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OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

Background

The Executive Board of the World Health Organization, at its 10th Session, requested the Director-General to take such action as he deemed expedient to reduce the size and cost of the proposed program and budget document. Some changes, principally in use of thinner paper and smaller type, were effected in the 1954 and 1955 documents, and study continued as to possible changes which would not eliminate necessary information, but which would effect the desired reductions. In 1953 the Director-General requested the recommendations of the Regional Directors as to means of effecting further reductions and economies. The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau had meanwhile initiated a similar examination of both the Regional Budget and the PASB Budget documents. In offering his recommendations to the Director-General, WHO, the Director noted the advisability of maintaining parallel presentation of information in both the PASB and the WHO documents, and stated that the presentation of the PASB document was then under study.

The study of the PASB document is not complete at this time. However, it is anticipated that further revisions will be recommended to the Executive Committee prior to the preparation of the 1956 PASB document.

The Executive Board of the WHO, at its 13th Session, considered the recommendations of the Director-General, WHO, and submitted them for the approval of the VII World Health Assembly. In the event of final approval by the Assembly, these changes will be effected in the 1956 WHO budget document.

Inasmuch as the WHO Regional Budget for 1956, which will be considered by the 23rd Meeting of the Executive Committee and by the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference, will constitute a basic part of the 1956 WHO document, these recommended changes, if approved, would be incorporated in the preparation of the Regional document.

The changes which would have an effect on the presentation of the Regional document are as follows:

1. Estimated expenditures for the two years preceding the budget year will be eliminated from the individual project and office tables but will be retained in the summaries for purposes of comparison.
2. The country schedules will show, for the year under review only, the total costs together with the total number of posts for each project. The narratives in support of each project will detail the posts involved, together with the brief enumeration of supplies, equipment, and/or fellowships requirements.
3. The several items of statutory staff costs, such as pension contribution, insurance, dependents' allowance, etc., which have been shown under each office, will be grouped under a single heading at the end of each Department. (This follows the pattern which appears in the 1955 PASB document in that such items are shown under the heading "Common Staff Costs" at the ends of Part I and Part II).

Adoption of these changes for the Regional document would permit a reduction in the number of pages and in the size of the document. Further, the study of the PASB document, which will continue, may result in additional savings in cost of preparation and printing.

In view of the foregoing, the Director has the honor to submit for consideration by the Executive Committee the following

Proposed Resolution

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that the proposed changes in the form of presentation of the Proposed Program and Budget of the World Health Organization, if approved by the Seventh World Health Assembly, will result also in a reduction in the size and cost of the WHO Regional Program and Budget document;

DEEMING it desirable, for reasons of economy, to maintain similarity of form in the preparation and presentation of the proposed programs and budgets of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and of the Region of the Americas, WHO; and

NOTING that the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau is continuing to study the possibility of effecting further economies in the preparation of the program and budget document of the Bureau,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the proposed changes in the form of presentation of the Proposed Program and Budget of the World Health Organization, which will affect the form of presentation of the Regional Budget.

2. To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, in the event the afore-mentioned changes are approved by the World Health Assembly, to make similar changes with regard to the form of presentation of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and continue to study the possibility of effecting further economies in the preparation of that document.

3. To instruct the Director to report the results of this study to the 23rd Meeting of the Executive Committee.