



PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



**5th DIRECTING COUNCIL**  
3rd SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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***RESOLUTION***

***CD5.R26***

**REVISION OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CODE IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SANITARY  
REGULATIONS**

*THE 5<sup>th</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Considering that the Fourth World Health Assembly has adopted International Regulations No. 2, which contain the sanitary provisions required for international traffic and are the result of a long and careful technical study in which experts from all the Member States have participated;

Considering that agreements of this nature are vested with the full and mandatory force of a convention, voiding previous conventions and treaties and serving, in fact, as a revision of all those that are in any manner contrary to the new rules thus established;

Considering that the Pan American Sanitary Code contains a series of articles referring to international traffic, many of which are now inadequate and require revision; and

Considering that the Executive Committee has submitted to this Council ample information on all matters related to the drafting and approval of International Regulations No. 2 and their possible conflict with the Pan American Sanitary Code,

*RESOLVES*

1. To express its satisfaction with the work accomplished at the Fourth World Health Assembly by the members of the Region of the Americas, and to emphasize particularly the participation of Dr. Alfredo Norberto Bica in the preparation of International Regulations No. 2.
2. To recommend to the American countries, signatories of the Pan American Sanitary Code (Havana, 1924), an Additional Protocol thereto, wherein provision would be made:
  - a) To void Articles 2, 9, 10, 11, 16 to 53 inclusive, 61, and 62 of the Pan American Sanitary Code, relating to international traffic;
  - b) To add a clause that would authorize the introduction of periodic amendments, to be entrusted to the Pan American Sanitary Conference within the rules set forth in Article 24 of the Constitution; and
  - c) To entrust the Pan American Sanitary Bureau with the publication in Spanish of the International Sanitary Regulations No. 2, to be distributed among the health authorities of the Members of the Organization.
3. [To recommend] that all the American Republics take the appropriate measures for the application of the International Sanitary Regulations adopted by the World Health Assembly on 25 May 1951.
4. To appoint three of its representatives to draft the Protocol to which reference is made in paragraph 2 of this resolution.

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