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AMENDMENTS TO THE FINANCIAL RULES OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

In accordance with Financial Rule 101.3, the Director has the honor to submit to the Executive Committee for confirmation the amendment to the Financial Rules of the Pan American Health Organization explained and set forth below.

In execution of the program of the Organization it often occurs that short-term consultants planned for a particular year are not available until too late to complete their services before the end of the calendar year. A budgetary problem is created since the budgeted funds are not utilized as planned, and in the following year the budget may not make provision for continuation of the consultant services. Under these circumstances it is logical to adopt the procedure already followed by the World Health Organization, namely to permit the obligation of funds during the year when a STC starts to cover the entire period of assignment, including the portion which may have to be carried out in the succeeding year. It is therefore proposed to amend Article III - Appropriations, paragraph 103.2 of the Financial Rules to include a new sub-paragraph (c), after which the full text of the paragraph (the new portion underlined) would read as follows:

"103.2 Appropriations shall remain available to the extent that they are required to discharge obligations in respect of goods supplied and services rendered in the financial year, and to liquidate any other outstanding legal obligations of the year. The Director is authorized to charge as an obligation against the annual appropriations:

- (a) the costs, including transportation, of operational supplies and equipment and the cost of publications for which contracts have been entered into by 31 December of the financial year;

- (b) the full estimated cost of a fellowship;
- (c) the entire costs relating to short-term consultants whose period of assignment may not have been completed by the end of the financial year."

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

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Recognizing the importance of assuring that short-term consultant services planned as a part of the program of the Organization should be provided in full, even when the period of assignment has not been completed by the end of the financial year; and

Desiring to follow WHO practice with respect to obligations for short-term consultants,

RESOLVES:

1. To confirm the amendment to the Financial Rules of the Pan American Health Organization which adds the following sub-paragraph to Article III, paragraph 103.2:

- (c) the entire costs relating to short-term consultants whose period of assignment may not have been completed by the end of the financial year.

2. To request the Director to report this amendment to the XVII Meeting of the Directing Council.