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Topic 12: RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION AND
NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Pursuant to Resolution IV of the 15th Meeting of the Executive Committee, the Director presented a study to the 16th Meeting which proposed for the consideration of the Committee and the Directing Council a draft statement on working principles governing the admission of non-governmental organizations into relations with the Pan American Sanitary Organization (CEL6/5, pp. 5-8).

The Committee decided to postpone the discussion and await developments in WHO, and instructed the Director "to continue his study of this question and report further thereon to the Executive Committee at its 19th Meeting".

The Director wishes to report that this question merited considerable discussion at the 11th Session of the Executive Board of WHO (Document EBL1/6).

As a result of the discussions, the Executive Board adopted the following resolution (EBL1.R54):

"The Executive Board

"Having examined the report of the Director-General on relations with non-governmental organizations, and

"Believing that this question presents aspects on which the Assembly alone is competent to take a decision,

"1. INVITES the Sixth World Health Assembly to consider the problem along with the attached report on the discussions at the eleventh session of the Executive Board,* and

*Document EBL1/WP/7

"2. REQUESTS the Director-General to make available any further documentation which he considers would be helpful to the Assembly in its deliberations.

Twenty-third meeting
2 February 1953"

The Director believes that in view of the present status of the problem of official relations between the WHO and non-governmental organizations the discussion of criteria, procedure and privileges pertaining to the admission of non-governmental organizations into relations with the Pan American Sanitary Organization should be postponed.