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REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION
OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

The working party appointed by the Directing Council to study the agenda topics relating to the financial situation of the Pan American Health Organization met on 21 September 1959 at 5:00 p.m., and on 22 September at 10:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The group comprised: Dr. Mario Allaria (Argentina), Dr. Miguel C. Bustamante (Mexico), Dr. Alberto Bissot (Panama), Mr. Charles G. Sommer (United States), and Dr. Patrocinio Peñuela (Venezuela). The meeting was attended also by Dr. Abraham Horwitz (Director, PASB), Dr. Carlos Luis González (Assistant Director, PASB), Mr. Donald F. Simpson (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB), and Mr. Milton P. Siegel (Assistant Director-General, WHO).

Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante was elected Chairman and Dr. Mario Allaria, Rapporteur.

The working party, during the three sessions held, examined the documents that explain the serious financial situation of the Pan American Health Organization, and deemed it fitting and necessary to lay strong emphasis on the consequences that a financial deficit could bring about in the Organization's activities.

After making a detailed study of the proposed resolutions on Topic 11 (Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for 1958) and Topic 16 (Working Capital Fund), the working party agreed to recommend the approval of those resolutions by the Directing Council.

With respect to the financial situation of the Organization, which hinges on the delays in collection of quota contributions and on the level of the Working Capital Fund, there was an exchange of views regarding the most suitable measures that the Director could suggest to the Member Governments of the Organization for solving the difficulties arising from the delay in quota payments.

It was also deemed advisable to present to the Council a new proposed resolution describing the most effective means for correcting the present situation and indicating to the Director of the Bureau certain lines of action for achieving the desired result.

The various opinions expressed on direct and indirect means to be employed to this end are summarized in the following draft resolution:

The Directing Council,

Considering the serious financial situation of the Pan American Health Organization, as reflected in the Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for 1958, and in the reports on the status of quota collections and on the Working Capital Fund, presented by the Director;

Bearing in mind the comments made by various representatives with regard to the most effective means for having the governments make regular payments of their quota contributions,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to supply further information to the governments on the financial situation of the Organization, through periodic communications sent simultaneously to the ministries of public health and of foreign affairs.
2. To point out to the Member Governments the advisability that, in the ministries of public health, there be an office responsible for relations between the national public health organizations and the international health agencies.
3. To suggest to the Member Governments the adoption of administrative and legislative measures that will make it possible to adjust the dates of quota payments to the fiscal year of the Organization.
4. To request the Director to approach the Member Governments for the purpose of having them, at the level of their National Technical Assistance Board's, expand the public health programs; and to approach also the Organization of American States with a view to obtaining larger contributions from the Program of Technical Cooperation for public health activities.
5. To request the Director to study new measures that might be adopted with respect to the sale of publications and the furnishing of other services for the purpose of increasing the income of the Organization as much as possible.