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## FINAL REPORT

The XIX Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXVI Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, was held in the Headquarters Building in Washington, D.C., from 30 September to 11 October 1974, in accordance with the convocation issued by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and confirmed by the Executive Committee in Resolution II approved at its 72nd Meeting.

## PARTICIPANTS

The following Governments were represented: Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

The Executive Committee of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization was represented by its Chairman, Dr. Everardo González Gálvez, in accordance with Rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference and Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee. The Conference was also attended by Dr. H. T. Mahler, Director-General of the World Health Organization, and by observers from the following intergovernmental

and nongovernmental organizations: the Organization of American States, the Inter-American Development Bank, the United Nations, the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization, the International Committee of Catholic Nurses, the International Committee of Military Medicine and Pharmacy, the International Council on Alcohol and Addictions, the International Council of Nurses, the International Council on Social Welfare, the International Dental Federation, the International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics, the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Associations, the International Federation of Surgical Colleges, the International Hospital Federation, the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, the League of Red Cross Societies, the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools, the World Association of Societies of Pathology, the World Federation of Hemophilia, the World Federation for Medical Education, the World Federation of Occupational Therapists, the World Medical Association, the World Psychiatric Association, the World Veterans Federation and the World Veterinary Association.

#### INAUGURAL SESSION

The inaugural session was held on 30 September at 10:30 a.m. The session was opened and a speech was made by Dr. Adán Godoy Jiménez, Vice-President of the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, pursuant to Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference. Addresses were then delivered by Dr. Charles C. Edwards, Assistant Secretary for Health of the United States of America,

Dr. Halfdan Mahler, Director-General of the World Health Organization, and  
Dr. Abraham Horwitz, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

#### OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

The President, two Vice-Presidents, and Rapporteur were elected pursuant to Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference. The officers were as follows:

<u>President:</u>	Dr. Enrique Aguilar Paz (Honduras)
<u>Vice-Presidents:</u>	Dr. José Antonio Gutiérrez Muñoz (Cuba)
	Dr. Oliver M. R. Harper (Guyana)
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Dr. Hernán Weinstok (Costa Rica)
<u>Secretary ex officio:</u>	Dr. Abraham Horwitz (Director, Pan American Sanitary Bureau)

#### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

In accordance with Rule 26 of the Rules of Procedure, the Committee on Credentials, composed of the following members, was appointed:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Oswaldo Lopes da Costa	(Brazil)
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Dr. Arnold J. de Villiers	(Canada)
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Carlos Godoy Arteaga	(Honduras)

GENERAL COMMITTEE

With the election of Mexico in accordance with Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, the General Committee was composed as follows:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Enrique Aguilar Paz	(Honduras)
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. José Antonio Gutiérrez Muñiz	(Cuba)
	Dr. Oliver M. R. Harper	(Guyana)
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Dr. Hermán Weinstok	(Costa Rica)
<u>Chairman of Committee I:</u>	Dr. S. Paul Ehrlich, Jr.	(United States of America)
<u>Chairman of Committee II:</u>	Dr. Haroldo Calvo Nuñez	(Colombia)
<u>Delegate:</u>	Dr. Jorge Jiménez Cantú	(Mexico)
<u>Secretary ex officio:</u>	Dr. Abraham Horwitz	(Director, Pan American Sanitary Bureau)

In accordance with Rule 29 of the Rules of Procedure, two main committees were established, with the following officers:

COMMITTEE I

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. S. Paul Ehrlich, Jr.	(United States of America)
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Rogelio Valladares	(Venezuela)
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Dr. José Carlos Seixas	(Brazil)



## COMMITTEE II

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Haroldo Calvo Núñez	(Colombia)
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. R. H. Lennox	(Canada)
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Dr. Marcelo Endara	(Ecuador)

## AGENDA

In accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure, the provisional agenda (Document CSP19/1, Rev. 2), presented by the Director, as amended to include an additional item on "Creation of a Standing Committee for Relief in Emergencies", in accordance with Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure, was approved at the second plenary session.

## WORKING GROUPS

Seven working groups were established. The first, composed of the Delegates of Ecuador, Jamaica, and the United States of America, considered the question of the implementation of Article 6-B of the Constitution in respect of countries which were over two years in arrears with their contributions. The second, composed of the Delegates of Costa Rica, Honduras, and Venezuela, was appointed to study the draft resolution submitted by the Delegation of Honduras on the creation of a standing committee for relief

in emergencies, with a view to preparing a new draft resolution incorporating the views expressed in the course of the discussion. A third group, composed of the Delegates of Cuba, France, Honduras and Venezuela, met to reconcile in a new resolution the various comments made during the discussion. A fourth group was responsible for examining proposed topics for the Technical Discussions to be held during the XXIII Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXVII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas. It was composed of the Delegates of Bolivia, Nicaragua and Trinidad and Tobago.

The fifth, composed of the Delegates of Cuba, France, Honduras and Venezuela, had the task of reconciling the points of view put forward during the discussion on the draft resolution PR/4, Rev. 2, relating to the creation of a standing committee for relief in emergencies. The sixth working group was appointed at the eleventh plenary session with a view to preparing a draft resolution on a future study of the technical discussions. It was made up of the delegates of Costa Rica, Cuba and the United States of America. Finally, the seventh group, composed of the delegates of Jamaica, Uruguay and Venezuela, undertook to round off a draft resolution proposed by the Delegation of Uruguay on a study of the problem of blood and its derivatives in the Region of the Americas.

#### TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

The Technical Discussions, which were held on 4 October 1974, dealt with the topic of "Studies and Strategies to Reduce Morbidity and Mortality

from Enteric Infections", which had been selected by the XXIII Meeting of the Directing Council held in 1973. The officers of the Technical Discussions were as follows:

General Session

<u>Moderator:</u>	Dr. Oswaldo Lopes da Costa	(Brazil)
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Dr. Pedro Guedez Lima	(Venezuela)
<u>Technical Secretaries:</u>	Dr. Bichat de A. Rodrigues	(PASB)
	Dr. Ruperto Huerta	(PASB)

<u>Panel Members:</u>	Dr. Nelson Luiz de Araujo Moraes
	Dr. Moisés Béhar
	Dr. Oscar Grados B.
	Dr. Pablo Mendoza Hernández
	Ms. María Valdarez Borges
	Dr. Abel Wolman
	Dr. Eugene Gangarosa
	Dr. Herbert DuPont

The Report of the Technical Discussions was submitted to the eleventh plenary session, which approved the corresponding resolution,

SESSIONS

The Conference held an inaugural session, twelve plenary sessions, four sessions of the Committee on Credentials, six sessions of the

General Committee, five sessions of Committee I and seven of Committee II.

The closing session was held on 11 October 1974.

#### RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

The Conference in plenary session approved the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION I

CSP19.R1 EN

REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS  
FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined the formal request for membership in the Pan American Health Organization made by the Minister of External Affairs of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas on behalf of his Government, in a letter dated 26 February 1974;

Considering that the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas has declared its willingness to assume all the obligations set forth in the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization, to comply with the provisions of the Pan American Sanitary Code as modified by the Additional Protocol of 24 September 1952, and to contribute by means of a quota assessment to the financial support of the Organization; and

Bearing in mind the recommendation of the Executive Committee contained in Resolution I of its 72nd Meeting,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve with satisfaction the request of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas for membership in the Pan American Health Organization.
2. To instruct the Director to transmit this decision to the Governments of the Organization.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)

RESOLUTION II CSP19.R2 EN

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined the Annual Report of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. Everardo González Gálvez, Representative of Panama (Document CSP19/22), on the work of the Committee from October 1973 to the present, during which period its 71st and 72nd Meetings were held; and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 9-C of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization,

RESOLVES:

To approve the Annual Report of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. Everardo González Gálvez, Representative of Panama (Document CSP19/22), and to commend him together with the other Members of the Committee on the excellent work accomplished.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)

RESOLUTION III CSP19.R3 EN

QUADRENNIAL (1970-1973) AND ANNUAL (1973) REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR  
OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined the Quadrennial (1970-1973) and Annual (1973) Reports of the Director of the Bureau, on the activities of the Pan American Health Organization during the period between the XVIII and XIX Pan American Sanitary Conferences (Official Document 131); and

Considering the terms of Article 4-F of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization,

RESOLVES:

To approve the Quadrennial and Annual Reports of the Director of the Bureau (Official Document 131) to the Governments of the Pan American Health Organization, to commend him on the work accomplished in the past four years and on the form of presentation of the Reports, and to extend its commendation to the staff of the Bureau.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)

RESOLUTION IV CSP19.R4 EN

CHANGE IN QUOTA ASSESSMENT FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Recognizing that the Commonwealth of The Bahamas has been independent during all of 1974; and

Bearing in mind that the quota assessment for 1974 for the United Kingdom included an amount for the Commonwealth of The Bahamas,

RESOLVES:

To reduce the net quota assessment for the United Kingdom from \$55,247 to \$43,415 for financial year 1974.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)



RESOLUTION V CSP19.R5 EN

QUOTA CONTRIBUTION FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE BAHAMAS

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having approved the request of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas for admission to membership in the Pan American Health Organization;

Recognizing that Financial Regulation 5.8 provides that new Members shall be required to make a quota contribution for the year in which they become Members, and,

Bearing in mind that the quota assessment should be based on an "equivalent percentage" in relation to the scale adopted by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States, in accordance with Article 60 of the Pan American Sanitary Code, but not in excess of the per capita contribution of the largest contributor,

RESOLVES:

1. To base the quota assessment for the Commonwealth of The Bahamas for 1974 on an "equivalent percentage" of .06.
2. To establish the net assessment for 1974 at \$11,832.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)

RESOLUTION VI CSP19.R6 EN  
ASSESSMENTS OF THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS OF THE  
PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Whereas, Member Governments appearing in the scale adopted by the Council of the Organization of American States are assessed according to the percentages shown in that scale, in compliance with Article 60 of the Pan American Sanitary Code; and

Whereas, other Member Governments and Participating Governments are assessed on the basis of percentages which would be assigned to such countries if they were subject to the OAS scale; now, therefore,

THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

RESOLVES:

To establish the assessments of the Member Governments and Participating Governments of the Pan American Health Organization for 1975 in accordance with the scale of quotas shown below and in the corresponding amounts.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Country	OAS Scale %	Gross Assessment US\$	Credit from Tax Equalization Fund US\$	Adjustment for Taxes Imposed by Member Governments on Emoluments of PAHO Staff US\$	Net Assessment US\$
Argentina	7.40	1,859,121	260,382	-	1,598,739
Barbados	0.08	20,099	2,815	-	17,284
Bolivia	0.19	47,734	6,685	-	41,049
Brazil	7.40	1,859,121	260,382	-	1,598,739
Chile	1.35	339,164	47,502	-	291,662
Colombia	1.54	386,898	54,187	1,294	334,005
Costa Rica	0.19	47,734	6,685	-	41,049
Cuba	1.06	266,307	37,298	-	229,009
Dominican Republic	0.19	47,734	6,685	-	41,049
Ecuador	0.19	47,734	6,685	-	41,049
El Salvador	0.19	47,734	6,685	-	41,049
Guatemala	0.29	72,857	10,204	-	62,653
Haiti	0.19	47,734	6,685	-	41,049
Honduras	0.19	47,734	6,685	-	41,049
Jamaica	0.19	47,734	6,685	-	41,049
Mexico	8.27	2,077,694	290,996	-	1,786,698
Nicaragua	0.19	47,734	6,685	-	41,049
Panama	0.19	47,734	6,685	-	41,049
Paraguay	0.19	47,734	6,685	-	41,049
Peru	0.67	168,326	23,575	-	144,751
Trinidad and Tobago	0.19	47,734	6,685	-	41,049
United States of America	66.00	16,581,350	2,322,322	1,603,000	15,852,028
Uruguay	0.58	145,715	20,408	-	125,307
Venezuela	3.08	773,796	108,376	(819)	664,601
Subtotal	100.00	25,123,256	3,518,667	1,603,475	23,208,064
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	Equivalent Percentages				
<u>Other Member Governments</u>					
Bahamas	0.06	15,074	2,111	-	12,963
Canada	6.81	1,710,894	239,623	-	1,471,271
Guyana	0.19	47,734	6,685	-	41,049
<u>Participating Governments</u>					
France	0.19	47,734	6,685	-	41,049
Kingdom of the Netherlands	0.19	47,734	6,685	-	41,049
United Kingdom	0.19	47,734	6,685	-	41,049
Subtotal		1,916,904	268,474	-	1,648,430
Total Assessments - All Countries		27,040,160	3,787,141	1,603,475	24,856,494
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(2) This column includes the OAS percentages adding to 100% and the equivalent percentages applicable to other Member Governments and Participating Governments. The OAS scale minimum assessment is 0.19% or per capita contribution equal to that of the largest contributor, whichever is smaller. The OAS scale was approved by Resolution AG/RES.147(IV-0/74) at its Fourth Regular Meeting of the General Assembly.

(5) This column includes estimated amounts to be received by the respective Member Governments in 1975 in respect of taxes levied by them on staff members' emoluments received from PAHO, adjusted for any difference between estimate and actual for the second preceding year. For the United States of America, the \$1,603,000 represents an estimate for 1975 of \$1,010,000 plus \$593,000 to cover requirements which were underestimated for the years 1969 through 1974.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)

RESOLUTION VII CSP19.R7 EN

ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Bearing in mind Article 4, paragraph E, as well as Article 21, paragraph A, of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization, which provide that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall have a Director elected at the Conference by the vote of a majority of the Governments of the Organization;

Bearing in mind Article 45 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, which provides that the Director of the Bureau shall be elected by any number of votes greater than half the number of the Governments of the Organization;

Bearing in mind Article 4 of the Agreement between the World Health Organization and the Pan American Health Organization, and Articles 49 and 52 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, which establish the procedure for the appointment of the Regional Director of the World Health Organization; and

Seeing that the election of the Director of the Bureau has been held in accordance with the aforestated procedure,

RESOLVES:

1. To declare Dr. Héctor Acuña Monteverde Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for a period of four years to begin 1 February 1975.

2. To inform the Executive Board of the World Health Organization of the designation of Dr. Héctor Acuña Monteverde, for appointment as Regional Director for the Americas.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)

RESOLUTION VIII CSP19.R8 EN

REPORT ON THE COLLECTION OF QUOTA CONTRIBUTIONS

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CSP19/3 and Addendum);

Having heard the report of the working party appointed to study the application of Article 6-B of the Constitution in the case of countries in arrears more than two years; and

Bearing in mind the importance of prompt and full payment of quota contributions to assure financing of the authorized program and budget and to maintain the Organization in a sound financial condition,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CSP19/3 and Addendum).

2. To approve the report of the working party, as well as its recommendation that the Delegates of Bolivia, Haiti, and Paraguay be permitted to vote during the XIX Pan American Sanitary Conference.

3. To thank the Governments that have already made payments in 1974 and to urge the other Governments to pay their outstanding balances of arrears and current year quotas as soon as possible so that the work of the Organization can continue and the financial burden of its program be fairly spread among all Members.

4. To again direct the attention of Governments to the provisions of paragraph 5.4 of Article V of the Financial Regulations of PAHO which in part reads as follows: "Contributions shall be considered as due and payable in full . . . as of the first day of the financial year to which they relate . . . . As of 1 January of the following financial year, the unpaid balance of such unpaid contributions shall be considered to be one year in arrears."

5. To request the Director to continue to inform the Governments of any balances due.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)

RESOLUTION IX CSP19.R9 EN

COUNTRY REPORTS ON HEALTH CONDITIONS

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Being convinced that the reports from the Member Governments on health conditions and the advances made in the intervals between one Conference and another provide extremely useful data and findings based on experience; and

Considering that their presentation by Governments constitutes one of the most important items on the agenda of the Conference,

RESOLVES:

1. To congratulate the Governments on their excellent reports as presented by their Delegates during the Conference.
2. To reiterate to the countries that these reports will be of the utmost value for future programming of the activities of the health sector.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)

RESOLUTION X CSP19.R10 EN

ELECTION OF THREE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE ON THE TERMINATION OF THE PERIODS OF OFFICE  
OF BARBADOS, CANADA, AND EL SALVADOR

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 9-B of the Constitution  
of the Pan American Health Organization; and

Considering that the Governments of Bolivia, Jamaica, and the  
United States of America were elected to the Executive Committee on the  
termination of the periods of office of Barbados, Canada, and El Salvador,

RESOLVES:

1. To declare the Governments of Bolivia, Jamaica, and the  
United States of America elected to the Executive Committee for a period  
of three years.

2. To thank the Governments of Barbados, Canada, and El Salvador  
for the services rendered to the Organization by their representatives on  
the Executive Committee.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XI CSP19.R11 EN

REVIEW OF THE FIFTH GENERAL PROGRAM OF WORK OF WHO, 1973-1977,  
RELATING IT TO THE TEN-YEAR HEALTH PLAN FOR THE AMERICAS

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having heard the report of the Director (Document CSP19/14) on the evaluation of the Fifth General Program of Work of the World Health Organization, 1973-1977;

Considering that the WHO Fifth General Program of Work was used as the basis for the preparation of the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas; and

Emphasizing that the Ten-year Health Plan includes not only the areas of major importance of the Fifth General Program of Work of WHO but also establishes quantitative goals and suggests strategies for reaching them,

RESOLVES:

1. To advise the Director-General of the World Health Organization that the Fifth General Program of Work constitutes the basis of the Ten-year Health Plan for the Americas.

2. To emphasize that the policy of the Pan American Health Organization is aimed entirely at assisting the countries in order to achieve the objectives established in the Plan.

3. To point out that the difficulties encountered are primarily due to financial and organizational problems which the national authorities and the Organization's Governing Bodies are endeavoring to overcome.

4. To request the Director-General of WHO that, in the preparation of the Sixth General Program of Work of that Organization, he take into account the Ten-year Health Plan for the Americas since it contains more specific and definitive objectives.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XII CSP19.R12 EN

RESOLUTIONS OF THE TWENTY-SEVENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY  
OF INTEREST TO THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined Document CSP19/17, Rev. 1, containing certain resolutions of the Fifty-third Session of the Executive Board of WHO and the Twenty-seventh World Health Assembly, presented to the Conference as Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas; and

Taking note of the information furnished by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on the activities being carried out in the respective fields,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the resolutions of the Executive Board and the World Health Assembly contained in Document CSP19/17, Rev. 1.

2. To transmit to the Director-General of WHO the information on the activities being carried out with reference to these matters in the Region.

3. To request the Director of the Bureau to continue to provide the country health authorities, in coordination with WHO, with the aid they need in order to intensify and expand their activities in the specific fields referred to in the above-mentioned resolutions.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)



RESOLUTION XIII CSP19.R13 EN

HEALTH EDUCATION

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having taken note of Resolution EB 53.R.38 of the Executive Board and Resolutions WHA27.27 and WHA27.28 of the Twenty-seventh World Health Assembly;

Bearing in mind the importance of health education in enlisting the effective support of the community for health programs,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to the Governments that they introduce the teaching and practice of health education at all levels of education, from primary school to university.
2. To request the Director to provide assistance to the countries that request it.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XIV CSP19.R14 EN

CONTROL OF BACTERIOLOGICAL QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined the Director's report on the control of the bacteriological quality of drinking water (Document CSP19/25),

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Governments to give greater attention to the bacterial quality of drinking water.

2. To recommend to the Governments that they make special efforts to attain adequate treatment and disinfection, effective operation and maintenance, the establishment of a suitable infrastructure, development of water quality indices, and the creation of monitoring and surveillance services.

3. To request the Director of the Bureau to assist the countries in strengthening their water quality control programs, including training and technical assistance in connection with water management, improvement of laboratory capabilities, collection and analysis of epidemiological data, sanitary surveys, and water treatment and disinfection.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XV CSP19.R15 EN

EVALUATION OF THE TEN-YEAR HEALTH PLAN FOR THE AMERICAS

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined the Director's report (Document CSP19/24) on the progress made and the measures adopted by the countries and the Organization pursuant to the provisions of Resolutions XIII of the XXI Meeting and VI of the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council, and Resolution XX of the 72nd Meeting of the Executive Committee of PAHO;

Recognizing that the achievement of the goals of the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas requires that the policies and strategies decided upon by the countries be put into practice by means of programs and actions based on the health priorities identified; and

Considering that in 1974 a start is to be made on the implementation of the system of evaluation of the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas and that the Director of the Bureau has placed at the disposal of the countries, on the recommendation of the Governing Bodies of the Organization, guidelines for the review and adjustment of national policies and strategies, together with a series of forms and accompanying instructions ensuring comparability between the different countries in regard to evaluation of the plan at the continental level,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the countries which have not yet been able to review their health policies and strategies on the basis of the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas to intensify their efforts to do so, and to urge those which have done so to concentrate on the process of programming and implementing the priority programs decided upon.

2. To request the Member Governments, with a view to establishing an initial frame of reference for subsequent stages in the process of evaluating the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas, to forward the necessary information to PAHO in good time on the forms designed for this purpose by the Organization.
3. To request the Director to assist the countries, at their request, in producing and organizing the information in question, and to take steps to enable the Organization to analyze and systematize the information.
4. To urge the Director to continue to assist the countries in developing these processes and to report to the XXIII Meeting of the Directing Council on the progress made.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XVI CSP19.R16 EN

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR AND  
REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 1973

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for fiscal year 1973 (Official Document 128);

Noting the modifications in expenditures from amounts originally budgeted for some activities and projects; and

Recognizing that the Organization continues to be in a sound financial condition,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for fiscal year 1973 (Official Document 128).
2. To again commend the Director for having achieved and maintained a sound financial condition.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XVII CSP19.R17 EN

FORM OF PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE  
PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having studied the report of the Director on the form of presentation of the program and budget of PAHO (Document CE72/14) and the recommendation of the Executive Committee,

RESOLVES:

To request the Director to present future program and budget estimates following the nomenclature used by the III Special Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas and adopted by the Organization in Resolution XIII of the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council, using as a guide the draft outline contained in Document CE72/14.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XVIII CSP19.R18 EN

## PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR 1975

## THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE

## RESOLVES:

1. To appropriate for the financial year 1975 an amount of \$27,440,160, as follows:

PART I	PROGRAM OF SERVICES	\$ 10,250,506
PART II	DEVELOPMENT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE	8,256,899
PART III	ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTION	3,929,614
PART IV	GOVERNING BODIES	416,000
PART V	INCREASE TO ASSETS	550,000
PART VI	SPECIAL FUND FOR HEALTH PROMOTION	250,000
Effective Working Budget (Parts I-VI)		<u>\$ 23,653,019</u>
PART VII	STAFF ASSESSMENT (Transfer to Tax Equalization Fund)	3,787,141
Total - All Parts		<u>\$ 27,440,160</u>

2. That the appropriation shall be financed from:

- a. Assessments in respect to:

Member Governments and Participating Governments assessed under the scale adopted by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States in accordance with Article 60 of the Pan American Sanitary Code or in accordance with Directing Council resolutions .

\$ 27,040,160

- b. Miscellaneous Income

400,000

Total \$ 27,440,160

In establishing the contributions of Member Governments and Participating Governments, their assessments shall be reduced further by the amount standing to their credit in the Tax Equalization Fund, except that credits of those governments who levy taxes on the emoluments received from the Pan American Health Organization by their nationals and residents shall be reduced by the amounts of such tax reimbursements by PAHO.

3. That, in accordance with the Financial Regulations of PAHO, amounts not exceeding the appropriations noted under Paragraph 1 shall be available for the payment of obligations incurred during the period 1 January to 31 December 1975, inclusive. Notwithstanding the provision of this paragraph, obligations during the financial year 1975 shall be limited to the effective working budget, i.e., Parts I-VI.

4. That the Director shall be authorized to transfer credits between parts of the effective working budget, provided that such transfers of credits between parts as are made do not exceed 10% of the part from which the credit is transferred. Transfers of credits between parts of the budget in excess of 10% of the part from which the credit is transferred may be made with the concurrence of the Executive Committee. All transfers of budget credits shall be reported to the Directing Council and/or the Conference.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XIX CSP19.R19 EN

PROVISIONAL DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE  
PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR 1976

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined Official Document 129 submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which contains the provisional draft that is to constitute the basis for the preparation of the proposed program and budget estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1976, to be considered by the 74th Meeting of the Executive Committee and by the XXIII Meeting of the Directing Council;

Recognizing that the provisional draft of the proposed program and budget estimates contains much needed projects formulated in cooperation with the national authorities; and

Recognizing also the increasing demands being placed on the resources of Member Governments and the need for a period of consolidation.

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the provisional draft of the proposed program and budget estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1976 appearing in Official Document 129.
2. To request the Director to use the provisional draft as a basis for the preparation of the proposed program and budget estimates for 1976, after further consultations with the Governments to determine their latest desires and requirements in relation to the health priorities of the countries.
3. To request, further, that the Director reexamine the proposed estimates for 1976 with a view to identifying additional areas where economies can be made so as to reduce the percentage increase requested for 1976.



4. To request the Executive Committee to make a detailed examination of the revised program and budget estimates for 1976 to be presented by the Director, after further consultations with the Governments, and to submit its recommendations thereon to the XXIII Meeting of the Directing Council.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XX CSP19.R20 EN

PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
FOR THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS FOR 1976-77

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered Official Document 129 submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which contains the proposed program and budget estimates of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1976, and Document CE72/15, which provides the projection for 1977;

Bearing in mind that the proposed program and budget estimates are submitted to the Conference as Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, for review and transmittal to the Director-General of WHO so that he may take them into account in preparing the program and budget estimates of WHO for 1976-1977; and

Noting the recommendations made by the 72nd Meeting of the Executive Committee,

RESOLVES:

To approve the proposed program and budget estimates of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1976-1977 appearing in Official Document 129 and Document CE72/15, and to request the Regional Director to transmit them to the Director-General of WHO so that he may take them into account in preparing the WHO program and budget estimates for 1976-1977.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XXI      CSP19.R21 EN

PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET ESTIMATES OF THE  
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS FOR 1978-1979

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the  
World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1976 and 1977;  
and

Recognizing the advisability of projecting probable program needs  
into future years,

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the Director-General that he include in the Program  
and Budget Estimates of the World Health Organization for 1978 and 1979 the  
proposed program for the Region of the Americas as detailed in Document  
CSP19/20.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XXII    CSP19.R22 EN

SALARY OF THE DIRECTOR

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Considering the revision made to the schedule of salaries of the professional and higher categories of staff in graded posts, effective 1 January 1974;

Taking into account the action taken by the Executive Committee at its 72nd Meeting to adjust the salaries of the Deputy Director and the Assistant Director (CE72.R18);

Having noted the recommendation of the Executive Committee concerning the salary of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (CE72.R19); and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Staff Rule 230.3,

RESOLVES:

1. To establish the salary of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau at \$34,550 per annum, effective 1 January 1974.
2. To note that consequent upon the adjustment of salary rate for the Director appropriate revision will be made of the post adjustment rate.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,  
8 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XXIII

CSP19.R23 EN

CONTINUING EDUCATION

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered Resolution WHA27.31 of the Twenty-seventh World Health Assembly, which stresses the importance of continued education in maintaining and improving the professional competence of health personnel; and

Bearing in mind that the entire process should be closely related to health and manpower planning and to schemes for the regionalization of services, designed to extend coverage in the health sector in accordance with the goals of the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to take the necessary steps for cooperation with the Governments in their efforts to plan, implement and improve the machinery for keeping health personnel permanently up to date through:
  - (a) The development of educational methods, techniques, and materials for achieving greater efficiency in the continuing education process.
  - (b) The further training of personnel to develop continuing education.
  - (c) The promotion of experimental programs, national or regional, of continuing education.
  - (d) The creation of regional centers for implementing the recommendations in question.

2. To recommend that Governments with experience in continuing education make that experience available to the Pan American Health Organization so that it can be transmitted to all countries.

3. To recommend to the Governments that they integrate their continuing education programs in manpower development plans under their National Health Plans and establish machinery for coordination between the Ministries of Health and teaching bodies with a view to programming and implementing these activities.

4. To ask the Director to make periodic evaluations of the program and to report to the Governing Bodies on their results.

(Approved at the eleventh plenary session,  
10 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XXIV CSP19.R24 EN

HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having studied Resolutions WHA27.49 and WHA27.50 of the Twenty-seventh World Health Assembly on WHO's Human Health and Environment Program;

Bearing in mind the importance of the environment for individual and community health; and

Recognizing the considerable support given by PAHO to country programs designed to improve the environment,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to intensify his collaboration with the countries in their environmental health programs, both through direct advisory services and through the training and further training of staff.

2. To request the Director to continue the efforts of the Bureau in securing resources from other international agencies and institutions in order to provide stimulation and support for expanded environmental programs in the countries.

(Approved at the eleventh plenary session,  
10 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XXV CSP19.R25 EN

PARASITIC DISEASES

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having noted Resolution WHA27.52 of the Twenty-seventh World Health Assembly on intensification of research on tropical parasitic diseases; and

Recognizing that parasitic diseases remain a serious threat to the health and life of the peoples of the Americas,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to the countries that they endeavor to pay increased attention to the study of parasitic diseases.
2. To urge the health authorities to extend research, especially applied research, with a view to facilitating the control of parasitic diseases.
3. To request the Director to cooperate with the countries by encouraging the training of epidemiologists specializing in parasitic diseases.

(Approved at the eleventh plenary session,  
10 October 1974)



RESOLUTION XXVI      CSP19.R26 EN

MALARIA ERADICATION

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined the XXII Report of the Director of the Bureau on the status of malaria eradication in the Americas (Document CSP19/16);

Taking into account the targets set in the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas;

Aware of the efforts made and funds invested since the initiation of the coordinated campaign for malaria eradication;

Recognizing that in some countries the goal of eradication has been achieved, or is in sight, while in the others progress has been hampered by financial, administrative, operational, and technical difficulties;

Considering that malaria still constitutes a major public health problem, especially in areas of economic development projects such as agricultural colonization and construction of highways, irrigation canals and dams; and

Bearing in mind Resolution WHA27.51 of the Twenty-seventh World Health Assembly requesting a review of the problem and of national and international priorities, in line with the revised strategy adopted by the Twenty-second World Health Assembly,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the XXII Report of the Director on the status of malaria eradication in the Americas (Document CSP19/16).

2. To reaffirm the targets set in the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas and to urge the Governments to continue their efforts and to provide the essential resources for attaining them.

3. To recommend to the Governments and the Director that they study thoroughly the problems which hamper the progress and to reexamine the priority of the program in order to determine its future strategy; and to request the forthcoming Meeting of the Directors of the National Malaria Eradication Services to propose effective measures for the implementation of the aforesaid recommendation.

4. To request the Governments and the Director to intensify research activities aimed at solving the problems which prevent attaining the expected objective of the program.

5. To express its concern over the slow progress of the program in some countries and to urge their Governments to increase their efforts in order to eliminate or reduce obstacles by giving particular attention to adequate and timely financing and efficient program administration.

6. To ask PASB to take measures with a view to ensuring sources of materials needed for properly carrying out the programs, such as insecticides, equipment, etc.

7. To re-emphasize the importance of coordinating antimalaria activities in border areas, especially between countries with different levels of malaria endemicity.

(Approved at the eleventh plenary session,  
10 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XXVII CSP19.R27 EN

PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered the report of the Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration, which states that no candidates were proposed for the Award (Document CE72/4, Addendum I);

Bearing in mind the criteria for the PAHO Award for Administration;  
and

Considering the importance of encouraging a high level of competence in the administration of health services,

RESOLVES:

1. To declare the PAHO Award for Administration for 1974 void.
2. To modify the procedure and criteria for the PAHO Award for Administration with a view to waiving the restrictions in the regulations governing the Award, so that it can be made in any year, either for work carried out in the field of administration or for written work on administrative topics applicable to the sector.
3. To urge the Governments to make use of the PAHO Award for Administration to provide a stimulus for officials responsible for administrative functions in the health sector.

(Approved at the eleventh plenary session,  
10 October 1974)

**RESOLUTION XXVIII      CSP19.R28 EN**

**NURSING GOALS FOR THE DECADE**

**THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,**

Taking into account the goals of the Ten-year Health Plan for the Americas;

Bearing in mind that efficient nursing services are one of the principal channels for providing health care, and consequently its availability in quantity and quality directly affects the achievement of many health program goals; and

Considering the complexity of the problem confronting health authorities in providing patients with a level of safe nursing care as stipulated by the goals,

**RESOLVES:**

1. To recommend to Governments that they re-examine the nursing manpower situation in relation to:
  - (a) The needs of the services in order to achieve the goals;
  - (b) The trend in the increment of nursing positions since the beginning of the 1970 decade;
  - (c) The actual nursing manpower production, its utilization, and the health system's capacity for absorption, and
  - (d) The compatibility of the curriculum content with the functions they perform in the health services.

2. To urge the Governments to intensify efforts in this field and take the necessary measures to establish the nursing positions required to deliver the health care stipulated in the goals, and to increase nursing manpower production, primarily of personnel providing direct care to individuals, through the creation and strengthening of nursing education programs, the accelerated training of this personnel, and the provision of the resources needed.

3. To request the Director to review the assistance the Organization can give countries to carry out the foregoing and to report to the XXIII Meeting of the Directing Council on the progress made by the countries as of that date.

(Approved at the eleventh plenary session,  
10 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XXIX      CSP19.R29 EN

COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION  
IN THE HEALTH FIELD IN THE AMERICAS

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered Document CSP19/28 on the Coordination of International Cooperation in the Field of Health in the Americas;

Bearing in mind Chapter II, Articles 2(a) and (b) of the Constitution of the World Health Organization; and

Noting the need to establish a mechanism and procedure for the direction and coordination of external assistance in health which truly reflect the will of the Governments concerned on the one hand, and the readiness of PAHO/WHO and other international and bilateral agencies of complying efficiently with mandates of Governments,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to Member Governments that they:
  - (a) strengthen their own internal mechanisms for directing and coordinating their own activities and those connected with external cooperation in the health field; and
  - (b) take into account the services of PAHO/WHO in providing technical and administrative support for the established national mechanisms and procedures for coordinating international cooperation in health.
2. To instruct the Director of the Bureau, within the framework of the policy laid down by the Organization, to intensify efforts to provide Governments which so request with assistance in perfecting the health planning process as part of their overall planning. With this in view, a system of periodic meetings should be programmed with each country so requesting, at which the Governments would indicate their external technical assistance needs, bearing in mind national health policies, strategies and programs.

3. To request the Director to submit to the 74th Meeting of the Executive Committee the program referred to in paragraph 2, including the relevant estimate of the technical and financial resources required to implement it, and to report on the progress made in light of the initial experience in the matter.

(Approved at the eleventh plenary session,  
10 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XXX      CSP19.R30 EN

AMENDMENTS TO THE STAFF RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE  
PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having studied Document CE72/17, Annex III, relating to the amendments to the Staff Regulations of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;

Considering the recommendation made by the Executive Committee at its 72nd Meeting in Resolution XV; and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Staff Regulation 12.1,

RESOLVES:

To approve the amendments to Articles 1.2, 1.11, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 6.1, and 9.5 of the Staff Regulations of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau as presented by the Director in Document CE72/17, Annex III.

(Approved at the eleventh plenary session,  
10 October 1974)



RESOLUTION XXXI      CSP19.R31 EN

ZONE BOARDS OF APPEAL

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having studied Document CSP19/30 relating to the Zone Boards of Appeal; and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Staff Regulation 12.2,

RESOLVES:

1. To maintain the status quo of the Zone Boards of Appeal.
2. To endorse the recommendation that this matter be reviewed in the future as to the need and function of Zone Boards of Appeal.

(Approved at the eleventh plenary session,  
10 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XXXII      CSP19.R32 EN

REPORT ON THE RECONSTRUCTION OF MANAGUA, NICARAGUA

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Bearing in mind Resolution EB51.R43 of the Fifty-first session of the Executive Board of WHO and Resolution XXV of the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council; and

Having listened to the report presented by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on assistance to the Government of Nicaragua in connection with the earthquake which struck the City of Managua in December 1972,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the progress made in the planning of health establishments in Nicaragua for the construction of the General Hospital and the National Health Center of Managua.

2. To request the Director to continue to support the efforts being made by the Government of Nicaragua to ensure that these projects materialize.

(Approved at the eleventh plenary session,  
10 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XXXIII CSP19.R33 EN

TEXTBOOK PROGRAM

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined the programs for medical and nursing textbooks and for basic equipment for medical students (Document CSP19/31);

Bearing in mind the value and importance of these programs for the training of health professionals of the Americas;

Noting that these programs are being carried out in fulfillment of the policy established in Resolution XV, approved by the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference (1966); and

Recognizing the demonstrated feasibility of these programs and their potential for expansion if capital is available,

RESOLVES:

1. To re-emphasize the importance of the textbook and basic equipment programs in medical and nursing training and the need for expansion of these programs to serve the greatest possible number of students throughout Latin America.
2. To thank the Pan American Health and Education Foundation (PAHEF) for its cooperation with the Pan American Health Organization in carrying out these programs.
3. To thank the Inter-American Development Bank for its initial loan to finance the medical textbook program.

4. To commend the initiative of the Director and to instruct him to enter into negotiations with the Inter-American Development Bank and other agencies to obtain additional financial support for the programs, directly or through PAHEF, and to present any resulting loan plan or draft agreement to the Executive Committee of PAHO for approval.

5. To authorize the Executive Committee to approve the loan plan if it is satisfied that the terms are the best available, including the pledging of PAHO assets as necessary to guarantee such loan.

(Approved at the eleventh plenary session,  
10 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XXXIV CSP19.R34 EN

VII INTER-AMERICAN MEETING, AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL,  
ON FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE AND ZOONOSSES CONTROL

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered the Final Report of the VII Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document RICAZ/24) appearing in Document CSP19/18; and

Bearing in mind the need for the Governments to undertake special studies on the nutritional aspects of the production of food of animal origin, to carry out surveys to determine the economic impact of cysticercosis and taeniasis, to plan for improved training facilities for animal health assistants, and to upgrade inspection services at slaughterhouses and meat processing plants,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Final Report of the VII Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document RICAZ/24) appearing in Document CSP19/18.
2. To commend the Ministries of Agriculture for the efforts they have made in the control of diseases of importance to human and animal health, which ultimately have great bearing on socioeconomic development.
3. To express its appreciation to the Ministries of both Agriculture and Health for their cooperative efforts toward the more effective use of common resources in these undertakings.

(Approved at the eleventh plenary session,  
10 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XXXV      CSP19.R35 EN

DESIGNATION OF DR. ABRAHAM HORWITZ AS DIRECTOR EMERITUS  
OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Bearing in mind the achievements of Dr. Abraham Horwitz as Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which will remain as a perennial example of noble zeal and devotion to the cause of health of the peoples of the Americas; and

Considering that the mandate of Dr. Abraham Horwitz is due to terminate on 1 February 1975, and that his work has earned the gratitude, affection and admiration not only of the Pan American Health Organization but of all the countries of the Hemisphere,

RESOLVES:

1. To designate Dr. Abraham Horwitz as Director Emeritus of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
2. To recommend to the XXIII Meeting of the Directing Council that it present to Dr. Abraham Horwitz at an official ceremony a scroll confirming this designation.
3. To present Dr. Abraham Horwitz with a gold medal bearing his effigy on the obverse and on the reverse a centered inscription: "Abraham Horwitz, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, 1959-1975," bordered by the words "In recognition of his work on behalf of the health of the American Continent."
4. To authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to earmark the necessary funds under the budget for the above purpose.

(Approved at the eleventh plenary session,  
10 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XXXVI CSP19.R36 EN

STUDY ON THE AUTHORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS  
ITSELF DIRECTLY TO GOVERNMENTS

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered the report of the Director on the authority of the Executive Committee to address itself directly to Governments (Document CE72/18);

Noting this long and consistent practice by the Executive Committee in the use of that attribute; and

Making use of the provision in Article 14, paragraph E of the Constitution of PAHO,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note that the report on the authority of the Executive Committee to address itself directly to Governments, submitted by the Director (Document CE72/18), confirms the legal and juridical validity of this practice.

2. To reaffirm its support of the practice followed by the Executive Committee in the past in regard to technical matters already approved by the Council or the Conference.

(Approved at the eleventh plenary session,  
10 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XXXVII CSP19.R37 EN

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR, 1975

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Recognizing the importance of 1975 as International Women's Year and the interest expressed by many Member Governments in its participation;

Noting the official emblem adopted for the International Women's Year, consisting of a stylized dove (the biological symbol for women) and the mathematical sign for equality, which will be used on posters, banners, mastheads, postage stamps and other material connected with the activities of the International Women's Year;

Recognizing the importance of equality of women and men in all facets of human life but especially in the working environment;

Recognizing the importance of women in the promotion of peace, economic and social development plans, and population programs; and

Noting the need to improve the status of women in developed and developing countries alike,

RESOLVES:

1. To endorse the emphasis given by the United Nations in declaring 1975 as International Women's Year to the role of women in society and to the contribution women can make to the political, economic, and social sectors, of which health is included.

2. To call attention to the importance of including women in policy formulating positions and when appointing public health administrators and other health officials in both international and national health programs.



3. To urge Governments to undertake education programs to encourage the acceptance of the changing role of women.

4. To request the Director of the Bureau to report to the 74th Meeting of the Executive Committee and the XXIII Meeting of the Directing Council on activities to promote the participation of women in the activities of the Organization generally, and in relation to International Women's Year specifically.

(Approved at the eleventh plenary session,  
10 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XXXVIII      CSP19.R38 EN

TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ON "STUDIES AND STRATEGIES  
TO REDUCE MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY FROM ENTERIC INFECTIONS"

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered the Final Report of the Technical Discussions on "Studies and strategies to reduce morbidity and mortality from enteric infections," held during the Conference;

Recognizing the importance and magnitude of the problem of enteric infections in most countries of the Americas; and

Considering the objectives laid down in the Ten-year Health Plan for the Americas,

RESOLVES:

1. To note the Final Report of the Technical Discussions and to express its satisfaction with the way in which they were conducted.
2. To thank the members of the technical panel for their participation in the Technical Discussions.
3. To recommend to the Director of the Bureau that this report and the relevant working papers be disseminated as widely as possible.
4. To recommend to Governments that, in order to achieve the goals of the Ten-Year Health Plan, they endeavor:

- (a) To increase the coverage of programs for water supply, adequate excreta disposal, vector control and improvement in the preparation, handling and preservation of foodstuffs.
- (b) To achieve proper coordination making for the harmonious development of programs for the timely and effective prevention and treatment of enteric infections.
- (c) To promote the development of sound educational systems which will serve as motivation for community participation on a permanent basis in controlling those infections.

5. To recommend to the countries that they establish epidemiological surveillance systems and laboratories for the diagnosis of enteric diseases, setting up national reference centers and a regional reference center.

(Approved at the eleventh plenary session,  
10 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XXXIX CSP19.R39 EN

MENTAL HEALTH

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined the report on the Program of Mental Health, Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (Document CSP19/27);

Bearing in mind the importance acquired by psychiatric disorders as a public health problem, frequently causing prolonged illness and also tending to become causal or auxiliary factors in violent deaths;

Considering that much of the illness observed results from failure to take preventive action and that in general the problem has not been given due priority or adequate resources; and

Considering the terms of Resolution XXII adopted by the Executive Committee on this topic at its 70th Meeting, and the objectives of the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend that in each country national bodies for data registration strive to improve statistical information on mental health, thus enabling a system of "epidemiological control to be established;" and a mental health policy to be formulated as part of long-term planning and supervision of the implementation of the policies and plans agreed upon.

2. To recommend to the Member States that they endeavor to correct the defects inherent in the traditional system of psychiatric care, so that prompt and continuing care can be provided on the spot, taking into account the integration of psychiatric care in the general health services on a regional basis and the greater use of non-medical resources in the community.

3. To recommend to the Member States that they should give particular attention to the training of specialized psychiatric staff and to adequate training in the general principles of psychiatry to all health staff so that they are able to participate effectively in preventive and therapeutic action.

4. To recommend to the Governments that they give due priority to resources for research studies designed to provide useful data for evaluating the mental health needs of their peoples and that they put into operation centers for research and study on specific problems such as alcoholism, drug dependency and psychiatric disorders bound up with delinquency.

5. To request the Director of the Bureau to endeavor to expand the collaboration with the countries in mental health programs.

(Approved at the eleventh plenary session,  
10 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XL CSP19.R40 EN

WORKING GROUP ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having studied the report of the Working Group on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries established by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Program (Document CSP19/29); and

Having taken note of the information supplied by the Director of PASB on the activities undertaken to stimulate mutual cooperation among the countries of the Americas in regard both to the use of experts and to the training of personnel,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to the Director that, in accordance with the policy followed by the Organization as described in Document CSP19/29, he endeavor to comply with the requests of the countries for technical advice, using as far as possible the services of qualified personnel from within the Continent.
2. To request the Director to take the necessary steps to ensure that PASB gives its full support to the teaching centers of the Continent so that they can expand their educational work at the national and international levels.
3. To recommend to the Governments that they continue to take advantage of the wealth of experience and knowledge possessed by the experts from the Member Countries in order to assist countries who so request in solving problems calling for highly specialized technology.

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10 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XLI    CSP19.R41 EN

SELECTION OF THE TOPIC FOR THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS  
AT THE XXIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,  
XXVII MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE  
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR THE AMERICAS

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Bearing in mind the provisions of Rule 9 of the Rules for Technical  
Discussions,

RESOLVES:

To select the topic Methodologies for the formulation of national  
food and nutrition policies and their intersectorial implementation  
for the Technical Discussions at the XXIII Meeting of the Directing Council,  
XXVII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for  
the Americas.

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10 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XLII CSP19.R42 EN

FIRST INTERSECTORIAL MEETING ON THE HEALTH OF MAN IN THE AMERICAS

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined Resolution V approved by the Executive Committee at its 72nd Meeting, and the report prepared by the Director (Document CSP19/23), in which two alternatives are given for fulfilling the objectives set forth in that resolution;

Bearing in mind the need for the countries to strengthen and develop intra and intersectorial cooperation ensuring the indispensable coordination of health schemes to improve their efficiency and effectiveness;

Recognizing as a consequence that the Ten-year Health Plan for the Americas for the period 1981-1990 should be intersectorial in character; and

Considering that achievement of the above objective implies a complex and prolonged process in which action should be carefully programmed by stages, with active participation by the countries and adequate support by the Organization,

RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm the need for the Governments to make every possible effort to strengthen intrasectorial coordination in health and develop intersectorial cooperation in striving to attain the national health goals.

2. To urge the countries and the Organization to direct programming activities in the health sector in such a way that the Third Ten-year Health Plan for the Americas, 1981-1990, is developed on the basis of intersectorial cooperation.



3. To request the Director to give all necessary assistance to Governments in achieving the above objectives and, in addition to the support activities in this direction that he agrees upon with the Governments, to convene a working group made up of representatives of the Ministries of Health and of national economic and social planning units with a view to defining the most suitable criteria and methods for guiding the activities of the countries in their efforts to achieve the proposed objectives and to make suitable provision in the PAHO budget for that purpose.

4. To request the Director to inform the Directing Council on the progress of the activities programmed.

5. To request the Directing Council, on the basis of the Director's report, to reach a decision on the advisability of holding the Intersectorial Technical Meeting in the city of Buenos Aires, proposed by the Executive Committee, before the IV Special Meeting of the Ministers of Health of the Americas.

(Approved at the eleventh plenary session,  
10 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XLIII CSP19.R43 EN

CREATION OF A STANDING COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF IN EMERGENCIES

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Recognizing that serious emergencies occur frequently in the countries as a result of national disasters, epidemics and other circumstances;

Considering that it is essential for the countries to have a strong national organization making it possible to coordinate national and international resources in emergencies and to make use of them in the most effective manner possible;

Recognizing the need to train personnel specializing in the type of care required in emergencies; and

Bearing in mind that PASB is called upon to coordinate, in conjunction with the United Nations Disaster Relief Office and the OAS/Inter-American Emergency Aid Fund, and the national organizations, action taken by agencies and countries for the relief of the victims of disasters,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to the countries that they establish, on a permanent basis, national organizations responsible for ensuring the establishment of preventive measures against disasters and coordinating the action of all interested national institutions, public and private.

2. To urge the Director to strengthen the PAHO unit concerned with emergencies and set up a standing committee to furnish support and advisory services, with responsibility for devising and keeping up to date a plan of action for emergencies which would include machinery to enable each country to make use of international aid from various sources so as to obtain maximum results.

3. To recommend to the Organization that it continue to conduct seminars and courses on the organization of emergency care.

4. To request the Director to strengthen the relations between PAHO and the United Nations and OAS bodies referred to, and the International Red Cross, with a view to providing increasingly effective aid when disasters occur.

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10 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XLIV CSP19.R44 EN

STUDY OF THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Considering it desirable to study ways of ensuring that the Technical Discussions produce the best results for the Member States,

RESOLVES:

1. To ask the Director of the Bureau to include this matter among the items to be discussed at the 74th Meeting of the Executive Committee.
2. To instruct the Executive Committee to study all the aspects of the Technical Discussions, particularly those relating to the procedures used in conducting them, and to report thereon to the XXIII Meeting of the Directing Council, XXVII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas with a view to a decision being taken on the matter.

(Approved at the twelfth plenary session,  
10 October 1974)

RESOLUTION XLV CSP19.R45 EN

STUDY OF THE PROBLEM OF BLOOD AND ITS DERIVATIVES  
IN THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS

THE XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Considering that the establishment of blood banks and centers for the collection of blood and plasma fractions is a serious problem in the Americas, calling for special attention and study;

Recognizing that for this reason there is an urgent need for adequate knowledge of the needs of the countries of the Region, including the requirements in whole blood and blood fractions in each country, and in particular the availability of the various products such as gamma-globulin, albumin, antihemophilic factor, etc., and the possibilities of satisfying them and the problem of costs; and

Bearing in mind that within this framework it would be desirable to make a thorough study of the technical problems deriving from the establishment of blood collection centers, with a sufficiently high standard to guarantee the health of the donor and the quality of the blood and plasma collected,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to arrange for a study of the demand for and availability of blood and blood derivatives in the Region of the Americas.

2. To recommend to the Director that he present to the Executive Committee, at its 74th Meeting, the result of the study undertaken, together with a plan of action in the event that problems should arise from the study at the Regional level.

(Approved at the twelfth plenary session,  
10 October 1974)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the President of the XIX Pan American Sanitary Conference and the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Secretary ex officio, sign the present Final Report in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE in the city of Washington, D.C., United States of America, on the eleventh day of October 1974. The Secretary shall deposit the original texts in the archives of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and shall send copies thereof to the Governments of the Organization.

For the President:

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Dr. Oliver M.R. Harper  
Vice-President of the Conference,  
Delegate of Guyana

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Dr. Abraham Horwitz  
Director, Pan American Sanitary Bureau  
Secretary ex officio of the Conference