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FINAL REPORT

The 49th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization was held in Washington, D. C., on 25 September 1963, as convoked by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau. At its single plenary session the following members of the Committee, Observers and Bureau staff were present:

Members:

Dr. Bichat Rodrigues BRAZIL

Eng. Edison Rivera COSTA RICA

Dr. Miguel E. Bustamente MEXICO

Dr. Alfonso Boniche Vásquez NICARAGUA

Dr. Manuel A. Sánchez Vigil

Dr. Carlos Quirós Salinas PERU

Dr. Charles L. Williams, Jr. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mr. Howard B. Calderwood

Dr. Adolfo Morales URUGUAY

Member and Secretary ex officio of the Committee:

Dr. Abraham Horwitz, Director PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

Observer:

Mrs. Alzora H. Eldridge

ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

Advisers to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Dr. John C. Cutler, Deputy Director

Dr. Victor A. Sutter, Assistant Director

Dr. Stuart Portner, Chief of Administration

Chief of Secretariat Services

Dr. J. Quero Molares

NEW MEMBERS

The meeting was opened by the Acting Chairman of the Committee,
Dr. Alfonso Boniche Vásquez (Nicaragua), who welcomed the Representatives
of Brazil and Mexico, the countries elected by the XIV Meeting of the
Directing Council to fill the vacancies that occurred on the expiry of
the term of office of Argentina and Chile.

OFFICERS

The Committee then proceeded to elect its Chairman in accordance with the provisions of Article 18 of the Constitution and Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure. On the proposal of the Representative of the United States of America, supported by the Representatives of Brazil, Mexico, and Nicaragua, Dr. Carlos Quiros Salinas, Representative of Peru, was elected Chairman by acclamation and took the Chair.

Then Dr. Adolfo Morales, Representative of Uruguay, on the proposal of the Representative of Costa Rica, supported by the Representatives of Brazil, Nicaragua, Peru, and the United States of America, was elected Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

Dr. Quiros and Dr. Morales thanked the members of the Executive Committee for having elected them to office.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

At the 49th Meeting the following items were discussed:

1. Date of the 50th Meeting of the Executive Committee

Dr. HORWITZ (Director, PASB) stated that it was customary for the Spring meeting of the Executive Committee to be held near the date of the World Health Assembly since the Government frequently designated their representatives to the Executive Committee to attend the World Health Assembly. For that reason the Executive Committee normally met during the week preceding the opening of the World Health Assembly.

However, in 1964, the Assembly would meet from 3 to 23 March, and if the Committee were to meet at the end of February certain problems could well arise in connection with the preparation of documentation, in view of the short time available. Although the Pan American Sanitary Bureau would of course do all it could to meet the wishes of the Executive Committee if it decided to meet as in other years in the week preceding the opening of the World Health Assembly, there was no doubt that the work involved in

preparing the documentation to be submitted to the Executive Committee would be greatly facilitated if that Governing Body were to decide to meet immediately after the World Health Assembly or in mid-April.

Dr. WILLIAMS (United States of America) pointed out that some members of his delegation would probably have to stay in Geneva for a few days after the end of the World Health Assembly in order to attend the session of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization. For that reason it would be better to fix a later date for the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Mr. RIVERA (Costa Rica) proposed that rather than be held immediately after the end of the World Health Assembly the meeting should be held in the second half of April so that the delegates who attended the Assembly could spend a sufficient time in their countries after their return from Europe to take care of official business.

Dr. BICHAT RODRIGUES (Brazil) suggested that it might be advisable to hold the meeting in the middle of April.

Dr. BUSTAMANTE (Mexico) proposed that the meeting should be held at the end of April or the beginning of May since it was advisable to hold it after the return of the delegates of the Latin American countries from the UNICEF meeting that was to be held in Bangkok. Although it was true that between the meeting of the Executive Committee and that of the Directing Council there should be a reasonable delay, such a delay could be obtained by holding the meeting of the Directing Council in October.

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The CHAIRMAN said that in the light of the views exchanged in the course of the debate it might perhaps be better for the Executive Committee to meet in the week running from 30 April to 5 May 1964. In any event the Committee would no doubt wish to allow the Chairman and the Director of the Bureau a certain flexibility in fixing the definite dates.

It was unanimously agreed to authorize the Chairman of the Executive Committee, in agreement with the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, to fix the date of the 50th Meeting of the Executive Committee.

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2. Resolutions of the XIV Meeting of the Directing Council with a bearing on the work of the Executive Committee

Dr. HORWITZ (Director, PASB) stated that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau would examine the resolutions of the XIV Meeting of the Directing Council having a bearing on the work of the Executive Committee and, in the light of that examination, appropriate items would be included in the draft agenda of the 50th Meeting of the Executive Committee.

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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., this twenty-fifth day of September, nineteen hundred and sixty-three. The Secretary shall deposit the original texts in the archives of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and shall send copies to the Governments of the Organization.

Chairman of the Executive Committee Representative of Peru

Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and Secretary ex officio of the Directing Council