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PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION

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TOPIC IX. RELATIONS OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU
WITH THE PAN AMERICAN UNION

DRAFT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
AND THE
PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION

(Based on preliminary drafts of the Pan American
Sanitary Bureau and the Pan American Union)

WHEREAS:

The Charter of the Organization of American States stipulates that it is the duty of the Council of the Organization to "conclude agreements with the Inter-American Specialized Organizations to determine the relations that shall exist between the respective agency and the Organization" and sets forth the provisions that may be included in such agreements;

Resolution III of the Ninth International Conference of American States authorizes the Council of the Organization of American States to make a complete survey of the status and activities of, and to take certain measures with reference to, Inter-American Organizations;

The Pan American Sanitary Code of 1924 and the resolution concerning international sanitary police adopted in 1902 by the Second International Conference of American States establish a close financial and administrative relationship between the Pan American Union and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;

The resolution adopted by the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization in 1947 authorized the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to study and plan, in agreement with the Director General of the Pan American Union, the necessary measures for the maintenance of close relations between the two organizations,

The Council of the Organization of American States and the Pan American Sanitary Organization have agreed upon the following:

I

The Pan American Sanitary Organization is the Inter-American Specialized Organization, within the provisions of Article 95 of the Charter of the Organization of American States, in the fields of public health, medicine, and allied sciences in the Western Hemisphere.

II

The Pan American Sanitary Organization may serve as the regional organization of the World Health Organization for the Western Hemisphere.

III

The Pan American Sanitary Organization shall enjoy the fullest technical autonomy in the accomplishment of its purposes, within the limits of the instruments by which it is established and the Charter of the Organization of American States. The Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization shall, however, take into account the recommendations made by the Council of the Organization in accordance with the provisions of the Charter.

IV

The Pan American Sanitary Organization shall give technical advice on public health and medical matters to the Council of the Organization of American States and its Organs upon request.

V

The Council of the Organization of American States and its Organs shall advise and consult with the Pan American Sanitary Organization on all public health and medical matters that may be brought to the attention of the former.

VI

The Council of the Organization may send observers, with voice but without vote, to the Pan American Sanitary Conference, the Pan American Conference of National Directors of Health, the meetings of the Directing Council and of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, and to other technical meetings held or sponsored by the Pan American Sanitary Organization.

VII

The Pan American Sanitary Organization may send observers, with voice but without vote, to the Inter-American Conference,

as well as to meetings of the Organs and the Committees of the Council, when these are considering matters related to the activities of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.

VIII

The Council of the Organization of American States and the Pan American Sanitary Organization may recommend, either one to the other, topics for inclusion in the agenda of any of the conferences and meetings mentioned in the two preceding Articles.

IX

The Pan American Sanitary Organization shall prepare the programs and regulations of the Pan American Sanitary Conference and the Pan American Conference of National Directors of Health, and may promote or sponsor such other technical meetings on public health, medicine, and allied sciences as it may consider appropriate.

X

The Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall inform the Council of the Organization of the proposed dates of the Pan American Sanitary Conference, of the meetings of the Directing Council and of the Executive Committee, and of such other technical meetings which the Sanitary Organization may convene or sponsor, in order that the Council may make such observations as it deems appropriate with a view to coordinating the dates of such meetings with those of other conferences. The programs and regulations of such meetings shall also be sent to the Council for its information.

XI

The Pan American Union shall transmit to the States Members of the Organization of American States the convocation of the Pan American Sanitary Conference, the Pan American Conference of National Directors of Health, and of other Specialized Conferences which the Pan American Sanitary Organization may hold or sponsor.

XII

The Pan American Union and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall maintain full and prompt exchange of information, publications, and documents.

XIII

Not later than September 15th of each year the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall transmit to the Council of the Organization of American States the proposed budget for the following fiscal year prepared by the Executive Committee of the Pan American Sanitary Organization. Observations on the proposed budget made by the Council of the Organization shall be presented to the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization for due consideration. The Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall transmit to the Council of the Organization of American States the final budget as approved by the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.

XIV

The Pan American Union shall forward to the Governments the budget approved by the Pan American Sanitary Organization, together with a statement of the quota due from each Government for the maintenance of the Bureau.

XV

The Pan American Union and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall cooperate to the fullest extent possible in the recruitment and in establishing standards of compensation of personnel, in the interchange and regulation of personnel, and in the reciprocal use of equipment, facilities, and services.

XVI

Administrative arrangements between the Pan American Union and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau relative to the receipt and disbursement of funds, and to personnel, library facilities, and the utilization of space, equipment, facilities, and services, shall be made by the Secretary General of the Organization and the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

XVII

The Treasurer of the Pan American Union shall serve also as Treasurer of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

XVIII

The Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall have the option of including its employees in the Pan American Union Retirement and Pension Fund, subject to the provisions of the plan governing its administration.

XIX

The Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall transmit annually to the Council of the Organization, or more frequently if so requested, a report on the progress of the work of the Pan American Sanitary Organization. Such report shall contain a statement of activities undertaken during the preceding year and the program of future activities, as well as a report of financial operations, including detailed statements of receipts and expenditures.

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Basic changes that may be contemplated in the organization of the Pan American Sanitary Organization or in the basis of financing shall be submitted to the Council of the Organization of American States.

XXI

The present Agreement shall come into force on an interim basis on the date on which it is signed by the authorized representative of the Council of the Organization of American States and by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in behalf of the Pan American Sanitary Organization. It shall come into force on a definitive basis when approved by the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.

XXII

This Agreement shall remain in force until it is superseded or revised by mutual agreement between the Council of the Organization of American States and the Pan American Sanitary Organization, or reviewed and terminated on three months' notice given by either party.