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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Submitted by Dr. Alberto E. Calvo S. (Panama), Chairman of  
the 55th, 56th and 57th Meetings of the Executive Committee\*

I have the honor to submit to the Directing Council, pursuant to Article 9-C of the Constitution, my Report on the work of the Executive Committee for the period October 1966- October 1967 during which it held its 55th and 56th Meetings. The 57th Meeting will be held in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, from 29 to 30 September, in conformity with the decision taken by the Executive Committee at its 56th Meeting.

At the 56th Meeting, which was held in Washington, D.C., on 7 October 1966, after the close of the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference, Dr. Roberto Acosta Borrero (Colombia) and Dr. Benjamin D. Blood (United States of America) took Office, since their countries had been elected by the Conference to fill the vacancies that occurred on the termination of a period of office of Brazil and Mexico. The following members of the Committee were also present: Dr. Leoncio Andrade C. (Ecuador), Dr. Charles C. Wedderburn (Jamaica), Dr. Alberto E. Calvo (Panama) and Dr. Daniel Orellana (Venezuela). Dr. Manoel José Ferreira (Brazil) and Dr. Miguel Antonio Ortega Peguero (Dominican Republic) attended the meeting as Observers.

At the 55th Meeting I had the honor to be elected Chairman of the Committee for the period covered by this Report. I have therefore presided over the 55th and 56th Meetings so far. Dr. Daniel Orellana (Venezuela) was elected Vice-Chairman.

\* At the time of writing the 57th Meeting of the Executive Committee has not yet taken place but it will be held two days prior to the next meeting of the Directing Council. During that meeting the Report of the Executive Committee Meeting will be distributed in the form of an Appendix to this document.

The following representatives, alternates, and advisers attended the 56th Meeting held in Washington, D. C., from 26 April to 3 May 1967: Dr. Roberto Acosta Borrero (Colombia), Dr. Alfredo Pérez Rueda and Dr. José Joaquín Carvajal Aragundi (Ecuador), Dr. Benjamin D. Blood, Dr. James E. Banta, Mr. Howard B. Calderwood, Mr. Edward Betzig and Mr. Simon N. Wilson (United States of America), Dr. Orlando Aguilar Herrera (Guatemala), Dr. Charles C. Wedderburn and Mr. H. Dale Anderson (Jamaica), Dr. Alberto E. Calvo (Panama) and Dr. Daniel Orellana (Venezuela). The following observers were also present: Dr. Julio Santa María (Chile), Mr. André Cira (France), Mr. W. Roosdorp and Mr. J. B. Hoekman (Kingdom of the Netherlands) and Mr. O. Howard Salzman and Mrs. Alzora H. Eldridge (Organization of American States).

In conformity with Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure, the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau is Secretary ex officio of the Committee. Accordingly Dr. Abraham Horwitz acted as Secretary.

The 55th Meeting dealt with the following items:

Resolutions of the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference of interest to the Executive Committee

The Director of the Bureau reported on the resolutions approved by the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference, some of which specifically instructed the Executive Committee to examine certain topics mentioned in them, for example, the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1968, the supply of textbooks for medical students, and the eradication of Aedes aegypti. The Director gave a detailed account of proposed ways and means to be used in complying with the instructions of the Conference.

Date of the 56th Meeting of the Executive Committee

The Committee authorized the Chairman of the Executive Committee to fix the date of the 56th Meeting in agreement with the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

In agreement with the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and bearing in mind the observations made by the Members of the Committee the Chairman appointed 26 April as the date for the convocation of the meeting.

The 56th Meeting of the Committee, which began on that day and ended on 3 May, held 12 plenary sessions and a closing session and made a thorough examination of the following agenda items:

Application by the Governments of Barbados and Guyana for Membership in the Pan American Health Organization

The Executive Committee examined the applications, took note of them, and instructed the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to transmit them to the Directing Council. In addition it recommended to the Directing Council that it give favorable consideration to the applications of the Governments of Barbados and Guyana for Membership in the Pan American Health Organization.

Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee studied the amendments to the Rules of Procedure proposed by the Director and, concluding that the adoption of the rules proposed in that document would facilitate the conduct of business, decided to incorporate the amendments into the Rules of Procedure, which would then read as shown in the Addendum to Document CE56/7.

Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for the year 1966

The Executive Committee carefully studied these Reports which show that the financial condition of the Organization is sound and in particular that there was an increase in 1966 in the collection of quotas, in the working capital fund and in the reserve fund. In view of this highly favorable situation, the Committee decided to transmit the Report to the Directing Council and to commend the Director on the sound financial position of the Organization which had been achieved through the consistent application over the years of a policy of maintaining budgetary expenditures within income, thereby making it possible to build up the working capital fund and to create reserves for termination costs. It also again decided to draw the attention of the Governments to the need for quotas to be paid as soon as possible within the course of each financial year.

Amendment to the Financial Rules of the Pan American Health Organization

The Committee considered the amendment to the Financial Rules of the Pan American Health Organization, which involved an addition to paragraph 103.2 of Article III.

In approving the amendment the Committee took into account the importance of assuring that short-term consultant services planned as part of a program of the Organization should be provided in full, even when the period of assignment had not been completed by the end of the financial year. In so doing the Committee also was following WHO practice with respect to obligations for short-term consultants.

### Resignation of External Auditor

The Committee noted with regret the resignation for reasons of age of Mr. Uno Brunskog the External Auditor of the Pan American Health Organization, and expressed its thanks to him for his conscientious services and his many valuable recommendations on financial policy. Furthermore, bearing in mind that it has become the practice of the Pan American Health Organization and the World Health Organization to have the same External Auditor and being informed that Mr. Lars Breie, the Auditor General of Norway, had expressed his willingness to serve as the External Auditor of the World Health Organization, the Committee decided to recommend to the Directing Council that it appoint Mr. Lars Breie to be the External Auditor of the Pan American Health Organization.

### Amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

The Committee examined the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau submitted by the Director, which were identical to those adopted by the World Health Organization and concerned leave and sick leave and the separation from service because of physical limitations as well as certain editorial changes in Rules 650.2, 670.3, 670.4, 670.5, 670.6 and 670.7. It also examined the proposed amendments to staff rules 730 (730.1 and 730.2) which introduced changes into the staff pension fund in accordance with the recommendations of the Joint Staff Pension Board. The Committee approved the proposed changes which will enter into force on 1 January 1967.

### Arrangements for the XVII Meeting of the Directing Council, XIX Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas

The Committee considered the Report submitted by the Director on the arrangements for the XVII Meeting of the Directing Council, XIX Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, and the 57th Meeting of the Executive Committee and approved the arrangements made by the Director. By so doing the Committee authorized the Director to convene the Meeting of the Council from 2 to 13 October 1967 in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

### Appointment of the Deputy Director and of the Assistant Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Since Dr. John C. Cutler, Deputy Director, and Dr. Víctor A. Sutter, Assistant Director, were unable for professional and personal reasons to continue the valuable services they have performed in those posts for several years at the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, the Director in virtue of the powers conferred on him by Article 21 B of the Constitution appointed Dr. Charles L. Williams to the post of Deputy Director and Dr. Alfredo Arreaza Guzmán to the post of Assistant Director. The Committee approved these appointments and expressed their profound thanks to Dr. Cutler and Dr. Sutter for the work they had carried out so zealously and competently for the benefit of the health of the peoples of the Americas.

Representation of the Executive Committee at the XVII Meeting of the Directing Council, XIX Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas

The Committee designated Dr. Alberto E. Calvo S., Chairman of the Executive Committee as its official representative to the XVII Meeting of the Council and Dr. Daniel Orellana as alternate.

Report on the Collection of Quota Contributions

After an examination of the Report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions, the Committee took note of the Report; commended the Director for his efforts to solve the problem of quotas in arrears; commended the governments for the efforts they have made in 1966 to pay quotas in arrears and to increase the percentage of quotas paid; expressed its concern especially about quotas that were more than two years in arrears; requested the Director to continue to submit full reports to the Governments on the status of the collection of quotas and the consequences that failure to pay them have on the execution of the PAHO program; and recommended to the Governments whose quotas are in arrears to pay them as soon as possible and to those whose quotas are two or more years in arrears to put into operation their financial plans for the payment of those arrears within a definite period.

Provisional Agenda for the XVII Meeting of the Directing Council, XIX Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas

The Committee carefully studied the provisional agenda prepared by the Director for the XVII Meeting of the Directing Council, XIX Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas. It approved the provisional agenda and authorized the Director to include in it any additional items derived from the 56th Meeting of the Executive Committee and those that might be proposed in good time by the Governments or organizations entitled to propose agenda items.

Report on Buildings and Installations

The Committee took note of the Report of the Director on buildings and installations and expressed its appreciation to the members of the Permanent Sub-Committee on Buildings and Installations for their continued assistance in safeguarding the interests of the Organization in these matters. It also instructed the Director to continue his efforts to obtain on favorable terms financial support to enable adequate installations to be acquired for the Zone Offices and requested the Director to report to the XVII Directing Council on short and long-range plans for buildings and installations.

The Committee also expressed its thanks to the Government of Jamaica for the works of art it had donated to the Headquarters building and requested the Governments to continue to contribute works of art for that building.

#### Status of Aedes aegypti Eradication in the Americas

The Committee made a thorough examination of the Report of the Director on the Aedes aegypti eradication campaign in the Americas as well as of the Reports of the Conference and Study Group on Aedes aegypti eradication in the Americas, which met under the auspices of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in Washington, D. C., from 3 to 5 and from 6 to 12 April 1967. As a result of this examination the Committee took note of the above-mentioned reports; re-affirmed the recommendation of the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference to the Governments of the countries still infested by the vector that they take the necessary measures to overcome any administrative difficulties that may be hampering the progress of their campaigns and that they give the highest priority to the provision of the funds, personnel, supplies needed to complete those campaigns as soon as possible. It also congratulated the Director on the success of the Conference and Meeting of the Study Group on the eradication of Aedes aegypti and recommended to him that he continue his efforts to ensure that Aedes aegypti eradication is carried out simultaneously and in a coordinated manner in all countries in which the problem still exists. It recommended to the Member Governments that they bring their influence to bear in international credit agencies to ensure the inclusion in their credit policy of the provision of loans for Aedes aegypti eradication and that they give one another reciprocal assistance either directly or through the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for the Aedes aegypti campaign. It requested the Director to provide the Member Governments with such assistance as they may need in order to put into effect the above-mentioned recommendations and recommended to him that he include in the budget of the Pan American Health Organization such supplementary allotments as are considered necessary for strengthening the assistance that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau has been giving to the Governments for Aedes aegypti eradication. Finally the Committee recommended to the Director that he explore the possibility of establishing within the budget of the Pan American Health Organization a special Aedes aegypti eradication campaign account.

#### Fellowship Program

The Committee considered at length and with satisfaction and interest the document submitted by the Director on the fellowship program and decided to recommend to the XVII Meeting of the Directing Council that it approve the Report of the Director on the fellowship program and that it recommends to the Governments that they continue their efforts to improve their procedures for the selection of fellowship candidates. The Committee also recommended to the Council that it emphasize to the governments the importance of making full use of the services of fellows when they complete

their studies in their specialized fields and in close relationship with national health plans; that it draw to the attention of the Governments Resolution XIX approved by the IX Meeting of the Directing Council which recommends that they continue to pay the salary and safeguard the seniority and other rights of officials pursuing fellowship studies abroad. It pointed out that failure to do so is harmful to the selection of applicants to the pursuit of their studies and to the efficient conduct of the fellowship program. The Committee recommended to the Director that he continue to coordinate the fellowship program with those of the special agencies of the United Nations, the Inter-American System and other agencies because of the satisfactory results attained so far. Finally it instructed the Director to continue his efforts, in the way he considers most effective and in cooperation with the Governments, to make a complete evaluation of the fellowship program and report his findings at a later date.

#### Status of Smallpox Eradication in the Americas

Having made a detailed examination of the report of the Director on the status of smallpox eradication in the Americas the Committee decided to recommend to the countries where smallpox still exists that they prepare national plans for the eradication of the disease. It urged the Governments of the countries whose eradication programs are making slow progress to adopt prompt measures to eliminate any administrative difficulties that may be hampering their campaigns and to give the highest possible priority to the provision of funds, personnel, and supplies needed to complete those campaigns as soon as possible. It also recommended to the Governments that special care be taken in the preparation of smallpox vaccine to ensure that it meets the pertinent purity and potency requirements established by WHO and to urge them to make use of the reference laboratory services which PASB has established. It recommended to the countries where the disease has been eliminated that, until such time as smallpox is no longer a continental problem, they try to establish maintenance programs and epidemiological vigilance services. It recommended to the Director that he take the necessary measures to strengthen and accelerate the smallpox eradication program approved by the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference. It urged the Governments of the countries that are free of smallpox but where the immunity level in the population is low, initiate programs designed to rapidly raise the immunity level in the population.

#### Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1968

The Committee decided to give this item very careful consideration and, in doing so, received whole hearted support from the Director of the Bureau and its technical staff. The Committee devoted seven plenary sessions to a thorough and exhaustive examination of the Proposed Program and Budget prepared by the Director pursuant to Article 14 C of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization. This examination was not confined to the consideration of budgetary items but was extended to include a study in depth of specific projects as well as of general questions relating to the policy and program of the Organization. Following

this examination the Committee decided to submit to the Directing Council of the XVII Meeting for its favorable consideration the proposed program and budget for the Pan American Health Organization for 1968 (Official Document No. 67) and the modifications thereto appearing in Document CE56/5 prepared by the Director, at the level of US\$10,190,000.

#### Pan American Foot and Mouth Disease Center

The Committee examined the problems involved in the financing of the Pan American Foot and Mouth Disease Center and, as a result of its deliberations, reaffirmed the importance of continuing the international and national efforts to control foot and mouth disease in the Americas and stressed the advisability of maintaining the activities of the Pan American Foot and Mouth Disease Center with stable long-term financing at a sufficient level to enable it to provide governments with scientific cooperation and technical advice in planning and executing international and national foot and mouth disease programs. It also give its support to the Director in his efforts to obtain funds from all possible sources to provide adequate financial support to enable the Pan American Foot and Mouth Disease Center to cooperate with Governments in their national programs and requested the Inter-American Economic and Social Council to make provision for financing the activities of the Pan American Foot and Mouth Disease Center at an effective level during the period through June 1969 in order to permit operation of the current programs of the Center. It noted with satisfaction and endorsed the recommendations concerning the program and financing arrangements contained in the Report of His Excellency the Vice-President of Peru and the Director of the Pan American Foot and Mouth Disease Center and requested the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to submit that report and the consolidated report of the IX Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on the Alliance for Progress (CIAP) to the XVII Meeting of the Directing Council with a recommendation that it consider the proposals therein and that it provide for the continuation of the operation of the Center under the administration of PAHO at an effective level. It also decided to authorize the Director to maintain the present level of operations at the Center by continuing to advance funds from the Working Capital Fund against reimbursement from contributions from Governments for this purpose and/or additional support from the IA-ECOSOC subject to the decision of the XVII Meeting of the Directing Council for the operation of the Center. Finally it expressed its thanks to the Organization of American States for the financial assistance it has been giving the Pan American Foot and Mouth Disease Center through its Program of Technical Assistance and instructed the Director to report to the XVII Meeting of the Directing Council on the progress of the program of the Pan American Foot and Mouth Disease Center and the efforts to arrange both long-term and short-term financing of the Center.



### Supply of Textbooks for Medical Students

The Committee examined the program for the supply of textbooks for medical students and decided to reaffirm the importance, the interest, and the urgent need of the project for medical education programs and to approve the steps taken and to instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to continue negotiations with the IDB and other possible sources of financing for the program. It noted that the IDB would be prepared to reimburse the funds invested in this program from 1 January 1967 as part of a loan, should the loan be approved by the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Development Bank. It requested the Director to continue to confer with those in the field of textbook production and distribution especially of textbooks in the scientific field for the countries of the Americas with a view to obtaining cooperation in the effort to provide medical students with textbooks at a low cost. The Committee also deemed it advisable to recommend to the Director that he gradually implement programs using existing funds, particularly those available in the Special Health Promotion Fund, and to transmit the above-mentioned report and the resolution to the next meeting of the Directing Council. It instructed the Director to supplement information contained in it with a further report on such activities as may have been undertaken up to the time of the meeting.

### Intensification of Health Programs - Decisions taken at the Meeting of the American Heads of State

Considering that the Special Report submitted by the Director on the subject was of such importance as to merit attention and study by the Directing Council the Committee decided to acknowledge the effective steps taken by the Director in compliance with Resolution XX of the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference at the highest political and economic level in the Hemisphere, which led to due priority being given to health in the decisions reached at the Meeting of American Heads of State held in Punta del Este during the year. In submitting this item for the consideration of the Committee the Government of Panama was attempting to stimulate early examination of those decisions so that a recommendation could be made to the Directing Council to the effect that it examine the document in depth. Therefore, the Committee decided to emphasize the importance of the decisions taken at Punta del Este concerning the health and development of the countries of the Americas and to recommend to the Director, that he take, subject to the availability of funds, such as technical, administrative and financial steps as may be necessary to carry out the instructions of the American Heads of State to the Pan American Health Organization; namely, to cooperate with the Governments in the preparation of specific programs relating to the health objectives approved at Punta del Este. The Committee also recommended to the Director that he consider the advisability of convening a meeting of Ministers of Health to draw up an action program for implementing the decisions of the American Heads of State and to transmit the Resolution and the Report of the Director to the next meeting of the Directing Council.

Meetings of the Executive Committee

At its 56th Meeting the Executive Committee decided that the Proposed Program and Budget might be more suitably examined after the World Health Assembly had approved the WHO Budget for the following financial year and decided, in conformity with Article 17 of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization, that the regular meeting of the Executive Committee held at the Headquarters of the Organization should be held each year subsequent to the World Health Assembly and at a date to be fixed by the Chairman of the Executive Committee in agreement with the Director of the Bureau. It also authorized the Director of the Bureau to convene a meeting of the Executive Committee immediately prior to the XVII Meeting of the Directing Council.

In concluding this Report, in which I have attempted to set forth succinctly and objectively the most important decisions taken at both meetings of the Committee, I should like to express my sincere thanks to the other Members of the Executive Committee for the trust they placed in me in electing me President and for the excellent assistance I received during the meetings from Dr. Daniel Orellana, the Vice-Chairman, and from the other Representatives. I should again like to emphasize the invaluable assistance I received from the Director and technical staff of the Bureau without which it would have been impossible to have held such dynamic and informative sessions. For that reason, I should like to take this opportunity to express the wish that this climate of understanding and the high technical level of the discussions will continue to characterize the regular meetings of the Committee so that it may become an increasingly more important factor in the progress and conduct of our Organization.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Submitted by Dr. Alberto Calvo S. (Panama), Chairman of the  
57th Meeting of the Executive Committee)

In conformity with Resolution XXI of the 56th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Organization and Article 14D of the Constitution of the Organization, Dr. Abraham Horwitz, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, convened the 57th Meeting of the Executive Committee. I have the honor to submit to the Directing Council this report on the most important aspects of the work of the 57th Meeting of the Executive Committee which was held in Port-of-Spain Trinidad from 28 to 29 September 1967.

The Meeting was attended by the following representatives, alternates, and advisers:

Colombia:

Representative - Dr. Roberto Acosta Borrero  
Director, Ministry of Public Health

Guatemala:

Representative - Dr. Emilio Poitevin  
Ministry of Health

Alternate - Dr. Carlos A. Waldheim C.  
Director General of Health

Jamaica:

Representative - Dr. Charles C. Wedderburn  
Chief Medical Officer  
Ministry of Health

Panama:

Representative - Dr. Alberto E. Calvo  
Director General  
Department of Public Health

United States of America:

Representative - Dr. Benjamin D. Blood  
Associate Director for International  
Organization Affairs  
Office of International Health  
Public Health Service  
Department of Health, Education and Welfare

Adviser - Dr. Otis E. Mulliken  
Chief, Division of Human Resources  
Department of State

Venezuela:

Representative - Dr. Daniel Orellana  
Chief, International Health Section  
Ministry of Public Health and Social  
Welfare

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Mexico:

Dr. Manuel Gómez Noguera  
Chief of Service  
Institute of Social Security Services  
for State Employees (ISSSTE)

Trinidad and Tobago:

Dr. Maxwell P. Awon  
Ministry of Health

Dr. Leonard M. Comissiong  
Chief Medical Officer  
Ministry of Health

Dr. Elizabeth S.M. Quamina  
Principal Medical Officer (Preventive)  
Ministry of Health

Organization of American States:

Mrs. Alzora H. Eldridge  
Liaison Officer

Inter-American Development Bank

Mr. Raul Rey Alvarez  
Regional Representative in Venezuela

In conformity with Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure, the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau served as Secretary ex-officio of the Committee. Consequently Dr. Abraham Horwitz discharged those duties.

The 57th Meeting of the Executive Committee dealt with the following items:

Program and Budget Estimates of the Pan American Health Organization and of the Regional Committee for the Americas of the World Health Organization

The examination of this document, which encompasses all the programs and their corresponding sources of funds, is a direct responsibility of the Organization both as an autonomous pan american health agency and a United Nations agency, and afforded the Members of the Executive Committee an excellent opportunity to make an objective assessment of the progress made by the Bureau, in achieving not only a practical formulation of extraordinary scope and balance encompassing all sources of funds but also a carefully articulated and presentation of various aspects reflecting the complex distribution of programs and activities at different levels. It is a matter of great satisfaction to the Committee to be able to transmit this document to the Directing Council, since it is sure that at present this program and budget document is a model for other similar international programming documents. The Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the Pan American Health Organization was reviewed by the Committee at its 56th Meeting and the very minor adjustments introduced into it since then did not justify a detailed review. Consequently the Committee decided to reaffirm its favorable recommendation to the Council. Furthermore, after examining the main lines of the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates for 1969, which contains projects reflecting the general and specific activities of the Organization showing this order of magnitude and geographical distribution, it decided to draw to the attention of the Directing Council that the Program and Budget Estimates provide for a series of activities which are part of the policy of the Organization and which are of great importance for the improvement of the health of the people of the Americas.

After a lengthy and interesting discussion the pertinent resolution was adopted by the Committee.

Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center

In view of the fact that in the interval between the 56th and the 57th Meetings of the Executive Committee there had occurred certain important events of which the Directing Council should be well aware and which must be taken into consideration in examining the problem, the Committee decided to again discuss at some length the difficulties involved in finding a suitable means of financing the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center. The Committee was duly informed of the voluntary contributions received from the Governments of several Member Countries, which had made it possible to cover the financial requirements of the Center up to 30 June 1967 as well as of the pledges of additional contributions from other countries.

The Committee also considered Resolution 14-M/67 (CIES/1306 HDD 3) on the permanent and stable financing of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center approved by the Inter-American Economic and Social Council at its Fifth Annual Meeting held in Viña del Mar from 15 to 26 June 1967, and noted with satisfaction that the Council had requested the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to continue to take technical and administrative responsibility for the Center and had authorized CIAP, in consultation with the Pan American Health Organization and the OAS Secretariat, to determine the system for financing it. The Committee expressed its confidence that the system of financing adopted would be consonant with the above-mentioned resolution and the eleven points clearly set forth in Annex III, page 2, of Document CD17/19.

In reaffirming the point of view expressed in Resolution XVIII adopted at the 56th Meeting of the Committee concerning the extraordinary importance of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center for the health and development of the people of the Americas, the Committee decided to reiterate its interest in a prompt and definitive solution to the problem of the stable and permanent financing of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center and recommended to the Directing Council that it take appropriate steps to ensure this financing on the basis of the plan appearing in the Report of the Seoane-Palacios Mission which was the basic reference document used by the Inter-American Committee on the Alliance for Progress in formulating its solution to the problem at its meeting currently taking place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

In the Resolution adopted by the meeting the Executive Committee also expressed its thanks to the Governments of the Member Countries of Brazil, Colombia, United States of America, Panama, Dominican Republic, Venezuela for their generous voluntary contributions and urged Member Governments that had not yet made such contributions to do so in order to ensure the continued operation of the Center at least at the present level and until such time as a stable system of financing can be initiated.

Resolutions of the Twentieth World Health Assembly of Interest to the Regional Committee

In view of the importance or of certain salient aspects of some of the Resolutions of the Twentieth World Health Assembly of interest to the Regional Committee for the Americas of the World Health Organization, the Executive Committee decided on its own initiative to examine them in order to draw to the attention of the Directing Council those points which might be of special interest to it. All the resolutions not covered by the Committee are fully treated in Document CD17/10, the working document corresponding to Item 16 of the provisional agenda of the XVII Meeting of the Directing Council.

WHA.20.14 - MALARIA ERADICATION PROGRAM

The Committee again discussed the problem of malaria eradication at some length and placed special emphasis on the considerable sums of money spent in the Hemisphere on this program, amounting to about 40,000,000 dollars a year. It is therefore essential to redouble our efforts lest such a huge investment be jeopardized. One well-known fact that was again emphasized was, that the problem was not one of technical competence but of the low level of financing of the eradication programs and the weak administrative infrastructure which keeps the performance of the limited resources available at a low level. The Committee recommended to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau that he cooperate with the Director-General of the World Health Organization in studying how best to carry out a re-examination of the global strategy of malaria eradication which was requested by the Twentieth World Health Assembly in the resolution under discussion. At the same time it drew attention to the fact that until such time as the results of this study are made known, it was urgently necessary that the programs in the countries of the Americas continue to use the present techniques available and that they be given additional national and international financial support.

WHA.20.15 - SMALLPOX ERADICATION PROGRAM

The Committee emphasized that a resolute effort on the part of the countries of the Americas would result in the definitive elimination of smallpox as a health problem on this part of the world and that it was essential for the Ministries of Health to take such steps as will make it possible to achieve the most effective level of immunization. It stressed that, until such time as the technological order emanating from health plans is established, the countries which have not yet done so should at least launch immunization programs. Those programs should be highly efficient as respects both coverage and continuity and should not be limited to smallpox but should also cover all diseases that are capable of being brought under control or eradicated through immunizations.

## WHA.20.18 - WHO NOMENCLATURE REGULATIONS 1967

WHA.20.19 - COMPENDIUM OF RECOMMENDATIONS, DEFINITIONS, AND STANDARDS  
RELATING TO HEALTH STATISTICS

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When considering these resolutions, the Committee pointed out the importance of applying the new WHO Nomenclature Regulations, 1967, which as from January 1968 will replace the 1948 Regulations at present in force. It requested the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to continue to give the Member Countries in connection with the application of these Regulations increased technical assistance, if possible, which would be as efficient as that which is at present being given to them. However, the Committee stressed the need for strengthening and accelerating the training of professional personnel in microbiology, in particular in pathology, if the Governments wish to pass on to the next phase which is that of improving the diagnosis of our morbidity and mortality statistics.

## WHA.20.21 - EXTENSION OF THE USE OF THE SPANISH AND RUSSIAN LANGUAGES

The Committee took note with satisfaction of the decision of the Twentieth World Health Assembly to introduce Spanish as a working language of the World Health Organization in progressive steps but at the same time expressed its concern about the increase in the money which would have to be deducted from the operational budgets if in the future other languages were adopted as working languages. Consequently it thought it advisable that alternative financing arrangements be studied whereby the money the World Health Organization assigns to its health programs need not be reduced. One such arrangement might be special contributions by countries, on a regional basis, to be used specifically for the language adopted provided it be other than English or French.

WHA.20.22 - DECISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES  
AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY AFFECTING WHO'S  
ACTIVITIES: ADMINISTRATIVE, BUDGETARY, AND FINANCIAL  
MATTERS.

The Committee expressed its concern over the way in which the so-called Committee of 14 would examine "the preparation, presentation, and performance of budgets and program planning and evaluation" in our Organization, both as the Pan American Health Organization, which is an autonomous Organization, and as the Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization, bearing on mind that these functions are fully discharged both in the production of the technical documentation and in the practical execution of the programs. The Committee was of the opinion that the Director needs the implicit authorization



of the Executive Committee before he can allow such an examination with respect to the Pan American Health Organization.

WHA.20.34 - QUALITY TESTING OF PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATIONS

In discussing the various aspects of this resolution, the Committee emphasized the considerable obstacles that stand in the way of protecting the public with respect to the quality of pharmaceutical preparations, in view of the complexity of the mechanisms for carrying out testing of sufficient scope and frequency, primarily because of the extraordinary proliferation of poor quality pharmaceutical products. It was the opinion of the Committee that better arrangements for testing the quality of such products should be made in manufacturing enterprises.

WHA.20.41 - HEALTH ASPECTS OF POPULATION DYNAMICS

In examining this resolution the Committee took advantage of the occasion to discuss at some length the problems which might arise for the countries when population planning programs are not clearly distinguished from so-called family planning or birth control programs. It stated that the problem is even greater in the rural areas while in the urban areas the programs have to be centered exclusively on the control of abortion; and that it is essential to establish a population policy which emphasizes family education as part of maternal and child health programs. In view of the complexity and scope of the problem, the view was expressed at the meeting, that this subject might well be the topic of the Technical Discussions at the XVIII Meeting of the Directing Council.