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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE XVII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL, XIX MEETING OF  
THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR THE AMERICAS

Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure stipulates that the meetings of the Directing Council will be held at the Headquarters of the Bureau or at a place approved by the Conference or Council. When the meeting is to be held elsewhere than at Headquarters, the Director of the Bureau will fix the date of the meeting in consultation with the Host Government.

The XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference, at its thirteenth plenary session, unanimously approved Resolution XL, which thanked the Government of Trinidad and Tobago and accepted its invitation to hold the XVII Meeting of the Directing Council, XIX Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, and the 57th Meeting of the Executive Committee, in Port-of-Spain.

To assist with the arrangements for the Council Meeting, the Government has established a National Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Gerald Chen, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Housing.

The National Committee and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau are working in close cooperation, and discussions on the services and facilities to be used in Port-of-Spain are in progress. At the present time they are examining the possibility of obtaining locally not only supplies and equipment but also as much secretarial staff as possible to collaborate with the personnel that will be moved from Washington, D.C.

Possible meeting places offered by the Government were examined and, in agreement with the competent authorities, the Trinidad Hilton Hotel was selected as the most suitable. The hotel has the necessary installations for plenary sessions of the Council, and for meetings of any working parties to which the Council may decide to refer a particular agenda item. The Trinidad Hilton also has the necessary space for the secretariat offices, and accommodation for the participants.

Article 14-A of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization states that among the functions of the Executive Committee is that of authorizing the Director of the Bureau to convoke meetings of the Council, and Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure stipulates that the Director of the Bureau shall convene the Council to meet in accordance with Article 12, paragraph A, of the Constitution and pursuant to a resolution of the Executive Committee.

The Director has the honor to inform the Executive Committee that the dates fixed in agreement with the National Committee of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago for the Directing Council Meeting, are as follows: 2-13 October 1967.

The Director wishes to express his thanks to the authorities of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago for the excellent collaboration they are providing, and for the facilities they have made available for the Meetings of the Governing Bodies of the Organization in Port-of-Spain.