The Director has the honor to inform the Executive Committee that the Government of Guatemala has completely fulfilled the commitments assumed by virtue of the Agreement signed with the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for the organization of the meetings of the governing bodies of PASO in Guatemala.

The Preparatory Commission designated for this purpose, presided over by Dr. Carlos Soza Barillas, Minister of Public Health and Welfare, has provided additional facilities and services, not stipulated in the Agreement, which have contributed greatly toward the preparations for the meetings.

The inaugural session of the IX Meeting of the Directing Council of the PASO, VIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the WHO, will take place in the National Conservatory in Guatemala City on Sunday, 16 September, at 10:00 a.m. The program planned for the session will open with the inaugural address to be delivered by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Guatemala, Colonel Carlos Castillo Armas. Addresses will then be delivered by the Minister of Public Health and Welfare of Guatemala, by the Director-General of the World Health Organization, and by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau. Since it is planned that the session will close with the statement of a representative selected to reply, on behalf of the delegations to the IX Meeting of the Directing Council, to the address of the President of the Republic, the designation of this representative by the Executive Committee should be made sufficiently in advance of the meeting.

The Committee may therefore wish to adopt a resolution along the following lines:
Proposed Resolution

The Executive Committee,

Bearing in mind that Resolution XXXI of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference authorized the Executive Committee to take such measures as are necessary in relation to the preparation of meetings of the Directing Council and the Conference, in situations not specifically provided for in the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization or in their respective rules of procedure, in order to facilitate the conduct and expedite the work of the meetings,

RESOLVES:

To designate Dr. ........................................, to reply, on behalf of the delegations to the IX Meeting of the Directing Council, VIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization, to the address that will be delivered at the inaugural session by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Guatemala, Colonel Carlos Castillo Armas.