The Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization at its XIV Meeting, held in Washington, D.C., September 1963, considered Document CD14/B for the purpose of determining the site of its XV Meeting, which, in accordance with Rule 1 of its Rules of Procedure, is to be held alternately at the Headquarters of the Bureau and at the place chosen by the Conference or the Council.

At the 12th plenary session, the Representative of Mexico, Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante, on behalf of the Secretary of Health, Dr. José Alvarez Amézquita, and with the authorization of the Honorable President of the Republic, extended an invitation to the Council to hold its XV Meeting in Mexico City. The Directing Council unanimously adopted Resolution XXVIII thanking the Government of the United States of Mexico and accepting its invitation to hold the XV Meeting of the Directing Council, XVI Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO and the 51st Meeting of the Executive Committee, in Mexico City.

Accordingly the Director has the honor to report to the Executive Committee that the Bureau has taken the preliminary steps to determine the services and facilities to be used in Mexico City. Different sites have been considered as possible headquarters for the meeting of the Directing Council. Negotiations with the Mexican authorities are in progress in order to ascertain those premises which will best lend themselves to the needs and character of the Council.

As in previous instances the Bureau is studying the possibility of finding in Mexico City as much personnel, equipment, and materials as possible to complement their counterpart from Headquarters.

In accordance with Article 12(c) of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization the Director has prepared and submitted to the Executive Committee the preliminary draft agenda of the Council (Document CE50/11).
A further report on the arrangements being made for the XV Meeting of the Directing Council will be presented at a later date, in order that the Executive Committee may adopt a resolution authorizing the Director to convocate the XV Meeting of the Directing Council as established in Article 14-A of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization and Rule 1 of the Council's Rules of Procedure.
The Director has the honor to report further to the Executive Committee that negotiations have been completed and the agreement has been signed establishing the obligations of the Host Government and the Pan American Health Organization for holding in Mexico City the XV Meeting of the Directing Council, XVI Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, and the 51st Meeting of the Executive Committee.

The site chosen as Headquarters for the meeting is the Hotel Del Prado which offers the required facilities for the Directing Council's method of work, allowing for the discussion of all items in plenary sessions, and for the meeting of working parties should the Council refer any item of the agenda to them for study. The Secretariat will also be established at the Hotel Del Prado.

The dates suggested are 31 August to 11 September 1964.

Article 14-A of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization indicates that the function of the Executive Committee shall be "to authorize the Director of the Bureau to convolve meetings of the Council". Rule 1 of the Directing Council Rules of Procedure establishes that "the Director of the Bureau shall convolve the Council to meet in conformity with Article 12, paragraph A, of the Constitution and pursuant to a resolution of the Executive Committee".

The Director takes this opportunity to express his appreciation to the authorities of the Mexican Government for the excellent cooperation they are giving and the provisions being made, with respect to the arrangements for the forthcoming meetings of the Organization.

In view of the foregoing, the Executive Committee may wish to consider a resolution along the following lines:
Proposed Resolution

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the report of the Director on the arrangements for the XV Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization (Document CE50/12 and Addendum I); and

Bearing in mind Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the arrangements adopted for the organization of the XV Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization, XVI Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization, which will be held in the city of Mexico, D.F., and to express its thanks to the Government of the United States of Mexico for the assistance they have given in making preparations for these meetings.

2. To authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to convocate the XV Meeting of the Directing Council to be held from 31 August to 11 September 1964.