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**PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH  
ORGANIZATION FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997**

The 116th Meeting of the Executive Committee examined the proposed program budget of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) for the biennium 1996-1997 contained in *Official Document 267*, in conjunction with the report of the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming (SPP) and supplementary information provided by the Director.

The 1996-1997 PAHO proposal for a budget increase of 6.8%, with the WHO proposal for a budget increase of 9.05%, was reviewed by the SPP in April 1995. The SPP requested the Director to continue reviewing the PAHO proposal prior to presentation to the June 1995 meeting of the Executive Committee.

In May 1995, the World Health Assembly approved the global WHO budget proposal for 1996-1997 with an increase of 2.5%, with the additional possibility of applying another US\$ 20 million from casual income to the budget. In June, the Director-General decided that the Region of the Americas would receive no increase, which meant a reduction of \$7,222,000 compared with the amount approved for submission to the World Health Organization by the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference.

The PAHO budget proposal presented to the Executive Committee was for an increase of 5.9%. The Executive Committee approved the following resolution:

***PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH  
ORGANIZATION FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997***

***THE 116th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,***

Having considered the Report of the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming;

Having examined the proposed program budget of the Pan American Health Organization for the biennium 1996-1997 contained in *Official Document 267*;

Noting the improved format of the proposed program budget;

Noting the decision of the Director-General of the World Health Organization to maintain the 1996-1997 budget allocated to the Region of the Americas at the same level as 1994-1995, which is US\$ 7,222,000 less than had been approved for submission to the World Health Organization by the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference; and

Bearing in mind Article 14.C of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization; Article III, paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6, of the PAHO Financial Regulations; and Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee,

***RESOLVES:***

1. To thank the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming for its preliminary review of and report on the proposed program budget.
2. To thank the Director for the Secretariat's efforts in preparing a proposed program budget which is clear and comprehensive in view of the needs for technical cooperation in health in the Region.
3. To urge the Member Governments to give priority to health issues within the Region of the Americas when considering the allocation of their financial resources.
4. To request the Director to continue to refine the program budget proposals for presentation to the XXXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council, taking into account the recommendations and suggestions made by the Executive Committee during the review of *Official Document 267*.

The PAHO budget proposal for the consideration of the Directing Council is for an increase of 2.5 %, or \$4,112,000. When joined with the WHO portion, the combined increase is 1.7%. Since the April meeting of the SPP, the proposals have been reduced

by \$14,341,000. The \$4,112,000, or 2.5%, proposed increase has no provision for inflationary increases estimated to be over \$10,500,000.

Draft appropriation and assessment resolutions are on pages 7-10 of the revised *Official Document 267*.