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14th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRELIS MINUTES OF THE FIFTH PLENARY SESSION

Held at Washington, D. C.
Saturday, 22 September 1951, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman: Dr. H. van Zile Hyde United States
Vice Chairman: Dr. Juan Allwood Paredes El Salvador
Secretary: Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Present:

Members of the Committee:

Dr. Gerardo Segura Argentina
Dr. Nacioneno Romero Chile
Dr. Alberto Diaz Aleman (Adviser)
Dr. Luis F. Thomen Dominican Republic
Dr. Luis F. Galich Guatemala
Mr. Simon N. Wilson (Adviser) United States
Dr. Fred L. Soper (ex officio) Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Observers:

Dr. Felix Hurtado Cuba
Dr. Pedro Nogueira Cuba
Mr. Gabriel Rosaz France
Dr. Nicolaas Hendrik Swellemrebel Netherlands

Pan American Sanitary Bureau:

Dr. Paulo C. A. Antunes, Assistant Director; Dr. Abraham Horwitz and Dr. Emilio Budnik, Advisers.
The Chairman reintroduced this subject because he felt that some members of the Committee were in doubt as to the decision taken at the Fourth Plenary Session; he asked whether the Report of the Subcommittee appointed to study this document should be put to a vote as a whole or paragraph by paragraph.

The Representative of Argentina requested that each paragraph of the Report be put to a roll call vote; this was agreed upon.

The Representative of the Dominican Republic made the suggestion that the vote on paragraph 1 be postponed until all other paragraphs had been voted upon, which was approved.

The Chairman put paragraph 2 to the vote.

RESULT OF THE VOTE:

Five votes in favor and one abstention.

The Chairman submitted paragraph 3 to the vote.

RESULT OF THE VOTE:

Four votes in favor and two abstentions.

The Chairman put to the vote the first part of paragraph 4.

RESULT OF THE VOTE:

Four votes in favor and two abstentions.

The Chairman asked the members of the Committee whether they wished to give any instructions on specific
points to the Committee on Constitutional Revision to be appointed in accordance with the recommendation contained in the first part of paragraph 4.

The Representative of Guatemala suggested that the Report to be submitted to the Directing Council by the Executive Committee should contain two parts: an explanatory part and the resolutions. The first or explanatory part should set forth the work done by the Subcommittee and would include the specific points that the members of the Subcommittee felt should be modified, inasmuch as this represented their opinion. The resolutions would specify that the Executive Committee considered it inadvisable to modify the Constitution for the time being, although the Committee did recognize that certain developments had taken place to warrant its revision. The second part of the Report would contain a recommendation to the Directing Council that the Committee should continue the study it had undertaken, for which purpose a new Subcommittee would be designated in the event the present one could not continue the study owing to changes in its membership.

The proposal of the Representative of Guatemala was seconded by the Representative of the Dominican Republic, and was then approved. The Representative of the Dominican Republic suggested that, to implement the proposal, the Report be re-drafted. The Chairman appointed the Representatives of Chile and Guatemala to make this draft.

The Chairman put to the vote paragraph 5 and Annexes I and II.

RESULT OF THE VOTE:

Four votes in favor and two abstentions.

The Chairman stated that it was necessary to draft a resolution submitting the Subcommittee Report to the Directing Council. He appointed the Representative of El Salvador and the Adviser of the United States to draft the text of a resolution. The new group drafted the text of a resolution, which was based on the
instructions given to the aforesaid group composed of the Representatives of Chile and Guatemala and which, when put to the vote, was approved.

The Chairman put to the vote the Draft Resolution of the Executive Committee on the Report of the Subcommittee on Constitutional Revision, contained in Document CEL4/13, Addendum 1, Annexes I and II.

DECISION:

The proposed Resolution was approved by a vote of five in favor and one against.

The Executive Committee decided to postpone approval of its Final Report until Monday morning, 24 September 1951.

In view of the foregoing, it will be necessary for the Executive Committee to give final approval to the Resolution on the Agenda for the V Meeting of the Directing Council.

The Chairman put to the vote Resolution XIII of Document CEL4/20 (Rev. 1).

DECISION TAKEN:

The Resolution was unanimously approved.

The session was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.