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ON AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE DIRECTING  
COUNCIL

At its V Meeting the Directing Council adopted Resolution XXXVIII which provides:

- "1. To transmit the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure to the Executive Committee for study.
- "2. To request the Executive Committee to present its recommendations thereon to the Directing Council at its next meeting."

And at its 15th Meeting the Executive Committee adopted Resolution II which states:

"WHEREAS:

"The Directing Council at its V Meeting, requested (Resolution XXXVIII) the Executive Committee to submit its recommendations on the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council; and

"Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council are conditional upon changes that may be introduced in the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization,

"THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

"RESOLVES:

"That the Permanent Committee appointed in Resolution I of the 15th Meeting of the Executive Committee, for the revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary

Organization, undertake the study of the revision of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council and submit a report to the 16th Meeting of the Executive Committee."

As pointed out by the Executive Committee, the modification of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council depends upon changes that may be introduced in the Constitution. This fact has become evident as the study of the revision of the Constitution progresses. In effect, several articles of the Constitution have been approved in principle by this Committee with the understanding that the procedures to implement them would be established in the Rules of Procedure. Other articles of the Constitution, which also have been approved provisionally by the Permanent Committee, may be incorporated into the Rules of Procedure if so recommended by the legal working party set up by the Committee. Furthermore, the provisions of the Rules of Procedure should be kept in harmony with the content and forms of expression which will finally be adopted for the draft revision of the Constitution.

For these reasons, the Permanent Committee will wait until the draft revision of the Constitution is further advanced before undertaking the study of the revision of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council. The Committee hopes to finish its work in time to be submitted to the Executive Committee at its 17th Meeting, to be held at Havana, in September 1952.

Respectfully submitted to the Executive Committee:

(Signed)

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