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FINAL REPORT

The 45th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization was held on 13 October 1961 in Washington, D. C., in the International Conference Suite of the U. S. Department of State, as convoked by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau. The following Members of the Committee, Observers, and officers of the Bureau were present at the single plenary session:

Members:

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| Dr. Victorio Vicente Olgún | ARGENTINA |
| Dr. Gustavo Fricke | CHILE |
| Dr. Alberto Aguilar Rivas | EL SALVADOR |
| Dr. Manuel A. Sánchez Vigil | NICARAGUA |
| Dr. Carlos S. Quirós | PERU |
| Dr. José Bove Arteaga | URUGUAY |

Member absent:

COLOMBIA

Member and Secretary ex officio of
the Committee:

Dr. Abraham Horwitz, Director

PAN AMERICAN
SANITARY BUREAU

Observers:

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| Dr. Raymond G. Hyronimus | FRANCE |
| Dr. R. M. F. Charles | UNITED KINGDOM |
| Dr. James Watt | UNITED STATES OF AMERICA |
| Mr. Howard B. Calderwood | |

Advisers to the Director of the
Pan American Sanitary Bureau:

Dr. John C. Cutler, Assistant Director
Dr. Victor A. Sutter, Secretary General
Dr. Stuart Portner, Chief of Administration

Chief, Secretariat Services

Dr. José Quero Molaes

OFFICERS

Under the chairmanship of Dr. James Watt (United States of America) the meeting proceeded to elect the Chairman of the Executive Committee, in conformity with Article 18 of the Constitution and Article 3 of the Rules of Procedure. Dr. Victorio Vicente Olguín (Argentina) was elected and took the chair. Dr. Manuel A. Sánchez Vigil (Nicaragua) was then elected Vice-Chairman.

AGENDA

The agenda appearing in Document CE45/1 was approved.

TOPICS DEALT WITH AND RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

During the 45th Meeting the following topics were discussed:

1. Date of the 46th Meeting of the Executive Committee

The Chairman announced that the first topic on the agenda submitted for the consideration of the Executive Committee was the date of the 46th Meeting of the Committee.

Dr. Horwitz (Director, PASB) stated that Article 17-A of the Constitution provided that two regular meetings of the Executive Committee should be held every year, in addition to special meetings that might be convoked by the Director, either on his own initiative or upon request of at least three Member Governments. The Committee usually met in the month of May because, among other reasons, it had to make a detailed study of the proposed program and budget prepared by the Director for the ensuing year, which in this case would be for 1963. Seeing that the Fifteenth World Health Assembly was scheduled to begin in Geneva on 8 May 1962 and that it had become traditional for the Executive Committee to meet on a date close to that of the Assembly so that the Representatives going to it could attend the Washington meeting on their way, the 46th Meeting of the Committee might be held from 30 April to 5 May 1962.

Dr. Bove Arteaga (Uruguay) suggested that the Chairman should fix the date of the next meeting of the Executive Committee in agreement with the Director of the Bureau. The proposal was supported by Dr. Sánchez Vigil (Nicaragua).

It was so agreed.

2. Priority and Coordination of Health Activities

The Chairman presented to the Executive Committee the draft resolution on priority and coordination of health activities in their relation to plans for social and economic development, which the Representative of Peru had submitted to the Directing Council and which the Council had transmitted to the Committee.

Dr. Horwitz (Director, PASB) stated that the draft resolution had two aspects: one, relating to the establishment of a planning unit within the Bureau; and the other, to the possibility of adopting functional programs and budgets. The Director offered to submit to the next Committee meeting a document on the establishment of the planning unit, its structure, and its budgetary implications. He added that the Bureau was greatly interested in having resources available for such an activity and that the document in question would contain suggestions on how such a unit could be established either immediately or progressively.

As to the adoption of functional programs and budgets, the Director said he could also present a document to serve as a basis for discussion of that very important matter. In view of the fact that according to

Article 11 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee the documentation for meetings had to be sent to the Governments at least 21 days in advance, the representatives would have sufficient time to study the document before the meeting.

Dr. Quirós (Peru) stated that it was his delegation's main purpose to cooperate with the Director in a matter of such importance.

The Chairman suggested that the Director should prepare the two documents for the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

It was so agreed.

3. Conditions of Employment in PAHO

Dr. Sánchez Vigil (Nicaragua) presented a motion recommending that the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau establish terms of service for the professional staff that would assure them of adequate remuneration and a suitable pension and especially of salaries commensurate with their professional and social functions. Dr. Quirós (Peru) seconded the proposal of the Representative of Nicaragua, and Dr. Fricke (Chile) expressed his agreement with the motion and proposed that the Director be asked to make a study of the matter.

It was so agreed.

4. Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee

Dr. Horwitz (Director, PASB) reported that paragraph 7 of the operative part of Resolution XXXVII adopted at the XIII Meeting of the

Directing Council recommended that the 45th Meeting of the Executive Committee adopt the revisions in the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee proposed by the Subcommittee on Basic Documents and contained in Document CD13/16.

Dr. Sutter (Secretary General, PASB) then read the text of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee, pointing out the changes that had been introduced.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the following

RESOLUTION I

CE45.R1

The Executive Committee,

Having examined in detail the preliminary draft revision of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee prepared by the Subcommittee on Basic Documents of the Pan American Health Organization, appearing in Document CD13/16,

RESOLVES:

To approve the revision of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee prepared by the Subcommittee on Basic Documents of the Pan American Health Organization and contained in Document CD13/16.

5. Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations

Dr. Horwitz (Director, PASB) informed the Committee that paragraph 3 of the operative part of Resolution XV adopted by the Directing Council at its XIII Meeting requested the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations to continue to act on behalf of the Pan American Health Organization regarding the construction of the Headquarters building, as

provided in Resolution III of the 42nd Meeting of the Executive Committee. In his opinion the two resolutions were to be interpreted to mean that the Subcommittee should continue to function with its present members, namely the representatives of Argentina, Chile, and the United States of America.

The Members of the Executive Committee expressed their agreement with the Director's interpretation of the two resolutions in question.

6. Closure of the Meeting

The Chairman expressed the sincere thanks of the Executive Committee to the Government and the public health authorities of the United States of America for the cordial welcome accorded to it. He then declared the 45th Meeting of the Executive Committee closed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Chairman of the Committee 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 Washington, D. C., United States of America, this thirteenth day of October 1961. The Secretary shall deposit the original texts in the archives of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and shall send copies thereof to the Member Governments.

Chairman of the Executive Committee,
Representative of Argentina

Director of the Pan American
Sanitary Bureau,
Secretary ex officio of the
Executive Committee