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Topic 12: REPORT ON COLLECTION OF QUOTA CONTRIBUTIONS

In accordance with Article V, paragraph 5.7, of the Financial Regulations, the Director submits the following report and attached statement on the collection of quota payments to the Pan American Health Organization.

The Executive Committee, at its 37th Meeting, considered the problem of quota collections in the light of the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor and approved Resolution III, the operative part of which reads as follows:

1. To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to bring to the attention of Member Governments the urgent need for the prompt payment of their quotas; and to take whatever action he may deem advisable to this effect, having in mind the opinions expressed in the course of the Executive Committee meeting.

2. To recommend that the Director report to the XI Meeting of the Directing Council regarding the results of his efforts in this matter.

The Director wishes to report that in April, and again in June 1959, he communicated with the Member Governments, bringing to their attention the urgent need for the prompt payment of their quotas and emphasizing that the grave financial condition made necessary very early action if the programs approved by the governing bodies were to be continued. In addition, the Director and the Assistant Director, on their visits to various Member Countries, took the occasion to discuss in detail the significance of the continued financial difficulty of the Organization and to urge that every step possible be taken in appropriating funds, to take account of the requirements of the Organization. The zone representatives, too, in the course of their regular association with ministers and directors of public health, have sought to emphasize the grave situation in which the PASB finds itself as a result of non-payment, and late payment, of contributions.

The following table reveals the status of collections at 31 July 1959. The percentage of quota contributions received as of this date is lower than that received on any similar date in recent years.

Status of Quota Collections for Respective Budget Years
as of 31 July 1959

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessed Budget</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Balances Due</u>	<u>% of Assessed Budget Collected</u>
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1959	3,500,000	2,331,202*	1,168,798	66.6*
1958	2,900,000	2,599,256	300,744	89.6
1957	2,300,000	2,258,445	41,555	98.2
1956	2,100,000	2,070,600	29,400	98.6
1955	2,000,000	1,973,200	26,800	98.7
1954	2,000,000	1,972,400	27,600	98.6
1953	2,000,000	1,993,000	7,000	99.7
1952	1,943,681	1,934,157	9,524	99.5
1951	1,943,681	1,932,991	10,690	99.5
1950	1,746,035	1,740,610	5,425	99.7

* As of 30 June collections relating to 1958 quotas stood at \$21,202, representing only .6% of assessed budget

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The continuing financial problem of the PASB/WHO is due mainly to the delay of 12 to 18 months in payment of quotas. The critical period is the first 6 to 8 months of each year. In late June of this year the Director, in accordance with the Financial Regulations, obtained approval of Members of the Executive Committee for authority to borrow funds, if necessary, to meet operating expenses in July and August. Fortunately, it was not necessary to use this authority.

The problem described above will recur each year until a solution is achieved. A continuation of the present trend will require measures to curtail program and to limit expenditures in order to avoid another year of deficit. As recommended in the Report of the External Auditor and the Final Report of the 37th Meeting of the Executive Committee, two parallel lines of action are required:

- a) Intensification of efforts to achieve prompt payment of quotas;
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- b) Approval in future budgets of an amount for the gradual increase of the Working Capital Fund.

On the basis of governing body resolutions, the Director will continue to consult with Member Governments with a view to overcoming the administrative and legislative obstacles to prompt payment of quotas. The second mentioned line of action will be considered under Topic 10, Program and Budget (1961), and Topic 16, Working Capital Fund.

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UNPAID QUOTA CONTRIBUTIONS AS OF 31 JULY 1959

<u>Country</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
Argentina	1959	260,750.00	
	1958	92,030.00 (BAL)	352,780.00
Bolivia	1959	11,900.00	
	1958	8,990.00	
	1957	7,130.00	
	1956	6,510.00	
	1955	7,000.00	
	1954	7,400.00	
	1953	7,000.00	
	1952	9,524.00	
	1951	10,690.00	
	1950	5,425.57 (BAL)	81,569.57
Brazil	1959	260,050.00	
	1958	30,657.88 (BAL)	290,707.88
Chile	1959	71,400.00	71,400.00
Colombia	1959	88,200.00	
	1958	14,910.44 (BAL)	103,110.44
Costa Rica	1959	2,159.80 (BAL)	2,159.80
Cuba	1959	64,400.00	
	1958	54,810.00	
	1957	9,585.89 (BAL)	128,795.89
Dominican Republic	1959	11,900.00	11,900.00
Ecuador	1959	9,008.02 (BAL)	9,008.02
El Salvador	1959	3,330.00 (BAL)	3,330.00
Guatemala	1959	16,800.00	16,800.00
Haiti	1959	9,450.00	9,450.00
Honduras	1959	9,450.00	
	1958	2,450.00 (BAL)	11,900.00
Mexico	1959	166,950.00	
	1958	29,500.00 (BAL)	196,450.00

<u>Country</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nicaragua	1959	9,450.00	9,450.00
Panamá	1959	11,900.00	
	1958	7,130.00 (BAL)	19,030.00
Paraguay	1959	9,450.00	
	1958	7,250.00	16,700.00
Peru	1959	35,700.00	
	1958	23,434.82 (BAL)	59,134.82
Uruguay	1959	35,350.00	
	1958	29,580.00	
	1957	24,840.00	
	1956	22,890.00	
	1955	19,800.00	
	1954	20,200.00	152,660.00
Venezuela	1959	81,200.00	81,200.00
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			\$1,627,536.42
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Status of Quota Collections for Respective Budget Years
as of 18 September 1959

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessed Budget</u>	<u>Collections</u>	<u>Balances Due</u>	<u>% of Assessed Budget Collected</u>
1959	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 2,434,552	\$ 1,065,448	69.6
1958	2,900,000	2,614,166	285,834	90.1

1957 and previous years remain same status as of 31 July 1959.

Changes in Status Between 1 August and 18 September 1959

<u>Country</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Received Since 1 August 1959</u>	<u>Balance Due as of 18 September 1959</u>
Colombia	1959	\$ 799.56	\$ 87,400.00
	1958	14,910.44 (BAL)	-
Dominican Republic	1959	11,900.00	-
Nicaragua	1959	9,450.00	-
Venezuela	1959	81,200.00	-
		<u>\$118,260.00</u>	

Unpaid quotas as of 31 July 1959	\$ 1,627,536.42
Quotas received since 1 August 1959	118,260.00
Unpaid quotas as of 18 September 1959	<u>\$ 1,509,276.42</u>