has received the affirmative vote of a majority of the Governments present and voting.

3) After admission to membership, the government of Jamaica would be officially notified by the Director and invited to be represented by its delegate in the Conference.

4) The Director would also notify the decision of the Conference to the Governments of PAHC.

The request by the Government of Jamaica, accompanied by these suggestions, is therefore submitted to the Conference for consideration.