

PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION  
14th Meeting of the Executive Committee

MINUTES OF THE SECOND PLENARY SESSION

Held at Washington, D. C.

Thursday, 20 September 1951, at 2:55 p.m.

Chairman: Dr. H. van Zile Hyde United States  
Vice-Chairman: Dr. Juan Allwood Paredes El Salvador  
Secretary: Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Present:

Members of the Committee:

Dr. Gerardo Segura Argentina  
Dr. Naclanceno Romero Chile  
Dr. Luis F. Thomen Dominican Republic  
Dr. Fred L. Soper (ex-officio) Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Absent:

Dr. Luis F. Galich Guatemala  
Dr. Carlos Lazarte Perú

Observers:

Dr. Almir Castro Brazil  
Dr. Jorge Boshell Manrique Colombia  
Dr. Félix Hurtado Cuba  
Dr. Pedro Nogueira Cuba  
Mr. Gabriel Rosaz France  
Dr. René Lavoine France  
Dr. Nicolaas Hendrik Swellengrebel Netherlands  
Dr. Leonardo Somarriba Nicaragua  
Mr. Paul R. Kelbaugh Organization of American States

Pan American Sanitary Bureau: Dr. Paulo C. A. Antunes, Assistant Director; Dr. Abraham Horwitz, Mr. H. A. Hinderer, Dr. Oswaldo Lopes da Costa, Mr. Harry Mitchell, and Mr. Benjamin Margolin, Adviser.

PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1952  
(Continuation)

DRAFT RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1952 SUBMITTED BY THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE APPOINTED AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

The draft resolution was read.

Dr. Soper pointed out that in order to explain the action taken by the Director, the drafting of the resolution should be altered and pointed out that the only changes and amendments that had been made in the draft program and budget were the ones suggested and approved at the 13th Meeting of the Executive Committee in April 1951.

DECISION TAKEN:

The resolution was unanimously approved with amendments to the first paragraph suggested by the Director.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHO WILL SUBMIT DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET TO THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

The Representative of El Salvador suggested that no special committee of the Executive Committee be appointed to submit the draft Program and Budget to the Directing Council because he considered it unnecessary.

The Representatives of Argentina, Chile, United States and the Dominican Republic, the Chairman and the Director also took part in the discussion.

DECISION TAKEN:

As a result of the discussion and a vote having been taken, it was decided to appoint a committee composed of two members of the Executive Committee to be designated at a subsequent session.

DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1953 (Document CE14/12)

The Chairman summarized and explained the contents of Document CE14/12.

The Director stated that it would be advisable to ascertain the total amount available for the 1953 budget in order to prepare the draft Program and Budget for 1953 to be submitted to the Executive Committee for consideration at its meeting in April 1952.

The Representatives of Argentina, Chile, United States, and the Dominican Republic, and the Chairman, Director and Secretary, officials of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, took part in the discussion.

The Representative of Argentina stated that he did not have instructions from his Government on the matter and that since the figure suggested involved an increase in the budget and in the cuota allotted to Argentina, he deemed it advisable to defer a decision and that the representatives inform their respective governments as to the reasons advanced for such increase.

The Chairman requested the opinion of the members of the Committee as to the advisability of submitting the preliminary proposed Program and Budget for 1953 to the Directing Council for its information.

DECISION TAKEN:

The Committee decided to submit the preliminary proposed Program and Budget for 1953 (Document CE14/12) to the Directing Council, for which purpose a proposed resolution was to be drafted.

PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS,  
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, FOR 1953 (Document CE14/8)

The Chairman summarized the document and Dr. Antunes, at the suggestion of the Director, explained the scope thereof.

The Director stated that he had received a request from the Director-General of the World Health Organization to include the sum of \$25,000 in the Budget for a Symposium on Nutrition and another \$18,000 for a proposal to assist crippled children by means of trained personnel, and set forth the possibilities of carrying out this request.

The session was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. and resumed at 5:00 p.m.

The Representative of the Dominican Republic suggested deletion of the words "in detail" in the whereas clause of Document CE14/8 and that the resolution of the document read as follows:

"To transmit to the Directing Council for its information, in its capacity as a Regional Committee, [the Program and Budget as submitted by the Regional Director]."

**DECISION TAKEN:**

The Resolution with amendments as suggested by the Representative of the Dominican Republic was approved.

**MEANS FOR FACILITATING PAYMENT OF QUOTA CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS (Document CE14/10)**

The Director informed those present that consultations had been held with the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development in order to obtain facilities for the Member Governments for paying their quotas, but that it had been impossible to reach any satisfactory solution. He pointed out the advisability of Member Governments meeting their quotas promptly.

The Representative of Argentina announced that his Government would immediately send its quota for 1948 and 1949. He also indicated that it would be impossible for Argentina to transfer its voluntary contribution of a million and a half pesos outside the country. However, since the Pan American Sanitary Bureau had committed itself to establish a Zone Office in Buenos Aires, there was a possibility of utilizing this amount.

The Director pointed out the advisability of having local funds available in Argentina to help defray the expenses of the Buenos Aires Zone Office.

The Chairman requested that the Director submit in writing a proposal on the utilization of those funds for the consideration of the Executive Committee.

**DECISION TAKEN:**

The Committee approved the Chairman's suggestion.

The Representative of El Salvador remarked that paragraph 4 of the resolution of Document CE14/10 was redundant and unnecessary; he therefore proposed its deletion.

DECISION TAKEN:

The resolution contained in the aforementioned document was approved, Friday, 21 September 1951 with the suggested deletion.

The Subcommittee for the Revision of the Constitution was appointed to meet at 9:00 a.m.

The Third Plenary Session was convened for 10:00 a.m.

The Secretary announced the transportation arrangements which had been made for the Delegates, and immediately following the session was adjourned.