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PRECIS MINUTES

PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION
Washington, D. C.
Monday, 5 October 1953, at 10:30 a.m.

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<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. José ZOZAYA	Mexico
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Hernán URZUA	Chile
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

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TOPIC 1: OPENING BY THE PROVISIONAL CHAIRMAN

The 20th Meeting of the Executive Committee was opened by the PROVISIONAL CHAIRMAN, Dr. Bello Sarria (Ecuador), representing the Government of Ecuador, whose representative occupied the Chair at the 19th Meeting of the Committee. Dr. Bello Sarria presented his greetings and once again thanked the members for the honor paid his Government last year, an honor that was the expression of a cordial feeling of Pan American solidarity.

He wished the Representatives a pleasant stay in this beautiful and hospitable city of Washington. He expressed the hope that the Delegates of the American countries who are attending the Meeting would bring to a successful conclusion all the proposals to be discussed, and especially that the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1954 and the Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, for 1955, would be approved with true equity and practical sense.

He stated the need for placing special emphasis on the study of long-range public health programs; the revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization; the Report of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations; and the approval of the Draft Agenda of the VII Meeting of the Directing Council.

The Provisional Chairman closed by requesting a vote congratulating the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and all those who have collaborated in furthering the health aims of the American countries.

TOPIC 2: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

The PROVISIONAL CHAIRMAN called for nominations for the office of Chairman.

Dr. BISSOT (Panama) nominated Dr. Zozaya (Mexico) for Chairman.

Dr. CASTRO (Brazil) and Mr. SANCHEZ BAEZ (Dominican Republic) seconded the nomination.

Dr. ZOZAYA (Mexico) nominated the Representative of Chile.

Dr. URZUA (Chile) proposed that Dr. Zozaya be unanimously elected.

DECISION TAKEN

Dr. Zozaya was unanimously elected Chairman.

Mr. SANCHEZ BAEZ (Dominican Republic) nominated Dr. Urzúa for Vice-Chairman. Dr. BELLO SARRIA (Ecuador) seconded the nomination, and Dr. BISSOT (Panama) proposed that the election be unanimous.

DECISION TAKEN

Dr. Urzúa was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.

Dr. ZOZAYA (Mexico) then took the chair and expressed his thanks for the honor paid the Government of Mexico, which he would make every effort to merit.

TOPIC 3: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Document CE20/1, Rev.2)

The CHAIRMAN presented the Agenda and stated that, if there were no objections, its approval would be in order.

DECISION TAKEN

The Agenda was unanimously approved.

Order of Business

Dr. HURTADO (Observer, Cuba) requested that Topic 7, Report of the Permanent Committee on Revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, be considered before the other topics, because he wished to expound certain points of view of the Government of Cuba, and had to leave before the Meeting was over to attend the Pediatric Congress that is to meet shortly.

Mr. SANCHEZ RAEZ (Dominican Republic) proposed that Topic 7 be the first to be discussed at the session on Tuesday, the 6th.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal was agreed to.

TOPIC 4: SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU, AND PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, FOR 1955. APPOINTMENT OF THE WORKING PARTY (Document CE20/2 and Corrigendum I)

The CHAIRMAN, after pointing out the difficulties of considering the budget at a plenary session, suggested that the opinions of the members of the PASB be heard, and asked the Director to make a general statement on the Budget.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that the budget situation faced by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the Regional Office of the World Health Organization for the Americas is complicated by the fact that in the current year the PASB budget is prepared and approved for the ensuing year, whereas the WHO budget that is submitted to the World Health Assembly in Geneva is prepared for the second following year. This means, in effect, that the Directing Council, meeting on 9 October, will consider the PASB Budget for 1954 that was discussed and approved by the Executive Committee in April of the current year.

The document being considered by the present meeting of the Executive Committee (Document CE20/2) includes for the first time in a single document the proposals for both organizations for the second year following the meeting of the Committee. Since the proposals for the 1955 WHO Budget must be presented to the World Health Organization in October of this year, the preliminary summary of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Bureau for that year is also presented, for purposes of comparison. According to present procedure, it will not be until next year that the 1955 PASB Budget will be submitted by the Executive Committee to the Directing Council for final consideration. The Regional Program and Budget for 1955, which is presented in the same document,

will be given final consideration by the Directing Council at its meeting next week before it is submitted to the Director-General of the World Health Organization for inclusion in the 1955 Budget of the World Health Organization.

Dr. Soper went on to say that, with a little more experience, it might be possible to change this situation. It might be well, during this meeting and the meeting of the Directing Council, to consider the possibility of holding the meeting of the Committee at a different period during 1954. Instead of meeting early in April to consider only the Budget of the PASB for 1955, the Executive Committee might hold its meeting after the World Health Assembly, probably in June or early in July and at that time give simultaneous consideration to the proposed programs for the World Health Organization and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1956, together with the final draft of the PASB Budget for 1955. Such an arrangement would make it possible to allow for a longer period between the consideration of this document by the Executive Committee and its consideration by the Council, and also to distribute the document to the Governments after action has been taken thereon by the Executive Committee.

Dr. Soper explained the manner in which the document had been prepared. Before the present organization of Zone Offices was completed, the preparation of proposed budgets was done mostly at Headquarters in Washington. We have now come to the point, however, where, although the final form of the budget is determined in Washington, that is done only after the Zone Representatives have consulted with individual Governments and after the program proposals of individual countries have been received. Naturally, the proposals from the individual countries and from the Zones far exceeded the financial resources of the Organization, and when these proposals were received they were considered by the technical staff of the Washington Office. Each project was discussed and eventually a list of priorities was drawn up to serve as the basis for the final document. Dr. Soper called attention to the influence of Technical Assistance and UNICEF funds on the size and the activities of the Regional Office. The entire planning of programs has had to be modified because of the reduction in TA funds. This reduction is reflected only partially in the document under consideration, for after its preparation the Director-General of the WHO found it necessary to insist on further reductions that will affect the program, especially

between the present date and 1 July 1954. The extent to which programs will be reduced after July 1954 cannot be determined until after the TA pledging meeting to be held in December of this year. The Director called attention to the fact that from year to year increasing emphasis has been placed, in the program and budget, on the development of professional education and training and on the organization and development of integrated public health projects.

In conclusion, Dr. Soper informed the Committee that the chiefs of the three divisions of the Bureau --Administration, Education and Training, and Public Health -- would be available to give full information regarding plans and details of the budget related to the Headquarters Office, and that the Representatives of the six Zones would give any necessary information regarding projects in the field or proposals concerning individual countries.

The CHAIRMAN thanked the Director of the Bureau for his full explanation, and added that although the document is very clear and well prepared, and in spite of the ease with which information on the economic and technical functioning of the Bureau can be obtained, experience has shown that if the budget is discussed in plenary session it is impossible to go into detail. For that reason he emphasized the advisability of appointing a working party to study Document CE20/2 and Corrigendum I.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Chairman was approved, and the Representatives of Brazil, Chile, the Dominican Republic, and Panama were designated as members of the working party to study the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas for 1955.

TOPIC 5: REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF REPRESENTATIVES TO REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Document CE20/3)

At the request of the CHAIRMAN, the SECRETARY read Document CE20/3.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that, according to the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, the Member Governments are under obligation to defray the

expenses of the delegations they send to meetings of the Directing Council. He added that he did not know what legal interpretation might be given to the reimbursement of travelling expenses, in view of the fact that the Agreement between the Pan American Sanitary Organization and the World Health Organization provides that the Directing Council is also a Regional Committee of the WHO. Moreover, he believed that if the WHO should vote to reimburse the expenses of the Representatives on the Regional Committees in the other Regional Organizations, it should do the same with respect to the Regional Office of the Americas.

Dr. HURTADO (Observer, Cuba) considered Dr. Soper's remarks very pertinent. He pointed out the obligation the American Governments were under to pay the expenses of their representatives at the meetings of the Directing Council, and the implications arising from its status as Regional Committee of the WHO. In a word, what is going to be done is to reimburse the Governments for the travelling outlay they have made.

He believed that there would be no opposition in the Americas to making reimbursement for travelling expenses, since that would mean a reduction in the expenditures of the respective countries. In his opinion, the legal aspect of the question can be settled at the World Health Assembly.

The session recessed at 11:15 a.m. and was resumed at 11:40 a.m.

The CHAIRMAN announced that the study of Topic 5 would continue.

Dr. CASTRO (Brazil) believed that the Observer for Cuba stated the matter very clearly. In his opinion, there was no conflict, no legal conflict, between the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, setting forth the obligations of the American countries with respect to paying the delegates' expenditures, and the plan proposed in this document. He believed that if the WHO wished to defray these expenses, the Regional Office would not refuse to accept this obligation, and further, he saw nothing to prevent its approval, because the American countries would willingly accept a proposal that would lessen their economic problems. He wished to know if the figures given in the document covered all expenses incidental to Committee meetings.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that the figures cover only the transportation of one representative and do not include the per diem expenditures, which are the same for each Member. These have been set up to cover only the transportation to and from the place of meeting. They also include, he believed, the representation of the United Kingdom, France, and the Netherlands, calculated on the basis of the point from which those representative have been coming. The figures are limited to the cost of transportation of country Representatives.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (Observer, United States) said that the views of the Government of the United States would be expressed at the meeting of the Directing Council. He wished to know if the Bureau might not be asked to provide information concerning the practice followed in other international organizations in the payment of these expenses. He believed that it is customary for the Governments themselves to cover such expenses, except in the case of a few organizations. He also thought it would be helpful to know what decisions had been taken by other Regional Committees, and added that he had heard that the Region for the Western Pacific had proposed that the Governments themselves defray these expenses.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that he had no information to add to that given by the Observer for the United States, but that an attempt could be made to obtain additional information before the meeting of the Directing Council. With regard to the specialized agencies, he pointed out that none of them has the same regional organization as does the World Health Organization.

Mr. KELBAUGH (Observer, OAS) stated that the expenses of the Members of the Council of the Organization of American States are paid by their respective Governments. In a specific case where the Council sent its own representative to an inter-American meeting, the expenses were paid by the Pan American Union, but out of funds not previously allocated for the purpose. The expenses of delegates to the meetings of the Economic and Social Council are likewise met by their respective Governments.

The CHAIRMAN recalled, in this connection, that the Executive Committee acts as working party of the Regional Committee and that the Representatives should therefore express their opinions on the matter.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) called attention to the fact that, as the Regions are now organized, it is probable that there will be considerable disparity in the advantages to individual regions and even to individual countries in the approval of this proposal. In the case of the European Region, for example, the cost of transportation between countries is relatively low. The same is true in the Regions of the Eastern Mediterranean and Southeast Asia. The three regions that probably have the highest cost of transportation are the Regions of the Americas, the Western Pacific, and Africa. Dr. Soper went on to say that he had not had an opportunity to work out the averages for the different countries, but it is probable that certain countries in the Americas could receive advantages from such a proposal as great as, or greater than other countries in other Regions. For example, Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina, Chile, and even Peru and Bolivia are all countries that must make a considerable financial outlay to send representatives to Washington every two years. He added that his statements were in no way intended to influence the decision taken.

The CHAIRMAN said that it was essential that the Executive Committee, as working party of the Directing Council, express its opinion on the subject. He added that if the Representatives wish to obtain additional information, it might be preferable to postpone consideration of the topic until such information is received. In view of the fact that the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization acts as Regional Committee of the WHO, it is possible that in Geneva an exception would be made for the Region of the Americas.

Dr. HURTADO (Observer, Cuba) explained that the solution of the problem depends on the World Health Assembly, for it is up to that body to take the final decision on the reimbursement of travel expenses of representatives attending the meetings of Regional Committees. On the other hand, assuming that the World Health Assembly does decide in favor of reimbursement, it will be necessary to determine whether the funds for reimbursement will be allocated in the budget of the PASB or in that of the WHO. He did not feel that the Member Countries of the Pan American Sanitary Organization would have any objection to a change that would represent a saving in the long run.

Dr. CASTRO (Brazil) pointed out that the opinions

previously expressed in favor of the reimbursement of expenses were based on the assumption that the funds would be allocated in the regular budget of the WHO.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASE) recalled that no decision with regard to this point has as yet been taken by the WHO. The Bureau was advised not to include these expenditures in the proposed budget for 1955, so that it would be necessary to postpone until after the action of the Assembly any decision as to whether these expenditures of the Regional Committee would be made from a fund at Headquarters or whether they would be charged against the amounts now allocated to the Regional Office, which would automatically reduce the project funds by that amount. The Director wished to emphasize what had been said by the Observer for Cuba, as this matter would be studied by the Executive Board of the WHO. The Executive Board did make its recommendation to the Assembly, but the latter did not take action on the matter, referring it to the Regional Committees, and it will not take definite action until May. The decision now to be taken by the Directing Council, acting as Regional Committee, would have to be one that the countries of the Americas would be prepared to support at the World Health Assembly.

The CHAIRMAN asked the Representative of Brazil whether he wished to present his earlier comments in the form of a proposal.

Dr. CASTRO (Brazil) stated that he was in favor of reimbursement of expenditures, provided they would be charged to the regular budget of the WHO. He said he wished to present a proposal to that effect.

Dr. BELLO SARRIA (Ecuador) supported the proposal of the Representative of Brazil.

DECISION TAKEN

Unanimous approval was given to the proposal of the Representative of Brazil, to the effect that the Executive Committee, as working party of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization, should agree to the reimbursement to the Representatives for the transportation expenses of attending the meetings of the Regional Committee, provided that such expenses are met from the necessary appropriations in the budget of the WHO. 1/

1/ Resolution modified at the Third and Fourth Plenary Sessions (See pages 26 and 39).

TOPIC 6: PLAN OF LONG-RANGE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS
(Document CE20/4)

The SECRETARY read Document CE20/4 on this topic.

Dr. URZUA (Chile) believed the topic to be of the utmost importance. He said there was no reason to object to the document, but that it should be borne in mind that there are two types of programs, long term and short term. Some of the short-term programs are not of great usefulness because of their local character. He wished to know the opinion of the Bureau as to how the basic services of each country are to be reinforced, how the means for training professional and auxiliary personnel are to be provided, and how it is planned to coordinate and assist in the planning and operation of long-range programs.

Dr. HURTADO (Observer, Cuba) wished to raise an additional point. He wanted to place on record the satisfaction of his country with the appointment of Dr. Carlos Luis González, former Director General of Public Health of the Republic of Venezuela and prominent public health leader, to the post of Chief of the Division of Public Health of the Bureau. As regards the topic under discussion, Dr. Hurtado agreed with the Representative of Chile that information as to the modus operandi of these long-range programs should be furnished. In his opinion, Dr. González was the appropriate person to reply to Dr. Urzúa's suggestion.

Dr. CASTRO (Brazil) said that he was not in favor of this type of recommendation, which is often somewhat vague and phrased in theoretical terms. He wished to be enlightened by the Secretariat on two points. First, whether there is a precise and concrete plan, and if the present policies of the Organization are those expressed in the document. Second, whether this plan would involve any substantial change in present policies, and whether it would result in the reduction of any general project to concentrate efforts and resources on the improvement of a project that is likely to yield immediate results.

The CHAIRMAN felt that the plan, in itself, is of great interest, and he wished to know whether a change was to be made in the system of budgets. The countries themselves are not certain as to which are the fundamental programs, and it would be advantageous to give the Bureau

experts an opportunity to explain the scope of the long-range programs. He suggested that the study of this topic be continued at the next session, so as to enable the working party to study the program and budget at its meeting that afternoon. He recommended that as many of the Representatives as possible attend the meeting of the working party, so as to facilitate the final study of the budget at the plenary session.

The session was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

PRECIS MINUTES OF THE SECOND PLENARY SESSION
Washington, D. C.
Tuesday, 6 October 1953, at 10:05 a.m.

Chairman: Dr. Hernán URZUA Chile
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TOPIC 7: REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANI-
ZATION (Document CE20/5)

The CHAIRMAN submitted to the Committee for consideration the Report of the Permanent Committee on Revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization (Document CE20/5).

The SECRETARY read the main points of the Report.

The CHAIRMAN asked the Chairman of the Permanent Committee, Observer for the United States, to give additional information on this topic.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (Observer, United States) remarked that he was speaking as Chairman of the Permanent Committee on Revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization and not on behalf of the Government of the United States. He expressed deep regret that Dr. Thomen had been unable to continue as Chairman of the Permanent Committee, adding that he personally and the other members of the Committee had missed him a great deal at the recent meetings. He went on to say that the Report was being submitted in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Directing Council last year, and that the Permanent Committee had considered it advisable to transmit it to the Executive Committee for its information.

The Permanent Committee had held several meetings and, in the light of comments made at the VI Meeting of the Directing Council in Havana last year and observations submitted to the Permanent Committee by the Governments and other interested parties since that time, had reviewed the Constitution that had been prepared earlier. It can be seen from the Report that approximately half the Members of the Pan American Sanitary Organization have not yet sent any comments.

The Permanent Committee found itself in a situation where it was examining certain proposals submitted by different countries, proposals that varied and in fact were, in some instances, diametrically opposed. It was the feeling of the Permanent Committee that without the benefit of observations from more Members of the Organization, it should not attempt to deal with certain particular articles. Therefore, it was a suggestion of the Permanent Committee that the Directing Council might wish to invite the Governments to submit comments on the Proposed Constitution as soon as possible, so that the Permanent Committee could resume its study immediately after the meeting of the Directing

Council, and have a complete report ready in time for the Conference next year. In conclusion he said that he did not believe it necessary to read the report contained in Document CPRC/32, and invited those present to ask any questions they wished, saying he would attempt to answer them.

Dr. SEGURA (Observer, Argentina) stated that the Delegation of Argentina had participated in the consideration of this subject on other occasions, and that, unfortunately, the Permanent Committee has met with difficulties that are not merely technical. He pointed out that the Executive Committee has continued to postpone consideration of this topic, which has appeared on every agenda since 1950, because there were no reports from certain Governments. But the matter must be solved. He added that Argentina will present at the next Meeting of the Directing Council a clear and detailed statement, which he hoped would have the careful attention of the Representatives.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (Observer, United States) recalled that yesterday the Observer for Cuba had requested that this topic be given first place on today's agenda so that he could make some remarks that, together with those of Dr. Segura, could be transmitted to the Directing Council, for its information.

Mr. VERGARA (Chile) asked whether it fell within the province of the Executive Committee to pass upon substantive matters or whether they were a prerogative of the Directing Council.

The CHAIRMAN explained that substantive matters fell within the province of the Directing Council.

The Chairman then suggested that, in view of the fact that the Observer for Cuba was not in the room, they turn to the examination of Topic 6.

It was so agreed.

TOPIC 6: PLAN OF LONG-RANGE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS
(Document CE20/4) (Conclusion)

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) pointed out that, when this question was raised in yesterday's session, the Representatives of Chile and Brazil presented some questions with respect to the implications of this plan and that there had been no time to give an explanation. He requested that Dr. Carlos Luis González, Chief of the Division of Public Health of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, be permitted to reply to those questions.

Dr. GONZALEZ (Chief, Division of Public Health, PASB) stated that the Executive Committee, if it considers it to be advisable, may recommend to the Directing Council the adoption of the proposed resolution as it appears on page 3 of Document CE20/4.

Dr. González said that, in commenting on this extremely important topic, the Representative of Chile had asked how the Pan American Sanitary Bureau was going to put the proposed resolution into practice. This is a topic that should be re-examined periodically. He explained that during discussions on programs and budgets great attention is given to long-range programs. When the Pan American Sanitary Bureau prepares its plans, it takes into consideration the desires expressed by the Governments, since it is the duty of the Bureau to give them careful attention. It is also necessary to take into consideration the fact that the Governments often request assistance in certain special fields. If paragraph (a) of the resolution is properly interpreted, it can be observed that the policy of the Bureau must be carried out on the basis of the consultations that are frequently and periodically held with the Governments. He stressed the fact that in recent years the Governments have tended to develop coordinated public health programs.

He pointed out that the educational and training activities referred to in paragraph (b) are increasing every day. The Representatives have insisted on this policy and the manner in which the Bureau proposes to execute them is generally known.

The Pan American Sanitary Bureau is endeavoring to carry forward, in collaboration with the Governments, the planning and operation of individual or regional programs for the eradication of those communicable diseases for which there are suitable means of eradication. He mentioned the program for the eradication of Aedes aegypti, which has been under way for several years. It is the Governments, Dr. González pointed out, that, by making known their desires in the periodic meetings, lay down the guiding principles and plan the public health policy of the Organization.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) explained that paragraph (a) of the proposed resolution relates to cooperation in strengthening national services, and it is a question not of organizing long-range services with personnel of the Bureau but of aiding the countries to organize their own services with local personnel.

The CHAIRMAN believed it pertinent, in closing the discussion of this topic, to state that the 1955 Budget fulfills many of the objectives referred to in the proposed resolution on long-range public health programs, as it places great emphasis on technical assistance to the Governments, development of nursing, and training of technical personnel.

DECISION TAKEN

It was agreed to recommend that the Directing Council adopt the proposed resolution contained in Document CE20/4. ^{2/}

TOPIC 7: REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION (Document CE20/5) (Conclusion)

Dr. HURTADO (Observer, Cuba) thanked the Committee for having awaited his presence, stating that he had been absent from the session on official business. In regard to Topic 7, he said that, although it is true that final consideration of the revision of the Constitution is the responsibility of the Directing Council, the Executive Committee is authorized to present to the Council general recommendations. One of the most important of the proposed changes in the Constitution is the elimination of the Directing Council, which means that the Council would have to vote its own elimination. He considered it most advisable for the Executive Committee to recommend to the Directing Council that it take no decision on the matter, in view of the fact that the Pan American Sanitary Conference is to meet soon. He said that the Government of Cuba wishes to reiterate its opposition to a complete revision of the Constitution, although it gives its support to a partial revision. In conclusion, the Observer for Cuba requested that the Executive Committee refrain from studying the revision of the Constitution and that this topic be referred to the Conference that will meet next year.

Dr. SEGURA (Observer, Argentina) said that the point just raised was the same as that raised in Havana last year. The Governments have had two years in which to make recommendations, and if they have not made recommendations they must have a good reason for not doing so, for their opinions have been requested repeatedly. He saw no advantage in keeping the topic up for discussion while awaiting the presence of more representatives. Dr. Segura was not in accord with the proposal of the

^{2/}See Final Report of the 20th Meeting of the Executive Committee (Document CE20/12, Rev. 1), Resolution I.

Observer for Cuba as regards limiting the Directing Council with respect to the position it might wish to take. The Council itself should determine the procedure to follow, without any outside pressure.

Dr. CASTRO (Brazil) seconded the proposal made previously by Mr. Calderwood. As to the statements made by Dr. Hurtado, he was not certain that the Executive Committee should recommend to the Directing Council that it take no decision on this topic, which it has not studied previously.

Mr. VERGARA (Chile) stated that he had full respect for the opinions of the Representative of Brazil and the Observer for Argentina, and that he did not disagree with the Observer for Cuba. From the juridical point of view the problem presents no difficulty, as the Conference is the supreme governing authority of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.

Dr. HURTADO (Observer, Cuba) did not think it wise to take a decision when the meeting of the Conference was only one year away, for the Directing Council might decide on one course of action in October, and the Conference on a different course ten months later. What the Committee should do, therefore, is to make a last request that the Governments present their opinions.

Dr. SEGURA (Observer, Argentina) said that the views of the Representatives who will attend the Directing Council meeting are not yet known, and it may well be that they have received definite instructions from their Governments. The matter should be referred to the Directing Council so as to enable that body to study it with complete freedom.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that in the proposed resolution appearing on page 1 of Document CE20/5, it is stated that the Report and two Annexes presented by the Permanent Committee should be transmitted to the Directing Council. This action allows the Council full freedom.

Dr. PIERRE-NOEL (Haiti) asked whether the Report was final or whether the Permanent Committee would continue its work.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (Observer, United States) explained that the Report presented to the Representatives is provisional, not final. He said that any additional recommendations of the Governments should be included in the Report, and that the Directing Council is to determine what is to be done.

Dr. PIERRE-NOEL (Haiti) said that he saw no point in prolonging the discussion, since nothing that would be said would lead to definite action.

Dr. HURTADO (Observer, Cuba) pointed out that the last paragraph of the Report of the Permanent Committee states that the revised text will be presented to the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference.

Dr. CASTRO (Brazil) said that the Directing Council is fully conscious of its authority and responsibilities, and would not go beyond them. He did not consider it proper to recommend to the Directing Council that it take no decision on this question. Moreover, such a recommendation would not prevent the Council from deciding to study the matter.

Dr. SEGURA (Observer, Argentina) said he had received the document somewhat late and so had not had time to study it in detail. But he felt that the Executive Committee should not continue to postpone the matter, as had been done on previous occasions. He recalled that the Delegation of Argentina had, in the past, expressed its opposition to having the Pan American Sanitary Bureau draw up the Constitution, as there are factors of a political nature that might be overlooked by public health specialists. Dr. Segura added that the Delegation of Argentina had accepted several points out of a spirit of solidarity, but that it had never ceased to insist that there was a combination of political and technical matters that should be given special attention. In 1952 proposals were made that contained certain juridical errors, which the Argentine Delegation had not accepted. In conclusion, Dr. Segura said that if the matter presents unsurmountable difficulties it should be taken from the Agenda; otherwise the pertinent decisions should be taken.

The CHAIRMAN believed that, as the matter had been discussed in full, it was in order to put the proposed resolution in Document CE20/5 to a vote.

Mr. SANCHEZ BAEZ (Dominican Republic) moved that the proposed resolution be adopted as it appears on page 1 of the document.

Dr. BELLO SARRIA (Ecuador) seconded the proposal.

Dr. CASTRO (Brazil), Dr. BISSOT (Panama), and Dr. PIERRE-NOEL (Haiti) expressed their agreement with the proposal.

DECISION TAKEN

Unanimous approval was given to the proposed resolution on revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, as it appears in Document CE20/5.^{3/}

Dr. HURTADO (Observer, Cuba) wished to state for the record that the unanimous approval given by the Executive Committee, far from rejecting his recommendations, actually accepts them, as it calls for the transmittal of a Report containing the statement that the Permanent Committee will submit its next report to the Conference.

Mr. VERGARA (Chile) said that he had served on the Permanent Committee on Revision of the Constitution, as well as with other international bodies. He had a high regard for the opinions expressed by the Representative of Brazil and the Observer for Argentina, and he wished to assure those present that he had participated in the work of the Permanent Committee with the desire to do all he could to further its task.

TOPIC 8: SECOND REPORT OF THE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE
ON BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS (Document
CE20/6)

At the request of the CHAIRMAN, the SECRETARY read Document CE20/6.

The CHAIRMAN gave the floor to Dr. Frederick J. Brady, Chairman of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations.

Dr. BRADY (Observer, United States) explained the Report of this Subcommittee, which in contrast to the report on revision of the Constitution, would present no difficulty.

He expressed the wish that all members of the Directing Council and the Executive Committee could see the improvements that had been made in the buildings, and called attention to the balance of \$17,000 available for further installations and improvements. He asked the members to make any suggestions they wished to the Subcommittee, which is composed of Dr. Thomen of the Dominican Republic, Mr. Chocano of Guatemala, and the speaker. He hoped the Executive Committee would approve the report.

^{3/} Ibid., Resolution II.

Dr. ZOZAYA (Mexico) wanted to know whether it was necessary to spend the available balance or if it could be considered a saving. He pointed out that the wording of Dr. Soper's letter to the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations suggests that the balance will be spent.

Dr. SWELLENGREBEL (Observer, Netherlands) stated that it was his understanding that some of the work listed in Document CE20/6 had already been done, and some of it was still in progress. He asked if it would be possible for members of the Executive Committee to inspect the work completed, in order to form an idea of the improvements that have been made. If his request entailed any difficulties, he was willing to withdraw it.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB), in reply to the comments of the Representative of Mexico, pointed out that buildings are not static; they start to deteriorate almost from the moment their construction is finished. Certain repairs have to be made to them at a given time, but others can be postponed, depending on the availability of funds, although eventually they should be carried out. He further stated that he had hoped the Subcommittee would be able to meet at this time and inspect the two buildings to see what has been accomplished, and at the same time consider the possibility of certain additional work that would improve the appearance of the buildings. He pointed out that one of the problems was that of renewing the painting; this represents a considerable expense for a building that has been worked over does require new paint. At present the redistribution of the administrative units of the Bureau is under study, and from an administrative point of view perhaps it would be preferable to house the administrative units in the main building and move the library and certain other units into the second building. These changes would entail expense and therefore the Subcommittee should visit the buildings before they are made.

The CHAIRMAN asked the Representatives if they accepted Dr. Soper's suggestions that the buildings be visited and that the manner of utilizing the available balance be studied and a report thereon sent to the Directing Council.

Dr. ZOZAYA (Mexico) accepted the Director's explanation and stated that, in his opinion, the implication was that there should always be a fund to meet special expenses. His earlier objection referred only to the fact that the last paragraph of the Director's letter to Dr. Brady implies that the funds should, in effect, be spent.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) said he thought the difficulty was entirely one of translation, since the original English text states "so that a determination may be made by the Subcommittee of the appropriate disposition of the balance of funds allotted by the VI Meeting of the Directing Council." He noticed that in the Spanish translation the word "inversión" had been used, which he believed meant the spending of money. The original English, however, had simply referred to whether this amount should be turned back to the general fund or whether part of it should be used on the building, the purpose being to decide whether any available funds could be used in new improvements that should be made, now or later.

Mr. SANCHEZ BAEZ (Dominican Republic) agreed with the Chairman that the balance should be kept available in order to see how best to spend it.

DECISION TAKEN

The Director's suggestion was unanimously accepted, and it was agreed to thank the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations and to approve the action it has taken to date. It was agreed to recommend to the Directing Council that it decide how the estimated balance of the original allotment of \$135,180 should be used. 4/

TOPIC 5: REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF REPRESENTATIVES TO REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Document CE20/3) (Continuation)

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) said that he had received information from Dr. Candau, Director-General of the World Health Organization, on reimbursement of travelling expenses of Representatives to Regional Committee meetings. Dr. Candau reported that the Regional Committees for Europe, Africa, and the Western Pacific have voted against this proposal. The Regional Committee for Southeast Asia said it would vote for the measure, provided that it did not imply any reduction in the project program. It is evident that the amounts allocated to the reimbursement of travelling expenses cannot be used for programs. This information was given in response to the request at yesterday's session for additional data on the opinions expressed by other regional organizations.

The session was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

PRECIS MINUTES OF THE THIRD PLENARY SESSION
Washington, D.C.
Tuesday, 6 October 1953, at 2:30 p.m.

Chairman: Dr. José ZOZAYA Mexico
Vice-Chairman: Dr. Hernán URZUA Chile
Secretary: Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE Pan American
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TOPIC 9: APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT AGENDA OF THE VII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL
(Document CE20/7)

The CHAIRMAN, after commenting on the able manner in which Dr. Urzúa had presided over the morning session, submitted to the Executive Committee for consideration the last topic on the Agenda: Approval of the Draft Agenda of the VII Meeting of the Directing Council. He reminded the Committee that Article 10-B of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization provides that the agenda for the meeting of the Council shall be prepared in advance by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and approved by the Executive Committee.

DECISION TAKEN

The Draft Agenda of the VII Meeting of the Directing Council, presented by the Director, was approved. 5/

TOPIC 5: REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF REPRESENTATIVES TO REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Document CE20/3) (Continuation)
Proposal of the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN invited the Executive Committee to review the decision taken at the meeting of the previous day, concerning the reimbursement of travel expenses of Representatives to Regional Committee meetings, in the light of the information provided by the Director of the Bureau. He considered it advisable to bring the opinion of the Committee into harmony with the views expressed by the other Regional Committees of the World Health Organization. He pointed out that the Regional Committees for Europe, Africa, and the Western Pacific, when consulted on this matter, stated that they were not in favor of the proposal. Only the Regional Committee for Southeast Asia said it would favor the proposal, provided, however, that the payment of these expenses would not result in a reduction of funds allotted to the programs. The speaker added that FAO, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, UNESCO, ILO, and the Pan American Union do not pay the travel expenses of representatives attending their meetings, although ILO defrays the expenses of nongovernmental representatives and UNESCO pays the travel expenses and per diem of one representative attending the meetings of its Executive Board. Moreover, Article 10-A of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization provides

5/ Ibid., Resolution IV.

that each Government shall pay the expenses of its representative at meetings of the Directing Council. In view of these facts, the Chairman asked if the Committee did not consider it advisable to review the decision taken the day before.

Dr. CASTRO (Brazil) stated that the view of the Government of Brazil is based on the assumption that the initiative in this matter should be taken by the WHO, which, in his opinion, is called upon to provide the funds for the reimbursement of these expenses. He saw no contradiction between the policy followed in the Americas and adoption of the principle of reimbursement, and added that, in any event, the opinion agreed upon by the Directing Council does not imply a final decision.

Dr. HURTADO (Observer, Cuba) was of the opinion that the procedure to be adopted in this matter should be in agreement with the terms of Resolution EB11.R50 of the WHO Executive Board and that, pursuant to the recommendation of the VI World Health Assembly, it is the Regional Committees that are invited to study and comment on this proposal and not the Executive Committee which, at the present time, is only a working party of the Directing Council. It is, therefore, the Directing Council, functioning as the Regional Committee, that is called upon to reply to this request, and the final decision will be made by the VII World Health Assembly. The speaker wished to call the Committee's attention to an important point: he was not surprised by the position taken by the Regional Committees for Europe and Africa, which, in his opinion, are influenced by geographic factors and, moreover, fear a reduction in their program budgets. The situation of the American countries is different, not only with regard to the amounts of their quotas, inasmuch as one of the countries contributes the largest amount and receives the smallest direct benefit from the activities of the WHO, but also with regard to the distances between the Member States and the Headquarters of the Bureau. Acceptance of the principle of reimbursement would mean, to some extent, a decrease in the contributions made by the Continent to international health organizations. In conclusion, Dr. Hurtado said that he considered it unnecessary to modify the decision that had been taken.

Dr. CASTRO (Brazil) requested that the resolution approved yesterday be read.

The SECRETARY read the operative clause of the provisional text awaiting the approval of the Drafting Committee, as follows:

"To transmit Document CE20/3 to the Directing Council, with the statement that it agrees to the reimbursement to Representatives for the expenses of attending meetings of the WHO Regional Committee, provided that such expenses are met from the necessary appropriations in the budget of the WHO."

Dr. CASTRO (Brazil) proposed the deletion of the last part of the text just read, limiting the resolution to the simple transmittal of Document CE20/3 and attachment.

Dr. READY (Observer, United States) recalled that there was a question of two resolutions --one of the VI World Health Assembly, the other of the Executive Board; that the latter had been submitted to the Assembly and the part relating to the reimbursement of the expenses of delegates was not incorporated in the resolution of the VI Assembly. He added that it appeared to him to be advisable for the Executive Committee to submit a recommendation on this matter to the Directing Council. For his part, he was convinced that the Directing Council will maintain the policy that has been followed in the past, for the following reasons: first, the amounts employed in the reimbursement of travel expenses would be deducted from those earmarked for the programs, and the discussions at the last meeting of the Directing Council brought out the interest that the Member Governments have in augmenting the field programs; second, it is obvious that for a certain number of years the legislation and budgets of the Member Countries have taken care of the travel expenses of the delegates; and third, this system functions well and it is therefore wise to continue it. He considered that the Executive Committee ought to decide against this proposal.

Dr. PIERRE-NOEL (Haiti) pointed out that reimbursement would mean a reduction in the funds available for programs, and consequently he opposed the principle of reimbursement. He expressed the wish that the Committee make a statement to that effect, but without invoking the opinions expressed by the other Regional Committees, which in no wise should influence our opinion.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ (Observer, Argentina) considered that even if the Organization should assume those expenses they would always be borne by the respective countries, and that therefore the new arrangement would have no effect on the budget for public health work.

The CHAIRMAN stated that there were two proposals, submitted by the Representatives of Haiti and Brazil, respectively. The first one proposes an unfavorable reply and the second one merely transmits the document presented by the Director of the Bureau. He wished to know whether in the decision that is adopted it would be necessary to refer to the information that the Executive Committee received this morning.

Mr. SANCHEZ BAEZ (Dominican Republic) seconded the proposal of the Representative of Brazil together with the one that the Chairman had just formulated with respect to the available data.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Representative of Brazil was unanimously approved as modified by the Representative of the Dominican Republic.^{6/}

TOPIC 4: SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU, AND PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, FOR 1955 (Document CE20/2 and Corrigendum I) (Conclusion) Report of the Working Party

The CHAIRMAN asked the Chairman of the Working Party to present the report on Topic 4 and inquired of the Committee whether it preferred to examine the questions separately or to postpone any comment until after the report was heard in its entirety.

Dr. BELLO SARRIA (Ecuador) expressed the opinion that it would be better to postpone the observations of the Representatives until the end.

It was so agreed.

^{6/} Resolution modified at the Fourth Plenary Session (See page 39).

Dr. URZUA (Chile) reported for the Working Party. He called the Representatives' attention to the following points. (a) On page 8 of Document CE20/2 there is a total budget for 1955 of \$5,957,571, which is less than that of 1954 (\$6,845,136). This is a question of provisional figures and it is possible that in reality the budget for 1955 may be equal to or greater than that for 1954. (b) On page 10, Part III, Section 2, Chapters 1, 2, and 9 relating to programs of insect control and malaria, tuberculosis, and maternal and child health, the allocations are less than those for 1954. (c) On page 11 there is a reduction in the administrative expenses, which decrease from a total of \$963,173 in 1954 to \$926,038 in 1955.

Before continuing further he wished to express the great satisfaction felt by the Working Party over the trend apparent in the last-named part of the 1955 budgets, as well as over the emphasis given to long-range programs, making the new orientation of the work of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau a reality. Thus on page 10 we can see the great impetus that will be given to the nursing programs of the Bureau, by virtue of the increase from \$38,761 in 1954 to \$135,491 in 1955, and to those of the World Health Organization, which increase from \$29,667 in 1954 to \$176,801 in 1955. This item is essential for the training of permanent personnel in the various countries, since it deals with teaching programs. The same trend is observed in the programs of environmental sanitation and of education and training, as shown by the figures on page 16.

He added that the Working Party had arrived at the following conclusions, which he submitted for consideration by the Executive Committee.

1. The 1955 budget is \$5,957,571 as compared with \$6,845,136 for 1954, due to the fact that there is a decrease in extra-budgetary funds. However, this is a provisional item, since it is possible that when the budgets for UNICEF and other institutions are approved, the total amount of the budget for 1955 may equal that for 1954. In general, the extra-budgetary funds are earmarked for equipment and materials and in the 1955 budget great reductions have been made in these items in the programs for malaria and insect control, tuberculosis, and maternal and child health, which could change when the adjustments are made in the definitive budget for 1955.

2. The Working Party was pleased to note the new orientation that the Organization had given to long-range programs, with special emphasis on: (a) programs of nursing; (b) environmental sanitation; (c) programs for the reorganization of public health services; and (d) programs of professional education and training.

3. The Working Party confirmed the fact that administrative expenses are undergoing a gradual reduction, since they represented 18.2% of the total budget in 1953 and 15.6% in 1955, in spite of the fact that the budgets as a whole remained stationary or showed a slight increase.

4. The Working Party recommends to the Executive Committee the approval of the budget submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1955, without changes, with respect to both the expenses financed by the Pan American Sanitary Organization and those financed by the World Health Organization.

The CHAIRMAN, on behalf of the Committee, congratulated the Working Party and its Chairman for the splendid report. However, he pointed out that the reduction in administrative expenses is not revealed by the data shown on page 8 of Document CE20/2, since the latter show an increase, going from \$1,560,669 in 1954 to \$1,599,978 in 1955.

Dr. URZUA (Chile) explained that, while the Chairman's observation was true, the data on page 11 must not be forgotten; from these it may be deduced that the over-all administrative expenses have declined.

The CHAIRMAN called attention to the fact that, if a total figure for administrative expenses is considered, it would be advisable to take into consideration the administrative expenses of the Zone Offices. In general the latter give more administrative than technical assistance to the Governments and their administrative expenses are increasing, as he was able to note in connection with Zone II, with the activities of which he is better acquainted since he is located near it. This trend is very serious for the future, if the increase in administrative personnel is not offset by a reduction of personnel in Washington. Notwithstanding the reduction in the programs on account of the withdrawal of cooperation by UNICEF and by the U.N. Technical Assistance from some of them, the administrative staff in the Zones is being maintained if not increased. This is explained, as he has heard some of the Zone Chiefs say, by the fact

that they have a minimum amount of personnel. He would like an explanation on this point.

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) called attention to an item on page 9, which showed a total amount for Administration in the sum of \$516,904 for 1953, although \$566,750 had been budgeted for that year. So between 1952 and the budgeting in 1953, and the actual operation as it appears today, something over \$40,000 had been saved in administration. As far as the administration in the Zone Offices was concerned, a considerable number of administrative responsibilities have been decentralized to them in the last four or five months, with no increase so far in their administrative staffs. As decentralization continues, some increase will of necessity have to be made in the Zone Offices, and there will be a corresponding decrease in the Washington Office. The extent of that decrease would remain to be seen until the decentralization has been completed.

The CHAIRMAN requested a clarification of the last point.

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) said that certain items of administration, such as the payroll of the WHO and the payment of expense accounts for the WHO and UN/TA, were handled until about two months ago by the Geneva Office of the WHO, and that now they have been decentralized to the Washington Office. At present the administrative procedures applicable to these cases are being drawn up, and within a 30-60 day period these functions will be decentralized to the Zone Offices.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that on page 10 of the 1954 Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau there is an item of \$50,000 for the amortization of the loans made when the PASB buildings were purchased, and in view of the resolution adopted on this subject at the last Meeting of the Executive Committee, he wanted to know what this item included.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) explained that this item was kept in the 1954 Budget, but not included in that for 1955, in view of the recommendation made by the Executive Committee. But it is up to the next meeting of the Directing Council to decide on the matter under discussion, so as to be able to settle the loans from the Rockefeller and Kellogg Foundations.

The CHAIRMAN added his praise to that of the Chairman of the Working Party for the stimulus given to the nursing and the education and training programs, but he found the environmental sanitation programs inadequate. He stressed the technical collaboration given to Bolivia, Ecuador, and Paraguay. He then posed a general question in order to learn whether the Zone Offices really believe that they are working with minimum technical and administrative staffs and if it is the policy of the Bureau to keep their staffs at a minimum.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) pointed out that the Zone Representatives were present, at the invitation of the Executive Committee, and he thought it would be advisable to hear from them. The administrative problem raised was one of learning whether it is the experts in Washington or those in the Zone Offices who are to be responsible for certain functions. The fact is that the organization of the Zone Offices is in the experimental stage. Our technical picture is quite different from what it was two or three years ago, and Document CE20/2 makes it clear that the 1955 tables will not be those at present in force. As funds permit and experience warrants, the changes that are deemed desirable are being introduced. He recalled that at the meeting of the Directing Council in Lima in 1949, some delegations asked that all activities having to do with environmental sanitation be wholly eliminated, because they were one of the main activities of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs. We insisted then that this activity should not be abandoned, especially as regards rural areas, for it is one of the most important health problems.

Dr. URZUA (Chile) said he was convinced that the orientation being given in this matter is correct, as it is directed toward the training of personnel to assume responsibility for public health activities.

The CHAIRMAN called attention to the tax reimbursement increase mentioned on page 31 of Document CE20/2, and wished to know the amount of the increase.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) explained that under the terms of the McCarran-Walter Act all persons residing in the United States on a permanent resident visa are required to pay income tax, and that only persons who have a temporary visa, authorizing them to be employed only by an international organization or an embassy, are exempt from the income tax.

It is estimated that the income tax reimbursements to the staff will amount to \$26,000.

The CHAIRMAN congratulated the Working Party on the excellent work it had completed in such a short time, adding that the manner in which the Bureau had presented the budgets must have greatly facilitated its task. Pointing out that there were two different budgets under consideration -- the Summary of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and the Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization -- he asked whether it would not be preferable to write two conclusions. The presentation of the two budgets in a single document was justifiable, but separate recommendations should be made.

Dr. URZUA (Chile) supported the Chairman's suggestion, and proposed that two paragraphs be included in the resolution, even though in practice the Bureau functions as though it had a single budget.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Representative of Chile was un-
animously approved. 7/

VISIT TO HEADQUARTERS

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) asked the Representatives if they wished to take advantage of their stay in Washington to visit the buildings in which the Bureau is installed, so as to learn how its services function and see for themselves the improvements that had been made in the buildings. At the same time, if the Representatives wished to visit the water works of the city of Washington, the National Institutes of Health, or the new hospital, he would make arrangements for the visit.

The session recessed at 4:50 p.m. and was resumed at 5:10.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the signing of the Final Report of the Meeting take place on Thursday, 8 October, at 4:00 p.m., in the International Conference Suite of the Department of State. He suggested that the participants meet on the 7th, at 9:30 a.m., in the office of the Director of

7/ See Final Report of the 20th Meeting of the Executive Committee (Document CE20/12, Rev. 1), Resolution V.

the Bureau, to visit the headquarters buildings and decide on other visits to be made.

It was so agreed.

The session was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FOURTH PLENARY SESSION
Washington, D.C.
Thursday, 8 October 1953, at 4:33 p.m.

Chairman: Dr. Hernán URZUA Chile
Secretary: Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE Pan American
Sanitary Bureau

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READING AND APPROVAL OF THE FINAL REPORT (Document CE20/12) :

The CHAIRMAN informed the members of the Committee that it had been necessary for Dr. Zozaya, Chairman of the 20th Meeting, to be hospitalized. He expressed the hope that Dr. Zozaya would be completely recovered in time to lend his valuable collaboration to the VII Meeting of the Directing Council in his capacity as Representative of Mexico.

He then informed the Representatives that six students holding fellowships from the Organization of American States were present at the Session. They are from Venezuela, Mexico, Colombia, Brazil, Cuba, and Haiti, and are visiting various international organizations at this time. He went on to give a brief explanation of the functioning of the Pan American Sanitary Organization for the benefit of these visitors.

The Chairman then stated that, as all items on the Agenda of the 20th Meeting of the Executive Committee had been studied, the Committee would proceed to consider the Final Report.

He spoke of the documents that had been distributed during the meeting and then requested the Secretary to read the Final Report prepared by the Drafting Committee.

The SECRETARY read Resolutions I, II, III, IV, and V.

DECISION TAKEN

Resolutions I, II, III, IV, and V were unanimously approved as proposed.

The SECRETARY then read Resolution VI (Reimbursement of Travel Expenses of Representatives to Regional Committee Meetings).

Dr. CASTRO (Brazil) stated that the Committee had decided to transmit Document CD7/16 to the Directing Council together with the reports submitted by the Director of the Bureau, and this fact was not reflected in the wording of the resolution just read.

Dr. PIERRE-NOEL (Haiti) agreed with the observation of the Representative of Brazil and proposed that the text be changed.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the operative clause of resolution VI be changed as follows: (read in Spanish)

"RESOLVES:

"To transmit to the Directing Council Document CD7/16 and the information submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on this matter."

Dr. CASTRO (Brazil) requested that the English translation of the text proposed by the Chairman also be read.

The SECRETARY read the English text.

DECISION TAKEN

Resolution VI, amended in accordance with the proposal of the Chair, was unanimously approved.

The CHAIRMAN announced that, as all the resolutions had been approved, the Members of the Executive Committee would be called, in alphabetical order by name of country, to sign the Final Report of the 20th Meeting, as would the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the Secretary General of the Bureau, Secretary of the Executive Committee.

The SECRETARY called, in alphabetical order in Spanish, the Representatives of Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Haiti, Mexico, Panama, and the Dominican Republic, who, with the exception of the absent member (Mexico), signed the Final Report. He then invited the Director to sign, and finally added his own signature to the document.

CLOSING OF THE 20TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY THE CHAIRMAN

The CHAIRMAN said that, before adjourning the session and closing the 20th Meeting of the Executive Committee, he wished, in the name of the Representative of Mexico and on his own behalf, to express sincere appreciation for the honor that had been bestowed upon them. He hoped that the same spirit shown by all those participating in this meeting would

prevail at the forthcoming meeting of the Directing Council.

Dr. SEGURA (Observer, Argentina) wished to congratulate the Executive Committee on the speed and efficiency with which it had carried out its task.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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