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FINAL REPORT

The 42nd Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization was held in the city of Havana, Cuba, on 26 August 1960, as convoked by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau. The following members of the Committee, observers, and officers of the Bureau were present:

Members:

Dr. Bichat Rodrigues BRAZIL

Dr. Gustavo Fricke Schencke CHILE

Dr. Luis Patiño-Camargo COLOMBIA

Dr. Francisco Monterrosa Gavidia EL SALVADOR

Dr. Arturo Zelaya HONDURAS

Dr. Elliott Ross Jenney UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mr. Charles W. Thomas

Member Absent:

ARGENTINA

Member and Secretary ex officio of the Committee:

Dr. Abraham Horwitz, Director

PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

Observers:

Dr. Raymond G. Hyronimus

FRANCE

Dr. Robert A. Rose-Rosette

Mr. Frans Joseph van Agt

KINGDOM OF THE

NETHERLANDS

Dr. Alberto Bissot, Jr.

PANA MA

Dr. Horace P. S. Gillette

UNITED KINGDOM

Dr. Frank R. S. Kellett

Adviser to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau:

Dr. Myron E. Wegman, Secretary General

Chief, Secretariat Services:

Mr. Guillermo A. Suro

Public Information:

Mr. Roberto Rendueles

OFFICERS

With Dr. Bichat Rodrigues (Brazil) presiding, the meeting proceeded with the election of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee, pursuant to Article 15 of the Constitution and Article 3 of the Rules of Procedure. Dr. Elliott Ross Jenney (United States of America) and Dr. Luis Patiño-Camargo (Colombia) were elected, by acclamation, Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively.

TOPICS DISCUSSED AND RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

During the 42nd Meeting of the Executive Committee, the following topics were examined:

1. Date of the 43rd Meeting of the Executive Committee

Dr. Horwitz (Director, PASB) pointed out that the WHO Executive Board is scheduled to meet next October and that the World Health Assembly will be held in February 1961, in New Delhi. It is customary for the Executive Committee to set the date for its spring meeting in such manner as to facilitate the Representatives' travel to the WHO meetings. The fact that the usual dates for the WHO meetings have been advanced makes it somewhat untimely at present to set a definite date for the next Executive Committee meeting, although he believed that it would probably be toward the end of May 1961. He suggested that the Committee leave this decision to the discretion of the Chairman, with whom the Director will cooperate in establishing the date most convenient for the Executive Committee meeting, taking into account the special circumstances mentioned.

Dr. Rodrigues (Brazil) supported the Director's suggestion.

It was so agreed

2. Buildings and Installations for Headquarters

Dr. Wegman (Secretary General, PASB) read Resolution XIV of the XII
Directing Council and reported that the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings
and Installations was composed of the Representatives of Mexico, the United
States of America, and Venezuela. In reply to a question by Mr. Thomas
(United States of America), he stated that the 34th Meeting of the Executive
Committee had reached the conclusion that the Subcommittee should be made
up of members of the Executive Committee.

Dr. Horwitz (Director, PASB) pointed out that the same interpretation could be derived from Article 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee, which refers to the organization of working parties, since the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations might to a certain extent be considered a working party. Under the circumstances, new members would have to be designated, because the matter concerns Executive Committee organs that should be composed of Executive Committee members. Referring to the next item on the agenda, he said that possibly exceptions might have to be made in cases where so doing would make the Committee's work more efficient.

Mr. Thomas (United States of America) said that, in view of the fact that the Subcommittee will have to meet frequently during the next one or two years and that its meetings will have to be held in Washington, D. C., the membership will probably be made up of permanent representatives of the different embassies in that city. It would therefore be advisable to

select for membership on the Subcommittee countries which have in Washington staff of some experience in financial matters who could actively participate in the Subcommittee's work.

Dr. Rodrigues (Brazil) proposed that, since it is necessary that members of the Subcommittee hold these posts as long as possible, those members of the Committee be designated whose terms of office would be longest—that is, the Representatives of Argentina and Chile.

The following resolution was then approved:

RESOLUTION I

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The Executive Committee.

Bearing in mind Resolution VII of the 34th Meeting of the Executive Committee,

RESOLVES:

- 1. To designate Argentina and Chile as members of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations, for the duration of their terms of office on the Executive Committee.
- 2. To thank the Representatives of Mexico and Venezuela for the valuable services they rendered as members of the Subcommittee.

Mr. Thomas (United States of America) presented a draft resolution to the effect that the Committee delegate to the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations the same authorization that the Directing Council had delegated to the Committee with regard to the construction of the new headquarters building.

Dr. Rodrigues (Brazil) supported the motion of the Representative of the United States of America, and the Committee unanimously approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION II

CE42.R2

The Executive Committee,

Noting that the Government of the United States of America has now made funds available for the purchase of a site for the headquarters building of the Pan American Health Organization; and

Noting the wish of the Directing Council that the building program proceed without unnecessary delay,

RESOLVES:

To authorize the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations to act on behalf of the Pan American Health Organization regarding the construction of the headquarters building.

3. Report of the Subcommittee on Basic Documents of the Pan American Health Organization

Dr. Wegman (Secretary General, PASB) read Resolution VI of the XII Meeting of the Directing Council.

Mr. Thomas (United States of America) said that, inasmuch as Mexico, one of the members of the Subcommittee, is no longer a member of the Executive Committee, the meeting should proceed with the designation of another country to form part of this Subcommittee, in accordance with the criterion adopted for the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations. He proposed that El Salvador be designated.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION III

CE42.R3

The Executive Committee.

Bearing in mind Resolution VII adopted by the 34th Meeting of the Executive Committee.

RESOLVES:

- 1. To designate El Salvador as a member of the Subcommittee on Basic Documents of the Pan American Health Organization.
- 2. To thank the Representative of Mexico for the valuable service performed as a member of the Subcommittee.

4. Closure of the Meeting

The Chairman thanked the members for their cooperation and the observers for their participation. He said that, since there was not sufficient time for the Drafting Committee to meet, the Final Report would be sent to the Executive Committee members in draft form, if they so agreed, in order that they might make their comments on the text. He requested that any such comments be sent to the Secretariat at the earliest possible date.

It was so agreed.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Chairman of the Committee and the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Secretary ex officio, sign the present Final Report in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE in Havana, Cuba, this twenty-sixth day of August 1960. The Secretary shall deposit the original texts in the archives of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and shall send copies thereof to the Member Governments.

Chairman of the Executive Committee Representative of the United States of America

Director of the Pan American Sanitary
Bureau
Secretary ex officio of the Executive
Committee