



PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



**18th DIRECTING COUNCIL**  
20th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

*Washington D.C., 21 – 25 October 1968*

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***RESOLUTION***

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**AMENDMENT TO ART. 15-A OF THE CONSTITUTION OF PAHO**

*THE 18<sup>th</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Having considered the proposed amendment to Article 15, paragraph A, of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization and the transitional article submitted by the Governments of Brazil and Nicaragua;

Considering that the proposed new composition of the Executive Committee would provide a better geographic distribution among the Member Governments;

Bearing in mind that the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, in compliance with Article 28 of the Constitution of PAHO, has communicated the proposed amendments to the Member Governments within the prescribed time limit;

[Considering the provisions of] Resolution XIV of the 59th Meeting of the Executive Committee,

***RESOLVES***

1. To approve the proposed amendment to Article 15, paragraph A, of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization, which reads as follows:

Article 15. Composition

A. The Executive Committee shall be composed of nine Member Governments of the Organization elected by the Conference or the Council for overlapping periods of three years. Each of the elected Member Governments shall be entitled to designate one representative to the Executive Committee. Each representative may be accompanied by one or more alternates and advisers. A Member Government shall not be eligible for re-election to the Executive Committee until one year has elapsed since the expiration of its term of office.

2. To also approve a transitional article that reads as follows:

Transitional article. On the entry into force of the amendment to Article 15 paragraph A, the vacancies on the Executive Committee shall be filled and two additional members shall be elected to bring the membership to nine. At subsequent elections a sufficient number of vacancies shall be filled to keep the membership of the Executive Committee at nine Member Governments of the Organization, and, if necessary, the terms of office of the Governments elected shall be adjusted, provided that in no instance shall a Government be entitled to be a member of the Executive Committee for more than three successive years.

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