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CONSTITUTION OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION

At its VI Meeting in Havana, September 1952, the Directing Council resolved (Resolution X) to postpone the revision of the Constitution until the opinions of the majority of the Governments and the interested agencies were known, to refer the existing documents on this subject to the Governments, and to transmit any additional documents to the Permanent Committee on Revision of the Constitution so that it might prepare a new draft revision or reaffirm the present revised text.

The Permanent Committee held its tenth session on 20 October 1952, at which time it examined the documents referred to it by the Directing Council and also considered a recommendation of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to the effect that the text of Article 44 of the new Constitution be drafted in more general terms. At the same time, the Committee recommended that the Bureau urge the Governments to make known their opinions on the constitutional revision by 5 January 1953, so as to enable the Committee to continue its work in Washington.

Accordingly, the Pan American Sanitary Bureau addressed circular letter SGC-CL-77-52 to those Governments that had not yet expressed their views. The opinions of the Governments of Colombia, Peru, Brazil, Nicaragua, and Venezuela were received in reply. The proposal of Argentina, dated 9 December 1952, had been received previously.

Committee membership - The Government of the Republic of Chile appointed Dr. Víctor Vergara M. to replace Dr. Alberto Díaz Alemany as its representative on the Permanent Committee. Dr. Horacio Vicioso Soto replaced Dr. Arturo Calventi as Adviser to Dr. Luis F. Thomen, Representative of the Dominican Republic. Mr. Howard B. Calderwood continued to act as Representative of the United States.

At its eleventh session, held 11 March 1953, the Permanent Committee considered the proposals submitted by the Governments and the interested agencies, and also examined a comparative report presented by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on the proposed amendments to the Draft Constitution prepared by the Permanent Committee (Document CPRC/14). At the request of the Committee, the Bureau addressed another circular letter to those Governments that had not yet submitted their opinions. The Government of Guatemala expressed its views in a communication dated 2 March 1953.

At the twelfth and thirteenth sessions of the Permanent Committee, held on 16 March and 2 April 1953, respectively, attention was devoted to the work of revising the Draft Constitution prepared by the Permanent Committee, in the light of the opinions expressed by the Governments. The Committee will continue the work of revision on this basis, and will inform the Executive Committee at its next meeting of the status of its work.

Respectfully submitted to the Executive Committee of the Organization.

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Luis F. Thomen, Chairman  
Representative of the Dominican Republic

(signed)

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Victor Vergara II.  
Representative of Chile

(signed)

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Howard B. Calderwood  
Representative of the United States  
of America