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FINAL REPORT

The 68th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization was held at the Headquarters Building in Washington, D.C., from 5 to 14 July 1972, as convened by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

The following Members of the Committee, Observers, and officials of the Bureau attended the meeting:

Members:

Dr. A. V. Wells	BARBADOS
Mr. A. F. Daniel	
Dr. Hugo V. Alquéres	BRAZIL
Mr. Celso Amorim	
Mr. Luis Henrique Pereira da Fonseca	
Dr. B. D. B. Layton	CANADA
Dr. Ross A. Chapman	
Mr. Robert Showman	
Dr. Alberto Aguilar Rivas	EL SALVADOR
Dr. Juan Allwood Paredes	
Dr. Robert L. S. Baird	GUYANA
Dr. Carlos A. Pineda Muñoz	HONDURAS
Dr. Manuel Enrique Larios Bonilla	
Dr. Baltazar Caravedo	PERU
Dr. Andrés Bello Escribens	

Dr. S. Paul Ehrlich, Jr.

UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA

Dr. Robert de Caires

Mr. John L. Hagan

Dr. Rogelio Valladares

VENEZUELA

Dr. Daniel Orellana

Mr. Rafael Enrique Luna

Secretary ex officio:

Dr. Abraham Horwitz, Director

PAN AMERICAN SANITARY
BUREAU

Observers:

Dr. José Manuel Borgoño

CHILE

Dr. Héctor Acuña

MEXICO

INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Organization of American States:

Dr. Jesse Perkinson

Mr. O. Howard Salzman

Inter-American Development Bank:

Mr. Luis Ratinoff

Advisers to the Director of the
Pan American Sanitary Bureau:

Dr. Charles L. Williams, Jr., Deputy Director

Dr. Alfredo Arreaza Guzmán, Assistant Director

Mr. E. R. Lannon, Chief of Administration

Dr. Pedro N. Acha, Chief, Department of Human and Animal Health

Dr. Alfredo L. Bravo, Chief, Department of Medical Care Administration

Miss Mary H. Burke, Chief, Department of Health Statistics

Dr. Héctor A. Coll, Chief, Office of Liaison and Public Relations

Dr. Carlos Díaz-Coller, Chief, Department of Scientific Communications

Dr. Abraham Drobny, Chief, Department of Health Services

Dr. José Luis García Gutiérrez, Chief, Department of
Special Technical Services

Dr. Guzmán García Martín, Chief, Department of Malaria Eradication

Mr. Harry Hanson, Acting Chief, Department of Engineering and
Environmental Sciences

Dr. Mauricio Martins da Silva, Chief, Department of Research
Development and Coordination

Mr. Clarence H. Moore, Chief, Department of Budget and Finance

Dr. Richard A. Prindle, Chief, Department of Health and Population Dynamics

Dr. Bichat de A. Rodrigues, Chief, Department of Communicable Diseases

Dr. Ramón Villarreal, Chief, Department of Human Resources Development

Pan American Center for Sanitary Engineering
and Environmental Sciences:

Mr. Odyer A. Sperandio, Director

Pan American Center for Health Planning:

Dr. David A. Tejada de Rivero, Director

Chief, Secretariat Services:

Mr. Luis Larrea Alba, Jr., Chief, Personnel and Conference Section

OFFICERS

In accordance with Rules 9 and 11 of the Rules of Procedure, the
Officers of the Committee were as follows:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Baltazar Caravedo	PERU
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Hugo V. Alquéres	BRASIL
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Dr. Alberto Aguilar Rivas	EL SALVADOR
<u>Secretary ex officio:</u>	Dr. Abraham Horwitz	DIRECTOR, PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

AGENDA

Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure, the Executive Committee
adopted at its first plenary session held on 5 July 1972 the provisional
agenda (Document CE68/1, Rev. 2) submitted by the Director.

SESSIONS

The Committee held 16 plenary sessions and a closing session. Ten sessions were devoted to a detailed examination of the proposed program and budget estimates of the Organization prepared by the Director pursuant to Article 14-C of the Constitution. In the course of this study the Committee was assisted by the Director and the technical staff of the Bureau.

WORKING PARTY

A working party was established to prepare a draft resolution on Item 3 (Report on the Collection of Quota Contributions) embodying the modifications proposed in plenary session. The working party was composed of the following Representatives: Dr. B. D. B. Layton (Canada), Dr. Robert L. S. Baird (Guyana), Dr. Robert de Caires (United States of America), Dr. Daniel Orellana (Venezuela), and Dr. Alberto Aguilar Rivas (El Salvador), Rapporteur of the Committee.

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

In the course of the meeting the Committee approved the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION I CE68.R1

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR AND REPORT OF THE
EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 1971

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for the fiscal year 1971 (Official Document No. 113); and

Recognizing that the Organization continues to be in sound financial condition,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for the fiscal year 1971 (Official Document No. 113) and to transmit them to the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council.
2. To again commend the Director for having achieved and maintained a sound financial condition through the consistent application over the years of the policies for maintaining budgetary expenditures within income and building up the Working Capital Fund.

(Approved at the sixth plenary session,
7 July 1972)

RESOLUTION II

CE68 R2

REPORT ON THE COLLECTION OF QUOTAS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CE68/11 and Addendum I);

Having noted that, in the first six months of 1972, the percentage of quotas received was higher than the average for the same period in previous years;

Noting, however, that of the five countries more than two years in arrears, only two (Bolivia and Haiti) have an approved payment plan for liquidating their arrears and that three of them (Dominican Republic, Paraguay, and Uruguay) have not taken the necessary steps in that regard; and

Bearing in mind the importance of prompt and full payment of quota contributions to assure financing of the authorized program and budget and to maintain a sound financial condition for the Organization,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CE68/11 and Addendum I).

2. To thank the Governments that have already made payments in 1972 and to urge the other Governments to pay their outstanding balances of arrears and current year quotas as soon as possible.
3. To direct the attention of Governments to the provisions of paragraph 5.4 of Article V of the Financial Regulations of PAHO which in part reads as follows: "Contributions shall be considered as due and payable in full... as of the first day of the financial year to which they relate.... As of 1 January of the following financial year, the unpaid balance of such unpaid contributions shall be considered to be one year in arrears."
4. To express its deep concern about the fact that, despite repeated recommendations of the Governing Bodies, the countries more than two years in arrears in the payment of their quotas have not yet fulfilled their obligations.
5. To recommend to the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council that:
 - a) In order to avert the application of Article 6-B of the Constitution, a working party be appointed at the first plenary session to meet with authorized representatives of countries in arrears, to attempt to work out a practical, immediate plan for liquidation of arrearages, and to report to the Council promptly, and
 - b) Article 6-B be applied in the case of those countries which do not respond satisfactorily.
6. To encourage the Governments that have reached or may reach agreements on a financial plan for the payment of outstanding balances to make every effort to comply with it as soon as possible.

7. To request the Director to continue to inform the Governments of any balances due and to report to the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council on the status of the collection of quotas.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session,
10 July 1972)

RESOLUTION III

CE68.R3

REPRESENTATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT THE XXI MEETING
OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL OF PAHO, XXIV MEETING OF THE REGIONAL
COMMITTEE OF WHO FOR THE AMERICAS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Considering the provisions of Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure
of the Executive Committee,

RESOLVES:

To appoint Dr. Hugo V. Alquéres Baptista, Vice-Chairman of the
Executive Committee and Representative of Brazil, as the alternate
representative of the Committee at the XXI Meeting of the Directing
Council of PAHO, XXIV Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for
the Americas.

(Approved at the thirteenth plenary session,
12 July 1972)

RESOLUTION IV

CE68 R4

PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN
HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR 1973

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Bearing in mind that the XX Meeting of the Directing Council recognized that the provisional draft of the program and budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1973 (Official Document No. 107) had been formulated in cooperation with national authorities;

Considering that the provisional draft has been the subject of further consultations with and study by the Governments to determine their latest desires and requirements;

Having carefully considered the proposed program and budget estimates of PAHO for 1973 (Official Document No. 114); and

Bearing in mind Article 14-C of the Constitution of the Organization and Article III, paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6, of the PAHO Financial Regulations,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to study carefully the proposed program and budget estimates with a view to identifying possible areas in which savings could be effected, taking into account the desire expressed by Governments to do so wherever possible.

2. To request the Director to report thereon to the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council.

3. To recommend to the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council that it approve appropriation and assessment resolutions as shown on pages 2 and 3 of Official Document No. 114, with the recommendation that it approve the effective working budget in the amount of \$19,583,540, taking into account the terms of paragraph 2 above.

(Approved at the thirteenth plenary session,
12 July 1972)

RESOLUTION V

CE68 R5

PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the report of the Committee for the PAHO Award for Administration (Document CE68/2, Addendum I); and

Considering the norms established in the Procedure for making the PAHO Award for Administration,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the unanimous decision of the Committee to award the 1972 PAHO Award for Administration, to Dr. Eduardo Zapata Salazar of Peru for his work on the study, preparation, and implementation of a model of a personnel administration system for the health sector in his country.
2. To transmit the report of the Committee for the PAHO Award for Administration (Document CE68/2, Addendum I), to the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council.

(Approved at the thirteenth plenary session,
12 July 1972)

RESOLUTION VI CE68 R6

PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
FOR THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS FOR 1974

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered in detail Official Document No. 114 submitted by the Director of the Bureau, which contains the proposed program and budget estimates of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1974; and

Bearing in mind that the proposed program and budget estimates are to be submitted to the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council, XXIV Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, for review and transmittal to the Director-General of that Organization so that he might take them into account in preparing the program and budget estimates of WHO for 1974,

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council, XXIV Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, that it approve a resolution along the following lines:

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered Official Document No. 114, submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which contains the proposed program and budget estimates of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1974;

Bearing in mind that the proposed program and budget estimates are submitted to the Directing Council as Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, for review and transmittal to the Director-General of the Organization so that he may take them into account in preparing the proposed budget estimates of WHO for 1974; and

Noting the recommendations made by the 68th Meeting of the Executive Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the proposed program and budget estimates of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1974, appearing in Official Document No. 114, and to request the Regional Director to transmit them to the Director-General of the Organization so that he may take them into account in preparing the WHO budget estimates for 1974.
2. To request that the Director-General, when preparing those proposed budget estimates, give favorable consideration to increasing the proportion assigned to the Region of the Americas.

(Approved at the thirteenth plenary session
12 July 1972)

RESOLUTION VII

CE68.R7

PROVISIONAL DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF
THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR 1974

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined in detail Official Document No. 114 submitted by the Director of the Bureau, which contains the provisional draft that is to constitute the basis for the preparation of the proposed program and budget estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1974, to be considered by the 70th Meeting of the Executive Committee and by the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council; and

Recognizing that the provisional draft of the proposed program and budget estimates contains projects corresponding to the real needs of the countries, defined in cooperation with the national authorities,

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council that it approve a resolution along the following lines:

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined Official Document No. 114 submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which

contains the provisional draft that is to constitute the basis for the preparation of the proposed program and budget estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1974, to be considered by the 70th Meeting of the Executive Committee and by the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council; and

Recognizing that the provisional draft of the proposed program and budget estimates contains much needed projects formulated in cooperation with the national authorities,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the provisional draft of the proposed program and budget estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1974, appearing in Official Document No. 114.
2. To request the Director to use the provisional draft as a basis for the preparation of the proposed program and budget estimates for 1974, after further consultations with the governments to determine their latest desires and requirements in relation to the health priorities of the countries.
3. To request the Executive Committee to make a detailed examination of the revised program and budget estimates for 1974 to be presented by the Director, after further consultation with the governments, and to submit its recommendations thereon to the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council.

(Approved at the thirteenth plenary session,
12 July 1972)

RESOLUTION VIII

CE68 R8

V INTER-AMERICAN MEETING, AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL,
ON FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE AND ZOOSES CONTROL

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having studied the Final Report of the V Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document CE68/5), held pursuant to Resolution XIX of the XVII Meeting of the Directing Council;

Being aware that some countries are developing a veterinary medical infrastructure to manage these animal health programs with the assistance of international financing; and

Taking into account the progress made by some countries in recent years in the preliminary stages of foot-and-mouth disease and zoonoses control,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to transmit to the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council the Final Report of the V Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document CE68/5).
2. To recommend to the Directing Council that it consider approving a resolution drafted along the following lines:

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the Final Report of the V Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document CE68/5);

Recognizing the importance of strengthening the coordination of activities carried out by the ministries of agriculture and of health in the field of human and animal health;

Mindful of the need for continued efforts in manpower development in animal health planning;

Being aware of the seriousness of the public health hazards developing from the indiscriminate use of pesticides, particularly in view of the lack of adequate legislation or of analytical laboratories to aid in the needed remedial action; and

Noting that the forthcoming completion of the Pan American Highway through the Darién Gap will increase the risk of introduction of certain diseases of human and animal significance into areas now free of them,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Final Report of the V Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document CE68/5).

2. To emphasize the advisability of having representatives of the ministries of health attend future Inter-American Meetings on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control, in order to obtain a better coordination of activities in this field.
3. To express its thanks to the ministries of agriculture for their endeavors in the control of these diseases of human and animal health significance, which, if allowed to persist, would hinder the economic and social development of the countries.
4. To recommend to the Member Governments that they give serious consideration to the impending hazards to human and animal health resulting from the application and indiscriminate use of pesticides, and that they follow the recommendations contained in Resolution XV approved at the V Inter-American Meeting on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control.
5. To reaffirm its support of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center and the Pan American Zoonoses Center and the programs they are conducting.
6. To emphasize the need for greater cooperation between the ministries of agriculture and the ministries of health and international organizations in order to more effectively control animal disease as a feasible measure for improving human health in the Hemisphere.

(Approved at the thirteenth plenary session,
12 July 1972)

RESOLUTION IX

CE68 R9

BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the report of the Director on buildings and installations (Document CE68/8 and Addendum I);

Recalling that the Executive Committee at its 67th Meeting approved the construction plan for the proposed building in Brasilia (Document CE67/2); and

Having noted with approval the Director's plan for financing construction costs of the building,

RESOLVES:

1. To authorize the Director, in accordance with Article VI, paragraph 6.9 of the Financial Regulations of the Pan American Health Organization, to negotiate a loan in an amount up to \$200,000.00 with a suitable bank or other financial institution, to be used toward financing the construction of the Zone V Office building in Brasilia, Brazil.
2. To authorize the Director, relative to obtaining such a loan, to execute such loan agreements, notes, assignments, guaranties, waivers of immunity from suit or judicial process, or other documents as may be necessary or desirable.

(Approved at the fourteenth plenary session
13 July 1972)

RESOLUTION X CE68.R10

COST-BENEFIT STUDY ON THE PREVENTION OF
AEDES AEGYPTI-BORNE DISEASES

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Having considered the report on the cost-benefit study on the prevention of Aedes aegypti-borne diseases in the Americas (Document CE68/13), prepared by a specialized firm pursuant to Resolution XIII of the XX Meeting of the Directing Council; and

Bearing in mind that the study will receive careful consideration by the countries in determining the policies which they should adopt with respect to the prevention of Aedes aegypti-borne diseases,

RESOLVES:

1. To note the report and to transmit it to the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council for consideration.
2. To express its appreciation to the Governments of the United States of America and of Trinidad and Tobago for their generous voluntary contributions to finance the study.

3. To request the Director to give the report a wide distribution in the countries of the Region.

(Approved at the fifteenth plenary session,
13 July 1972)

RESOLUTION XI

CE68.R11

COUNTRY REPORTS ON HEALTH CONDITIONS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having taken note of Document CE68/7 on country reports on health conditions, prepared by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau; and

Bearing in mind that the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference requested the Committee to study, in collaboration with the technical staff of the Bureau, and in consultation with the Governments, ways and means of facilitating the formulation, presentation and discussion of the reports of the Governments so that the other Members of the Organization may derive the greatest possible benefit from the experience of each country,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report on country reports on health conditions (Document CE68/7) prepared by the Director.
2. To transmit the report to the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council with the recommendation that it adopt a resolution along the following lines:

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having taken note of Document CE68/7 on country reports on health conditions, prepared by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau; and

Bearing in mind the interest expressed by the countries in continuing to present to Pan American Sanitary Conferences, a report on the progress achieved in the health field,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the countries to send to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau not less than 60 days before the date of the Meeting of the Pan American Sanitary Conference, a report setting forth the most important developments in the health field in the past four years, with special emphasis on changes and innovations in the organization and administration of health services and on novel aspects of programs in operation which are of general interest.
2. To recommend to the XIX Pan American Sanitary Conference that during the plenary sessions, the delegates limit their speeches to a statement of the most important points in the above-mentioned report or of any other information they consider to be of interest to the Conference, provided that the statement shall not exceed four double-spaced typewritten pages and the time for reading it shall not exceed 10 minutes. For the purposes of this presentation, delegates are to be entered previously on the list of speakers.

3. To request the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to write to the health authorities of the countries not less than six months before the date of the meeting of the Conference reminding them of the terms of this resolution.

(Approved at the fifteenth plenary session,
13 July 1972)

RESOLUTION XII

CE68 R12

PAN AMERICAN CENTER FOR HEALTH PLANNING

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the report on the work of the Pan American Center for Health Planning, presented by its Director in compliance with Resolution XXIII of the 66th Meeting of the Executive Committee;

Having considered the report of the First Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Center, held in 1971;

Bearing in mind the programming of the second phase of the Center, in which its program of work is expanded and reoriented with a view to completing the transfer of training and research responsibilities to the countries, and to strengthening and expanding its information services; and

Recognizing that the Center is complying with the general guidelines for the establishment, operation, and financing of multinational centers, established in Resolution XXIII of the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

RESOLVES:

1. To commend and thank the Director for the training, research, and information activities the Pan American Center for Health Planning is providing in support of the countries.
2. To thank the United Nations Development Program for the financial assistance it is giving to the Center through Program RLA/68/083.
3. To endorse the new orientation of the activities of the Center for a second phase, especially the emphasis on information services and the way in which they will be used to continue to support and orient the training and updating of specialized manpower and the research they are carrying out in the countries on planning problems.
4. To recognize the importance of maintaining the efficiency of the Center, especially for carrying out its second phase, and to support the Director of the Bureau in the negotiations that are being conducted with the United Nations Development Program for the financing of the second phase of Program RLA/68/083.
5. To request the Director to report to the Directing Council on the projected activities and the financial needs of the Center as well as on the negotiations being conducted with the United Nations Development Program.

(Approved at the fifteenth plenary session,
13 July 1972)

RESOLUTION XIII

CE68 R13

PAN AMERICAN CENTER FOR SANITARY ENGINEERING AND
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Considering the report on the work of the Pan American Center for Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences, presented by its Director in compliance with Resolution XXIII of the 66th Meeting of the Executive Committee;

Having noted the proposed program of work of the Center for this decade in which provision is made for the gradual and methodical expansion of the program areas it will cover, in accordance with the needs of the Governments;

Bearing in mind that since its establishment in 1969 the Center has been providing the countries with scientific and technical assistance in conducting programs for the evaluation and control of air, water and soil pollution, industrial hygiene, physical planning, housing, water resources development, use of new and more efficient techniques for the treatment of water and liquid wastes, as well as support for training activities, research, and dissemination of technical information;

Recognizing with satisfaction the support given to the Center by the Government of Peru in the form of financial contributions to cover part of the operating costs and equipment as well as the donation of a plot and the construction of a building for the exclusive use of the Center; and

Recognizing that the Center is complying with the guidelines and objectives for its establishment,

RESOLVES:

1. To congratulate the Director and the staff of the Center and thank them for the broad and efficient aid provided to the countries in the form of technical and scientific assistance, support for training activities, research, and dissemination of technical information.
2. To thank the Government of Peru for its valuable contribution to the establishment and operation of the Center.
3. To recommend to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau that he continue his efforts to provide the Center with adequate resources for achieving its objectives in accordance with the growing needs of the countries that are carrying out programs designed to improve environmental conditions and to protect natural resources against pollution.

(Approved at the fifteenth plenary session,
13 July 1972)

RESOLUTION XIV

CE68 R14

ENGINEERING AND MAINTENANCE OF HOSPITALS
AND OTHER HEALTH SERVICES

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having studied the report submitted by the Government of Venezuela (Document CE68/15, Rev. 1 and Addenda I and II), on the program of engineering and maintenance of hospitals and other health facilities;

Taking into account that many Governments have expressed an interest in a program of this type; and

Recognizing the importance of continuing the regional program of hospital maintenance and engineering and of mobilizing all possible resources to provide assistance to the Governments,

RESOLVES:

1. To commend the Government of Venezuela for the success achieved in establishing the Hospital Maintenance and Engineering Center in Caracas and for the support given the other Governments in this field in collaboration with the Pan American Health Organization.
2. To request the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to continue to support the regional program of hospital maintenance and engineering, trying to obtain resources from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and

exploring other possible national or international sources of financing in order to extend these activities to interested countries.

3. To recommend to the Governments that, when discussing their national programs with the UNDP Resident Representative, they request support for hospital maintenance and engineering projects and that these be accorded the appropriate priority.

4. To transmit this resolution to the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council for its consideration.

(Approved at the fifteenth plenary session,
13 July 1972)

RESOLUTION XV CE68 R15

AGREEMENT BETWEEN PAHO/WHO AND THE ORGANIZATION OF
CENTRAL AMERICAN STATES (ODECA)

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined Document CE68/16 prepared by the Director of
the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on an agreement between PAHO/WHO and
the Organization of Central American States,

RESOLVES:

1. To authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to
continue negotiations with the Organization of Central American States
in order to formalize relations between the two organizations.
2. To request the Director to report to the XXI Meeting of the
Directing Council on the matter.

(Approved at the fifteenth plenary session,
13 July 1972)

RESOLUTION XVI

CE68 R16

I MEETING OF MINISTERS OF HEALTH OF THE
COUNTRIES OF THE ANDEAN REGION

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having heard with satisfaction the report presented by the Govern-
ment of Peru on the I Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Countries of
the Andean Region (Document CE68/20),

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report.
2. To commend the Ministers of Health of Bolivia, Chile, Colombia,
Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela on the success of the Meeting.

(Approved at the fifteen plenary session,
13 July 1972)

RESOLUTION XVII CE68 R17

STRENGTHENING OF LABORATORY SERVICES:
STUDY ON THE USE OF "AUTOANALYZERS"

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on the use of automated equipment in the strengthening of public health laboratories of the countries (Document CE68/14), prepared pursuant to Resolution VI of the 66th Meeting of the Executive Committee;

Considering that the efficient use of this equipment is an important element in improving diagnostic services for health programs; and

Considering that there are still problems in this field requiring further study,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on the use of automated equipment in the strengthening of public health laboratories (Document CE68/14).
2. To request the Director to continue the study on the use of automated equipment in health laboratories in order to provide the countries with pertinent information on the subject.

3. To recommend to the Member Countries that already have experience in the use of this type of equipment to furnish information thereon to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
4. To request the Director to report to the Executive Committee on the results of this study in due course.

(Approved at the fifteenth plenary session,
13 July 1972)

RESOLUTION XVIII CE68 R18

AMENDMENTS TO THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the amendments to the Financial Regulations of the Pan American Health Organization, contained in the Annex to Document CE68/4 presented by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau; and

Considering the need to facilitate joint financial operations with the World Health Organization through adoption of similar Financial Regulations,

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the Directing Council at its XXI Meeting the favorable consideration of amendments to the Financial Regulations of the Pan American Health Organization included in the Annex to Document CE68/4.

(Approved at the fifteenth plenary session,
13 July 1972)

RESOLUTION XIX CE68 R19

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE III SPECIAL MEETING OF MINISTERS OF HEALTH OF THE AMERICAS AND FOR THE XXI MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL OF PAHO, XXIV MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF WHO FOR THE AMERICAS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on the arrangements for the III Special Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas and for the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXIV Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas (Document CE68/9), and

Taking into account Article 14-A of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization which stipulates that it is a function of the Executive Committee to authorize the Director of the Bureau to convoke meetings of the Council,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director of the Bureau on the arrangements for the III Special Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas, and for the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXIV Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas (Document CE68/9).

2. To thank the Government of Chile for the valuable assistance it is rendering in connection with the arrangements being made for these meetings.

3. To authorize the Director of the Bureau to convoke the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXIV Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, to be held from 10 to 14 October, 1972, in the city of Santiago, Chile, immediately following the III Special Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas, which will also be held in Santiago from 2 to 9 October 1972.

(Approved at the fifteenth plenary session,
13 July 1972)

RESOLUTION XX CE68.R20

PAN AMERICAN HEALTH UNIVERSITY

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered Document CE68/19, prepared by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which presents a project entitled "Pan American Health University" for establishing a Pan American coordinating mechanism for raising the level of training of professional health workers;

Considering the desirability of facilitating the access of professional health workers--in particular those requiring multi-disciplinary studies--to centers of excellence of teaching and research in the Continent; and

Taking into account the views expressed by Members during the discussion on this matter,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to the Director that he continue to consult the Governments and the universities in order to assess the feasibility of the project.

2. To request the Director to report to the Governing Bodies in due course.

(Approved at the fifteenth plenary session,
13 July 1972)

RESOLUTION XXI

CE68 R21

PERCENTAGE RELATIONSHIPS TO CONTRIBUTIONS TO REGULAR BUDGET

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having studied the constitutional basis as well as policies established by the Directing Council for calculating assessments to the regular budget of PAHO and noting that a constitutional amendment would be required to change the system;

Recognizing that as long as there are governments in PAHO which are not members of OAS, the true percentage of each Government's contribution will be less than that shown in the assessment resolution, but that each Government can easily calculate or obtain from the Director its actual percentage; and

Believing that the present situation does not justify a change in the PAHO Constitution,

RESOLVES:

To request the Director to furnish annually to the Executive Committee a document similar to that provided to the 68th Meeting of the Committee (Document CE63/12).

(Approved at the fifteenth plenary session,
13 July 1972)

RESOLUTION XXII CE68 R22

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE XXI MEETING OF THE DIRECTING
COUNCIL OF PAHO, XXIV MEETING OF THE REGIONAL
COMMITTEE OF WHO FOR THE AMERICAS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the proposed agenda prepared by the Director of the Bureau for the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXIV Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas (Document CE68/17 and Corrigendum), and

Considering that Article 12-C of the Constitution of the Organization provides that "the provisional agenda of the Council shall be prepared by the Director of the Bureau and submitted to the Executive Committee for approval" and that, pursuant to the provisions in force, the Governments may propose items which in their opinion should be considered by the Council,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council that Items 20 and 21 of the agenda be deleted and that the Technical Discussions on "Community Health Services and Community Involvement" be postponed until the XXII Meeting of the Council in 1973.

2. To approve the proposed agenda prepared by the Director of the Bureau for the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, (Document CE68/17 and Corrigendum), with the modification proposed in the preceding paragraph.

3. To authorize the Director of the Bureau to include in the proposed agenda such additional items as may be proposed in due time by the Governments and by those organizations entitled to do so.

(Approved at the fifteenth plenary session,
13 July 1972)

RESOLUTION XXIII

CE68.R23

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE III SPECIAL MEETING
OF MINISTERS OF HEALTH OF THE AMERICAS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the proposed agenda for the III Special Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas (Document CE68/18), prepared by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in accordance with Resolution XXVII of the XX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization;

Mindful that the success of the meeting will depend on the scope and thoroughness of the study the national health authorities make of each of the recommendations contained in the documents; and

Having heard the suggestions put forth during the discussion of the item,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the proposed agenda prepared by the Director of the Bureau for the III Special Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas (Document CE68/18), with the modifications proposed during the meeting.

2. To authorize the Director of the Bureau to submit the proposed agenda as amended to the Governments of the Organization.
3. To suggest to the ministers that for the examination of the documents they establish working groups to carry out an examination of the programs as a whole and not by separate functions.
4. To recommend that in making this analysis special attention be given to the feasibility of the suggested targets from both the technical and the financial standpoint.

(Approved at the sixteenth plenary session
14 July 1972)

RESOLUTION XXIV

CE68.R24

CELEBRATION OF THE 70th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having heard the statement of the Director on the 70th Anniversary of the PASB; and

Recognizing the importance of the event for the Region and for the world,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the statement of the Director.
2. To approve the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the PASB.
3. To urge the Governments to give this event the importance it merits.
4. To authorize the Director to assign within the 1972 budget the necessary items for carrying out the actions mentioned.

(Approved at the sixteenth plenary session,
14 July 1972)

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

DONE in Washington, D. C., United States of America, this fourteenth day of July, nineteen hundred and seventy two. The Secretary shall deposit the original texts in the archives of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and shall send copies thereof to the Governments of the Organization.

Chairman of the 68th Meeting of the
Executive Committee
Representative of Peru

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