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GENERAL COMMITTEE
PROVISIONAL PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION
Washington, D. C.
Friday, 9 October 1953, at 12 Noon

Members Present:

Dr. Hernán URZUA, Chairman of the Council	Chile
Mr. Andrés RODRIGUEZ Vice-Chairman of the Council	Argentina
Dr. Gerardo SEGURA (Adviser)	
Dr. Alberto BISSOT Vice-Chairman of the Council	Panamá
Dr. Almir de CASTRO	Brazil
Dr. Frederick J. BRADY	United States
Dr. Fred L. SOPER (<u>ex officio</u>)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau
Dr. M. G. CANDAU, Director-General	World Health Organization
Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE, Secretary	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

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The meeting was presided over by Dr. Urzúa, Chairman of the Directing Council. At his request, the SECRETARY informed the Committee of the method of work and functions falling within its province, in conformity with Article 25 of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council. He pointed out that in this session the Committee was to determine the topics to be discussed in the Friday afternoon and the Monday morning sessions. He reminded the members that the afternoon sessions on 13, 14 and 15 October were reserved for technical discussions on nutrition programs in public health services.

After a short deliberation, the CHAIRMAN declared that it had been agreed that topics 12, 13, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 24 should be discussed in the afternoon session on the 9th, and topics 9, 10, 11, and 23 should be dealt with in the morning session on the 12th.

With respect to the request made in the Plenary Session by the Representative of Uruguay, that topics 27 and 29 be discussed in Tuesday morning's session, it was agreed to postpone definitive decision until the next session of the General Committee.

It was likewise agreed that any topics that cannot be discussed in the Friday session should be distributed among the subsequent sessions.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) explained with reference to topic 22 (Resolution concerning medical care, adopted by the Fifth Conference of American States Members of the International Labor Organization); that this is a document presented without any recommendation, for information only, a fact that should be taken into consideration when it is discussed in Plenary Session. He added that when this matter was taken up by the Executive Committee, there had been some misinterpretation, and as it might give rise to different reactions in different countries, he considered it necessary to make this explanation.

Dr. BRADY (United States) suggested that the Secretary prepare a list of the topics, grouping them by subject, that is, listing separately all topics having to do with finances, administration, technical matters, etc.

It was so agreed.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ (Argentina) suggested that the Chairman recommend that the plenary sessions start punctually, in order to expedite the work.

Dr. BISSOT (Panama) inquired, in this connection, how many Representatives constitute a quorum.

The SECRETARY read Article 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council, which specifies that a majority of the representatives of members participating in the meeting shall constitute a quorum.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the Representatives of territories not responsible for their own international relations participated in the voting at the first plenary session and asked that it be made clear whether they have a right to participate in all voting.

The SECRETARY read Articles 11 and 7A of the Internal Regulations of the Council, from which it followed that the said territories do not have a right to vote when the Directing Council concerns itself with constitutional matters, the juridical relations between the Pan American Sanitary Organization and the World Health Organization or the Organization of American States, or other questions relating to the Pan American Sanitary Organization as an Inter-American Specialized Organization.

Dr. SEGURA (Argentina) stated that the Delegation of Argentina considers Article 7A unconstitutional, but did not insist on this point since it was a matter of a decision taken by the Organization and in effect until the Constitution is revised.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) explained that the Representatives of France and the Netherlands may vote on the Budget, in the name of their territories in the Western Hemisphere, but not the Representative of the United Kingdom, whose country has not paid the quota on behalf of its territories in this Hemisphere.

In this connection the SECRETARY read Article 11A of the Regulations, which provides that the privilege of voting in the plenary sessions on the Pan American Sanitary Organization budget matters may be exercised by the representatives of territories, but that this privilege shall be contingent on an equitable contribution to the Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Organization on behalf of such territories.

Finally, it was agreed that the next session of the General Committee should be held on Monday, 12 October, at 12 noon.

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

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GENERAL COMMITTEE
PROVISIONAL PRECIS MINUTES OF THE SECOND SESSION
Washington, D.C.
Monday, 12 October 1953, at 12:11 p.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Hernán URZUA Chairman of the Council	Chile
Mr. Andrés RODRIGUEZ Vice-Chairman of the Council	Argentina
Dr. Gerardo SEGURA (Adviser)	
Mr. Oscar PERALTA (Adviser)	
Dr. Alberto BISSOT, Jr. Vice-Chairman of the Council	Panamá
Dr. Amíl de CASTRO	Brazil
Dr. Frederick J. BRADY	United States
Dr. Fred L. SOPER (<u>ex officio</u>)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau
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The CHAIRMAN was of the opinion that it would be advisable to group the topics to be discussed by analogy of subject, and proposed that at the afternoon session topics 10, 11, 21 and 22 be dealt with, as all of them were of a financial nature. He added that any topics left pending could be passed on to the Plenary Session of Tuesday and topics 27 and 29 to the Plenary Session to be held on Wednesday.

The SECRETARY then read item 6 of the Provisional Précis Minutes of the First Plenary Session, containing the request of Dr. May (Uruguay) that Topics 27 and 29 be discussed at the Tuesday session.

Mr. PERALTA (Argentina) stated that a distinction should be made between delegations that will be absent from the meeting and those that have announced that they will attend, and requested information on this point.

The SECRETARY reported that the Representatives of Colombia, El Salvador, and Paraguay had announced that they would attend and that the Representative of Mexico would attend tomorrow's session.

The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee was faced with a dilemma: on the one hand, the request of the Representative of Uruguay, and on the other, the need to wait until other countries were present.

Mr. PERALTA (Argentina) asked whether there was a provision requiring that a given number of members be present.

The SECRETARY explained that there was no provision of this nature in the Rules of Procedure.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that his information was that Dr. May, Representative of Uruguay, would depart on Wednesday and it was to be expected that he would not attend that day's session, in which case it would perhaps be advisable to study Topic 27 on Thursday. Only in the event that the Representative of Uruguay could be present, would this topic be discussed on Wednesday.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out the importance of Topics 27 and 29 and the advisability of discussing them when the largest number of representatives could be present. He proposed that the study of these topics be indefinitely postponed, unless the Representative of Uruguay could be present on Wednesday, as Dr. Soper had suggested.

It was so agreed.

Dr. SEGURA (Argentina) then proposed that Topics 16 and 17 be included.

The CHAIRMAN then pointed out that both topics were of a mixed nature, since they included both technical and financial matters.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ (Argentina) requested that the topics be grouped under the headings administrative, economic, and technical, to facilitate discussion.

The SECRETARY suggested that the resolutions adopted before the final session be examined or else that a special session be held for this purpose, in order to avoid any last minute problems. The General Committee could serve as Drafting Committee so as to prepare the text of the resolutions.

It was so agreed.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that Topics 10, 11, 23, 22, 25, 26, 14, 16, and 18 be included on the Agenda for discussion this afternoon, with the understanding that the topics left pending be incorporated in the agenda for Tuesday.

It was so agreed.

Dr. BRADY (United States) inquired when the Working Party appointed that morning and composed of the Representatives of Argentina, Brazil, and the United States would meet.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the first meeting be held on Tuesday morning at nine o'clock.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that it would be advisable to hold the meeting of the Working Party in Room 1149, so as to leave the room assigned to the General Committee free and permit a previously scheduled Bureau staff meeting to be held there.

It was agreed that the Working Party meet at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday in Room 1149.

The session was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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GENERAL COMMITTEE
PROVISIONAL PRECIS MINUTES OF THE THIRD SESSION
Washington, D. C.
Wednesday, 14 October 1953, at 12:50 p.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Hernán URZUA, Chairman of the Council	Chile
Mr. Andrés RODRIGUEZ Vice-Chairman of the Council	Argentina
Dr. Gerardo SEGURA (Adviser)	
Mr. Oscar PERALTA (Adviser)	
Dr. Alberto BISSOT, Jr. Vice-Chairman of the Council	Panama
Dr. Almir de CASTRO	Brazil
Dr. Frederick J. BRADY	United States
Mr. Harold B. CALDERWOOD (Alternate)	
Dr. Fred L. SOPER (<u>ex officio</u>)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau
Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMENTE, Secretary	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

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The CHAIRMAN proposed that Topics 15 and 17, which refer to the Revision of the Constitution of the PASO and to the Interim Report of the Committee on Economics and Decentralization, be studied at the Seventh Plenary Session leaving Topics 31, 32, and 33, which were pending at the last plenary session. It was understood that the last three topics would be added after the first two topics proposed.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) said he had previously expressed the wish that he could be present at the session at which Topic 15 would be discussed, but regretted that he would have to leave tomorrow on an official trip. He requested that any decision the Committee makes should take into consideration the opinion of the majority of its members and not his own interest. Moreover, the Director and the Secretary General of the Bureau had been present at all the meetings of the Permanent Committee on Revision of the Constitution and could furnish whatever information the Directing Council desired.

The SECRETARY then reported that he had sent a cablegram to Dr. Wegman, requesting that he inform Dr. Hurtado that Topic 15 would probably be discussed at the session to be held on Thursday.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that the wishes of the Representatives should be met, whenever possible, and that in this case the presence of Dr. Hurtado would be most opportune. But since the Directing Council had been working so rapidly, the meeting might end before the date set for its closing. However, he added, the duration of the meeting depended on the Council itself.

Dr. SEGURA (Argentina) remarked that the Representative of Cuba had requested that Topic 15 be discussed on the 17th, i.e. the following Saturday, a date on which normally no session would be held. It would therefore be necessary to postpone the discussion of this topic until the 19th, a delay that the delegation of Argentina considered too long. He would therefore propose that should the technical discussions be concluded today, the Directing Council hold two plenary sessions tomorrow and include Topic 15 on the agenda of the morning session.

Dr. CASTRO (Brazil) stated that the technical discussions might not be concluded this afternoon.

The SECRETARY then announced that the draft texts of the fifteen resolutions approved by the Directing Council had

been prepared and the Secretariat had just distributed them. He felt it would be advisable for the General Committee to meet when possible, in order to study these drafts.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed that Topics 15, 17, 31, 32, and 33 be included on the agenda for the Seventh Plenary Session and convoked a meeting of the General Committee for 8:30 a.m. on Thursday.

It was so agreed.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) pointed out that if the General Committee were punctual for its meeting, the plenary session could start at the customary hour.

The session was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.



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GENERAL COMMITTEE
PROVISIONAL PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FOURTH SESSION
Washington, D.C.
Thursday, 15 October 1953, at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Hernán URZUA, Chairman of the Council	Chile
Mr. Andrés RODRIGUEZ, Vice-Chairman of the Council	Argentina
Dr. Gerardo SEGURA (Adviser)	
Mr. Oscar PERALTA (Adviser)	
Dr. Alberto BISSOT, Jr., Vice-Chairman of the Council	Panamá
Dr. Frederick J. BRADY, Representative	United States
Dr. Fred L. SOPER (<u>ex officio</u>)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau
Mr. Harry A. HINDERER	
Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE, Secretary	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

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The CHAIRMAN briefly reviewed the topics that had not yet been discussed, including Topics 31, 32, and 33, which appeared on the Order of the Day of yesterday.

He also pointed out that at his morning's session Topics 31, 32, and 33 would have to be taken up, as well as three small reports.

The Chairman added that, to enable the Council to finish the discussion of topics on Friday, either in the morning or the afternoon, it would be advisable to include on today's agenda Topic 27, on the election of Member Countries to fill the vacancies on the Executive Committee, and Topic 29, on the date and site of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference. He stressed the urgency of working at greater speed so as to be able to finish on Friday and sign the Final Report on Monday.

The Chairman then announced that the texts of the 15 Resolutions, which had been distributed to the Members of the Committee, would be studied.

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

The resolutions were approved.

The SECRETARY then read Resolution IX, on the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1954.

Dr. BRADY (United States) proposed that the English text state: "Total Assessments".

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) explained that this is the document on which the United States bases its quota payment to the Organization, and it is therefore necessary to draft it carefully.

Resolution IX was approved with the addition proposed by the Representative of the United States.

The SECRETARY read Resolution X, on the Summary of the Proposed Program and Budget of the PASB, and the Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, WHO, for 1955.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ (Argentina) stated that the words "preliminary draft" were more appropriate than "plan for" and would be quite properly used in the resolution.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) pointed out that this is a preliminary draft, which the Bureau can modify.

Resolution X was approved.

The SECRETARY then read Resolutions XI, XII, XIII, XIV, and XV.

These Resolutions were approved without modification.

The SECRETARY announced that the texts of the next three resolutions had been prepared, and distributed to the Members of the Committee. He then read Resolution XVI, on unification of action in public health programs in the Region of the Americas.

Dr. BRADY (United States) felt that the wording of paragraph 2 on page 2 of the Resolution might give rise to difficulties with the WHO.

The CHAIRMAN considered that this presented no problem if it was kept in mind that the Pan American Sanitary Organization is also a regional organization of the WHO.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) felt that it would be worth while to clarify the matter by adding the following at the end of paragraph 2: "which also acts as a regional organization of the World Health Organization".

Resolution XVI was approved with the addition suggested by the Director of the Bureau.

The SECRETARY read Resolution XVII.

Dr. SEGURA (Argentina) suggested that the words "previously proposed", contained in point 3 of the Resolution, be deleted.

Resolution XVII was approved with the deletion proposed by the Representative of Argentina.

The SECRETARY then read Resolution XVIII.

The Resolution was approved.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Committee meet again at 12:00 noon.

It was so agreed.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) declared that there was a possibility that the Council might finish its work on Friday and in that event, the Final Report could be signed on the afternoon of Monday, the 19th, and the morning utilized to visit the National Institutes of Health.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.



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GENERAL COMMITTEE
PROVISIONAL PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SESSION
Washington, D. C.
Thursday, 15 October 1953, at 12:12 p. m.

Members Present:

Dr. Hernán URZUA, Chairman of the Council	Chile
Mr. Andrés RODRIGUEZ, Vice-Chairman of the Council	Argentina
Dr. Gerardo SEGURA (Adviser) Mr. Oscar PERALTA (Adviser)	
Dr. Alberto BISSOT, Jr. Vice-Chairman of the Council	Panama
Dr. Almir de CASTRO, Representative	Brazil
Dr. Frederick J. BRADY, Representative	United States
Dr. Fred L. SOPER (<u>ex officio</u>)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau
Mr. Harry A. HINDERER	
Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE, Secretary	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

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The CHAIRMAN proposed that Topics 33, 27, 28, and 29 be discussed at the afternoon session.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) mentioned the desire expressed by the Delegation of the United States to present, at the next session of the Council, a statement on the problem of the international regulation of names of non-proprietary drug on the market. He pointed out the importance of this subject, which is related to the Pan American pharmacopoeia, and therefore requested that a new item be added to the Order of the Day, so as to enable the Representative of the United States to present a statement on this problem.

The CHAIRMAN saw no objection to adding this item at the end of the Order of the Day.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) felt that since this was a report, which did not call for discussion or require a resolution, it would be preferable to add the item after Topic 33.

Dr. BISSOT (Panama) believed that Topic 28 should be discussed before, rather than after, Topic 27.

The CHAIRMAN announced that the Order of the Day for the next plenary session would be as follows: 1), Topic 33; 2), Statement of the Representative of the United States on the WHO program regarding non-proprietary drugs; 3) Topic 28; 4) Topic 27; and 5) Topic 29.

The SECRETARY read the text of the draft resolution on the campaign against smallpox, submitted by the Working Party composed of the Representatives of Chile, Mexico, and the United States.

Dr. BRADY (United States) said he did not deem the last paragraph of the resolution appropriate, and that a general declaration should be made before entering into the succeeding statements.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stressed the importance of the problem from an international point of view. He stated that there are border agreements, as for example, the one between Bolivia, Chile, and Peru, and that between Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay. Annual meetings are held by virtue of these agreements, to which the Pan American Sanitary

Organization is not a party. He had attended both meetings this year, as well as that held in 1948 by the second group of States mentioned. The problems discussed at the meetings included smallpox, malaria, venereal diseases, typhoid, and insect control.

He felt that such meetings were very worth while. Chile, for example, takes an interest in the anti-smallpox campaign conducted in Brazil, owing to the fact that the effects of the disease might be extended to its territory by way of Argentina. It is true that provisions have been drawn up by the international agencies, and that smallpox vaccination certificates are required in certain instances, but such regulations do not always suffice to control the disease.

The Director believed it advisable that an international organization -- in this case the WHO -- work out a solution to the problem on a world-wide scale. He said that at the beginning of the operative part of the resolution under discussion, a declaration should be added on the subject of the activities of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, before entering into technical details.

Dr. SEGURA (Argentina) stated that it is the practice of his country to draw up protocols with bordering countries, and that such arrangements had given effective results, including the meeting at Montevideo last July to which the Director of the Bureau had referred.

It was agreed to incorporate these observations in the draft resolution, and to reconsider the new text at the next session of the General Committee.

The session was adjourned at 12:40 p. m.



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GENERAL COMMITTEE
PROVISIONAL PRECIS MINUTES OF THE SIXTH SESSION
Washington, D. C.
Friday, 16 October 1953, at 9:10 a.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Hernán URZUA, Chairman of the Council	Chile
Mr. Andrés RODRIGUEZ, Vice-Chairman of the Council	Argentina
Dr. Gerardo SEGURA (Adviser)	
Mr. Oscar PERALTA (Adviser)	
Dr. Alberto BISSOT, Jr., Vice-Chairman of the Council	Panama
Dr. Amir de CASTRO, Representative	Brazil
Dr. Frederick J. BRADY, Representative	United States
Dr. Fred L. SOPER (<u>ex officio</u>)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau
Mr. Harry A. HINDERER	
Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE, Secretary	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

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The CHAIRMAN opened the session and asked the Secretary to read the Final Report and Resolutions XIX to XXVII, which had not yet been reviewed by the Committee.

The SECRETARY read the draft of the Final Report of the VII Meeting of the Directing Council.

Dr. BRADY (United States) wished to know why the name of the Representative of Cuba did not appear in the List of Participants and requested that Mr. Calderwood and not Dr. Scheele be listed as a member of the Committee on Credentials.

The SECRETARY stated that the Representative of Cuba had attended as Observer at the 20th Meeting of the Executive Committee only, and that the correction requested by Dr. Brady would be made.

The Committee approved the text of that part of the Final Report which precedes the resolutions.

The CHAIRMAN then submitted for approval the text of Resolution XIX, on the revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.

Dr. SEGURA (Argentina) inquired whether the word "solely", which appears in the second paragraph of the preamble, is correct.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) explained that pursuant to Resolution XXIII, adopted at the IV Meeting of the Directing Council in Ciudad Trujillo, it was recognized that the Directing Council could revise the Constitution.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ (Argentina) asked whether any modifications adopted by the Directing Council would later be submitted for ratification by the Conference, in which case the expression "solely within the province" would be correct.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) further explained that the present Constitution is the one approved at Buenos Aires in 1947, which in turn was based on the one prepared in Caracas, and that Article 25 provides that the Conference or the Directing Council may approve and put into effect amendments to the Constitution. Moreover, Resolution XXVII of the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference approved and confirmed the decisions and resolutions of the Directing Council.

Dr. BRADY (United States) proposed that the last part of the second paragraph of the preamble, starting with "the solution of which..." be deleted.

Dr. SEGURA (Argentina) proposed that paragraphs 3 and 4 be combined, and that in the Spanish text the word "posible" be deleted from paragraph 3 of the operative part. (This change did not affect the English text.)

Resolution XIX was approved with the changes proposed by the Representatives of the United States and Argentina.

The SECRETARY then read Resolution XX, which was also approved.

The SECRETARY read Resolution XXI, on the rights and obligations of Associate Members of the World Health Organization.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) said that this resolution would be clearer if the last part of the second paragraph of the preamble, which reads: "to whom to grant rights and obligations", were deleted, and proposed that the English text of the operative part read: "with regard to the Regional Committee of the Americas".

Resolution XXI was approved with the changes proposed to the English and Spanish texts.

The SECRETARY read Resolution XXII, on air transportation and shipping priorities for material used in the execution of public health programs.

Mr. PERALTA (Argentina) proposed that in paragraph 2 of the operative part, the words "un tarifado" be changed to "una tarifa", which are grammatically more correct. (This change did not affect the English text.)

Resolution XXII was approved with the suggested change.

The SECRETARY then read Resolution XXIII, on Technical Discussions at the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) explained that, in accordance with Article 13-A of the Constitution, the Executive Committee is composed of seven Member Governments, in contrast to the Executive Board of the WHO, which is composed of individuals.

Dr. SEGURA (Argentina) stated that he did not think it advisable for the 21st Meeting of the Executive Committee to be the one to appoint the Special Committee mentioned in the resolution.

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) pointed out that it was necessary to allow sufficient time for copying and reproducing the documents.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) said that the plan is to establish a seminar-type discussion, so as to avoid overlong discussions of a strictly general nature in plenary session, as has happened heretofore. He added that some method has to be devised to study the four-year reports and the discussion procedure to be followed. The Bureau, of course, would have to prepare the material, but either the Executive Committee, or a Special Committee chosen from its members, would have to devote some time to the study of this problem.

Dr. SEGURA (Argentina) repeated that nothing would be gained by appointing a committee that would have to wait until the April Meeting of the Executive Committee to commence its work.

Dr. CASTRO (Brazil) proposed that any reference to either the 21st or 22nd Meeting of the Executive Committee be omitted, that it simply be stated that the Executive Committee is authorized to study the matter, that instead of the 15 April date, 1 April be set, and finally, that a standard procedure be set up for the presentation of reports by the countries, in order to permit a comparative study.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the date 1 April be inserted in paragraph 1 of the operative part and that paragraph 2 be changed to read: "to authorize the Executive Committee to study the four-year reports of the Governments..."

Resolution XXIII was approved with the changes proposed by the Chairman.

The SECRETARY then read Resolution XXIV.

This was also approved.

The SECRETARY read Resolution XXV, on the place and dates of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference, and the CHAIRMAN proposed that instead of the personal reference appearing in the second paragraph of the preamble and in the third paragraph of the operating part, the words "Government of the Republic of Chile" should appear.

It was so agreed.

The SECRETARY read Resolution XXVI, on the Committee on Economics and Decentralization.

Dr. SEGURA (Argentina) requested that the words "and the results obtained" be added in paragraph one of the operative part.

Mr. PERALTA (Argentina) felt that it would be better to state in the second paragraph, "to terminate the functions of", instead of "disestablish".

Dr. CASTRO (Brazil) felt it would be better to say "dissolve", although that seemed to him to be too strong.

Mr. RODRIGUEZ (Argentina) stated that the word "dissolve" had a serious administrative meaning, which should be avoided in this case.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) said that he could speak for the Committee, since he knows its members, and say that they would be quite satisfied with the word "disestablish".

Mr. RODRIGUEZ (Argentina) felt that it was not necessary to try to find an exact equivalent for the English word, so long as it had the same meaning.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) pointed out that the English text had been approved in plenary session.

Dr. SEGURA (Argentina) pointed out the difficulties arising in the translation of bilateral agreements, and that it frequently took as long to study the wording as to decide upon the substance of the agreement. It is necessary to find a word that says the same thing, that is, harmony in expression has to be reached, so that whatever is said in one language is said in the other.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) asked the Representative of the United States if he would agree to the following phrase: "to declare terminated the functions of", which is exactly equivalent to "da por terminadas las funciones..." of the Spanish text.

Dr. BRADY (United States) agreed.

Resolution XXVI was approved, incorporating into paragraph one of the operative part, "and the results obtained", and starting paragraph 2 as follows: "To declare terminated the functions of...".

The SECRETARY read Resolution XXVII, on the campaign against smallpox.

Dr. CASTRO (Brazil) felt that a general statement on the activities of the Bureau with regard to this problem was lacking.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) recalled that since 1950 the Bureau has considered the establishment of a smallpox-eradication program one of its basic programs. He added that he agreed with the Representative of Brazil, that the last part of the preamble should say "world-wide campaign". He further stated that there is no question about the national importance of eradication; however, it is not a question of that, but rather of stating whether it is believed advisable that the WHO promote world-wide campaigns against smallpox.

Dr. SEGURA (Argentina) proposed to add as paragraph one of the operative part, "That since 1950 the Pan American Sanitary Organization has considered as one of its basic programs the execution of campaigns for the eradication of smallpox throughout the Americas".

Resolution XXVII was approved with the addition proposed by the Representative of Argentina.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed that a vote of thanks be considered.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) took the liberty of suggesting that reference to social activities be omitted. At both the Havana and Ciudad Trujillo meetings the Bureau endeavored to reduce the social obligations of the Governments to a minimum, and intended to follow the same policy at Santiago, Chile. Mention of such protocol activities might give rise to comments when the minutes of meetings are read ten years hence.

Dr. BISSOT (Panama) requested that a vote of thanks to the Bureau staff be considered.

Dr. SOPER (Director, 'PASB) agreed with this and took the opportunity to point out that all the personnel contributes to the conference work, not merely that part of the staff which the Representatives see, since a large part of the work takes place outside the conference room.

Dr. SEGURA (Argentina) proposed that the pattern set in previous meetings be followed.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed a vote of thanks to the State Department of the United States, the Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service, the Director of the National Institutes of Health, and the staff of the Bureau.

The proposal of the Chairman was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.