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INTER-COUNTRY EXCHANGES OF HEALTH WORKERS AND STUDENTS

The Director has the honor to inform the Directing Council that on 22 August 1963 he received a letter from the Surgeon General of the United States of America, copy of which is attached. This letter proposed that the following item be included on the Council agenda:

"Inter-Country Exchanges of Health Workers and Students"

In conformity with the provision of paragraph 4 of the operative part of Resolution XIII adopted by the Executive Committee at its 48th Meeting, the Director has included this item on the draft agenda of the Council.

Enclosures



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

AUG 22 1963

Refer to:

Dear Dr. Horwitz:

On several occasions recently the U.S. Public Health Service has been asked by universities or other institutions in the United States to assist in making arrangements to make it possible for health workers or students to spend a period of time working in a Latin American country. In some cases the purpose of the proposed period of service has been limited to training. An example of this type of request was a professor of preventive medicine who wished to arrange a summer training experience for a small group of medical students in Mexico or Central America. In other cases the purpose has been service. We have, for example, had inquiries from practicing physicians interested in taking a "sabbatical" and using it to work in a clinic or hospital, often gratuitously, in a Latin American country.

We are also conscious of the fact that there are many Latin American students and health workers interested in similar training and service experience in the United States. These are in addition to the trainees officially sponsored by WHO/PAHO or by AID.

In addition to these types of exchanges which involve our country, we are quite certain that there are many opportunities for beneficial exchanges of health workers that do not involve the United States.

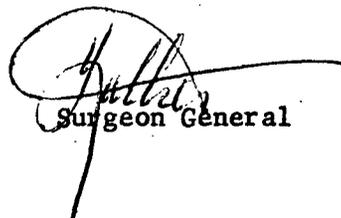
It has occurred to us that there might be value in a discussion of this topic in the forthcoming meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization. Accordingly we would like to request that this item be included in the agenda and suggest the following title.

"Inter-country exchanges of health workers and students."

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The Delegation of the United States will be prepared to initiate the discussion. For your information also, I am enclosing a copy of a resolution proposed to be introduced by our delegation.

Sincerely yours,


Surgeon General

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Enclosure

RESOLUTION PROPOSED TO BE INTRODUCED BY THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

Having discussed some of the problems involved in formal and informal exchanges of medical and public health personnel among countries of the Americas;

Notes that such exchanges are commonly arranged for purposes of training or for rendering services to people, or both;

Recognizes that the interchange of professional health personnel among the countries of the Americas is of mutual benefit to all participating countries, both those sending and those receiving personnel;

Desiring to encourage the maximum practicable interchange of health personnel among countries;

RESOLVES

To request the Director:

1. to study the opportunities for the interchange of health personnel among countries; the possibilities for contribution to health programs that can be achieved by such interchanges, and the problems involved;
2. to assist governments, within the limitations of available resources, in making placements, arranging for supervision and in completing other arrangements to facilitate a useful interchange of health workers among the countries of the Americas;
3. to report to the next meeting of the Directing Council on the results of his study and on experience to date.