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AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY
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For the purpose of facilitating the conduct of business at meetings of the Governing Bodies of the Organization, the Executive Committee at its 86th Meeting held in Washington, D.C., from 22 to 30 June 1981 approved Resolution XXXIV recommending to the Pan American Sanitary Conference the amendment of two of its rules, namely Rules 45 and 46, and the introduction of a new Rule 53.

The XXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council held in Washington, D.C., from 21 September to 1 October 1981, in considering a similar recommendation from the Executive Committee, amended two of its rules (Rules 43 and 44), but adopted a different text for new Rule 52 than that proposed. It reads as follows:

In an election, each Government, unless it abstains, shall vote for that number of candidates equal to or less than the number of elective places to be filled. Any ballot paper on which there are more names than there are elective places to be filled, or on which the name of any candidate appears more than once, or which is illegible or signed or which reveals the identity of the voter, shall be considered null and void.

Since the original intent also was to establish, as far as practicable, a uniform set of rules for the Governing Bodies of the Organization, the Executive Committee may wish to recommend to the Conference a new version of Rule 53 for its own Rules of Procedure in line with the text approved by the Directing Council.

The proposed amendments appear in the annex to this document.

Annex

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE

Text Recommended by the Executive
Committee at its 86th Meeting:

Proposed

Rule 45

For the purpose of these Rules, "Governments present and voting" means Governments casting a valid affirmative or negative vote; or in an election, a valid vote for a person or a Government eligible in accordance with the Constitution or these Rules of Procedure. For the purpose of these Rules, "majority" means any number of votes greater than half the votes cast by the Governments present and voting or, in the case of the election of the Director, any number of votes greater than half the number of the Governments of the Organization. Governments abstaining from voting or who cast blank ballots or invalid votes are considered as not voting. In computing a majority, any fraction shall be counted as a whole number.

Rule 46

A motion shall be considered adopted when it has received the affirmative vote of the majority of the Governments present and voting, except when the Constitution or these Rules of Procedure otherwise provide. If the votes are equally divided on a matter other than an election the motion will be regarded as not adopted.

Rule 53

In an election each Government, unless it abstains, shall vote for that number of candidates equal to the number of elective places to be filled. Any ballot paper on which there are more or fewer names than there are elective places to be filled, or on which the name of any candidate appears more than once, or which is illegible or signed or which reveals the identity of the voter, shall be considered null and void.

Rule 45

No change

Rule 46

No change

Rule 53

In an election each Government, unless it abstains, shall vote for that number of candidates equal to or less than the number of elective places to be filled. Any ballot paper on which there are more [or fewer] names than there are elective places to be filled, or on which the name of any candidate appears more than once, or which is illegible or signed or which reveals the identity of the voter, shall be considered null and void.