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TOPIC IV. WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION - REGIONAL MATTERS

a) Canada's participation

The participation of Canada in the Organization was recognized by the XII Pan American Sanitary Conference, held in Caracas, Venezuela, in 1947, which in its Final Act provided:

"Report of the Committee on Reorganization of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

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b) The Pan American Sanitary Conference is the supreme organ of the Organization, and shall be constituted by a Delegation from each of the Governments of the American nations. The Conference recognizes Canada as a member state of future Pan American Sanitary Conferences. Continental territories not responsible for the conduct of their international relations, shall participate in Pan American Sanitary Conferences in the capacity in which the Conferences may determine. The Conferences must be held at least every four years at the site selected by the previous Conference".

Furthermore, the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, in Item A), Article 2, states:

"Article 2. Membership.

A. The Pan American Sanitary Organization is at present composed of the twenty-one American Republics. All self-governing nations of the Western Hemisphere are entitled to membership in the Pan American Sanitary Organization".

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