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PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION

In accordance with the amendments approved by the XX Meeting of the Directing Council as well as the regulations in force, the PAHO Award for Administration for 1973 will be made to the candidate who has made the most outstanding contribution in the field of administrative management in the Health Sector.

Paragraph 7 of the procedure stipulates that "The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall send copies of the documentation submitted to the Members of the Award Committee, 30 days before the date of the opening of the first annual meeting of the Executive Committee so that the Award Committee can meet and decide on the Award during the meeting of the Executive Committee."

The Director is making available to each member of the Award Committee copies of the documentation received from the countries.

The members of the Award Committee will meet and decide on the granting of the Award during the sessions of the Committee.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED FOR THE
AWARD OF THE PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION

In pursuance of the decision taken by the Executive Committee at its 69th Meeting and of paragraph A.7 of the Procedure for the Award of the PAHO Award for Administration, the members of the Award Committee, Dr. Miguel Angel Aguilar Oliva (El Salvador), Robert de Caires (United States of America) and Alix Théard (Haiti) met under the chairmanship of Dr. Théard on 30 and 31 July to consider the personal data on the candidates presented by the Governments of Colombia, Chile and Venezuela and to exchange impressions and formulate observations thereon. The documentation on the candidates had been duly sent to the members of the Award Committee in advance so that they could make a study of it, as laid down in the relevant regulations.

At its meeting of 31 July, the members of the Award Committee unanimously agreed to award the "PAHO Award for Administration, 1973" to Mr. Guillermo Istúriz of Venezuela, whose work it considered was in close conformity with the spirit that prompted the establishment of the Award. After a brilliant career as an official in the health services of Venezuela, which he began in 1938 as an administrative officer at the Psychiatric Hospital in Caracas, Mr. Istúriz rose through his efforts to the highest national position in his speciality. His contributions in the sphere of hospital management provided a doctrinal foundation and a basis for action and originated the modern concept of hospital management in Venezuela. He also played a commendable part in teaching work and many of his activities served as a model for similar activities in other countries. At the same time, his active participation in securing recognition for the worker dedicated to health constitutes an example of the ideal of service.