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During the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, the Government of Canada, through its Representative, made an official statement to the effect that it intended to request the Governing Body of this Organization to accept Canada as a full Member. In his statement, the Representative mentioned the foreign policy of the Government of his country, and the declaration made in the "White Paper" published in June 1970 that it wished to encourage and develop closer and more meaningful relations with organizations of the inter-American system.

He also stated that his Government wished to strengthen and expand its efforts to contribute to the development of the Continent and pointed out that it was already a member of several inter-American organizations.

In referring specifically to the Pan American Health Organization, the Canadian Representative recalled and expressed his appreciation of the welcome Canada had received at meetings of both the Governing Bodies and Technical Groups, and the fact that both the Conference and the Directing Council had recorded their wish for the incorporation of Canada as a Member of the Pan American Health Organization.

These remarks preceded a formal declaration that the Government of Canada, when it had completed the necessary administrative and financial arrangements, would ask to be accepted as a full Member of the Organization.

These statements were reflected in Resolution VI of the Conference, in which it expressed its pleasure with the declaration of the Government of Canada of its intention to join the Organization, and requested the Director to provide all possible assistance to ensure that this was done without delay.

The various procedural arrangements have now been completed, and the Representatives will find attached a copy of a letter by which the Honorable Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs, submits a formal application on behalf of his Government for the admission of Canada as a Member of the Pan American Health Organization.

Annex

COPY

Ottawa, May 21, 1971

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of February 23, 1971, regarding Canada's possible membership in PAHO and for the helpful information attached thereto.

In accordance with the procedures outlined in your letter, please regard this letter as the official request of the Government of Canada for admission into membership in the Pan American Health Organization.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed)

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