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Topic 9: PLAN OF LONG-RANGE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS

The guide for development of programs and planning for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau is stated in Article I of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, as follows:

"The fundamental purposes of the Pan American Sanitary Organization shall be to promote and coordinate efforts of the Countries of the Western Hemisphere to combat disease, lengthen life, and promote the physical and mental health of the people."

In aiming at the fulfillment of these purposes, many specialized health programs have been started in cooperation between the Bureau and the member countries. After considering the needs for coordinating these programs and developing a long-range plan for the operation of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, the Directing Council, at the V Meeting held in Washington in September 1951, adopted Resolution VI which reads:

"1. To request the Director to evaluate the needs of the countries in the field of public health, indicating the priority for each need, and to present to a future meeting of the Directing Council a long-range program for the Organization, based on his findings.

"2. To consider that the eradication programs in the Americas require the highest priority within the over-all program.

"3. To recommend that future budgets be prepared against these references, taking into consideration both the statement of the Director as to what extent the general program can be implemented within a given year, and the ability of the Governments to finance the budgets.

"4. To instruct the Executive Committee to prepare, with the cooperation of the Director, a preliminary budget plan for the Organization for at least the second year following that of the meetings of the Directing Council, and to prepare a plan of long-range programs."

The increased health activities by the member countries and by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau are providing a background for the development of such a long-range program.

The Director, in considering the development of this program for the Bureau, wishes to submit to the Executive Committee the following points:

1. Strengthening of the health organizations of the various countries is a basic need, in order to secure adequate health services.
2. Need for adequately trained personnel for the health services has been repeatedly emphasized by the health authorities of the member countries.
3. Eradication is the method of choice in meeting the problems of certain communicable diseases.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Having considered the above, the Executive Committee may wish to adopt a resolution along the following lines:

WHEREAS:

The Director has submitted material, in accordance with Resolution CD5/R/VI, on a long-range program for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the development of a long-range program, based on continuous survey and evaluation of the needs and resources of the member countries, designed to:
  - a) Strengthen the fundamental services for the promotion and preservation of the health of the peoples of the countries.
  - b) Provide means for the training of professional and sub-professional personnel for the health services of the member countries, and develop local and regional resources to this end.
  - c) Coordinate and assist in the planning and operation of individual or regional programs of eradication of those widely distributed communicable diseases which constitute a potential threat to the Hemisphere and for which there are suitable means of eradication, such as urban yellow fever, malaria, smallpox, syphilis, and yaws.

2. To recommend to the Directing Council that:

a) This type of continuous long-range planning be approved.

b) It instruct the Director to prepare the future budgets in harmony with this program.