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SECOND MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION

EXECUTIVE SECTION

Mexico City, October 8 to 12, 1948

FINAL REPORT

The Executive Section of the Second Meeting of the Directing Council began its deliberations in Mexico City, on October 8, 1948, with a Preliminary Session at which the following officers were elected: Chairman: Dr. Ignacio Morones Prieto, (Mexico). Vice-Chairman: Dr. Jorge Estrella Ruiz, (Peru). Secretaries: Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante, (Pan American Sanitary Bureau), Dr. José Zozaya, (Mexican Delegation).

The following Representatives and Observers were recognized: *Argentina*: Dr. Alberto Zwanck, Representative; Dr. Carlos A. Crivellari, Alternate; Mr. Angel Domínguez, Adviser; Mr. Juan Carlos Quesada, Secretary. *Bolivia*: Dr. Néstor Salinas Aramayo, Representative. *Brazil*: Dr. Heitor Prager Fróes, Representative; Dr. Emmanuel Dias, Alternate. *Colombia*: Dr. Jorge Boshell Manrique, Representative. *Costa Rica*: Dr. Gonzalo González Murillo, Representative. *Cuba*: Dr. Luis Espinosa y G. Cáceres, Representative. *Ecuador*: Dr. Roberto Nevárez Vásquez, Representative. *El Salvador*: Dr. Rafael Vega Gómez, Representative. *United States of America*: Dr. Thomas Parran, Representative; Dr. Leonard A. Scheele, Alternate; Dr. H. Van Zile Hyde, Alternate; Mr. Ward P. Allen, Adviser. *Guatemala*: Dr. Luis F. Galich, Representative. *Honduras*: Dr. Daniel Meza Zelaya, Alternate Representative. *Mexico*: Dr. Ignacio Morones Prieto, Representative; Dr. José Zozaya, Alternate. *Nicaragua*: Dr. Jacinto Jiménez, Representative. *Panamá*: Dr. Guillermo García de Paredes, Representative. *Paraguay*: Dr. Raúl Peña, Representative. *Perú*: Dr. Jorge A. Estrella Ruiz, Representative. *Dominican Republic*: Dr. Luis F. Thomen, Representative; Dr. Nicolás E. Pichardo, Alternate. *Uruguay*: Dr. Ricardo Capeletti, Representative. *Venezuela*: Dr. Alfredo Arreaza Guzmán, Representative; Dr. Juvencio Ochoa, Alternate. *Pan American Sanitary Bureau*: Dr. Fred L. Soper, Director; Dr. John R. Murdock, Assistant Director; Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante, Secretary General; Dr. Anthony Donovan, Chief, Lima Regional Office; Mrs. Agnes W. Chagas, Nursing Consultant; Mr. Charles G. Muradian, Fiscal Officer; Mr. Fernando Hazera, Translator; Miss Flora López Enríquez, Secretary; Miss Elsie Morcom, Secretary.

Observers: World Health Organization: Dr. Frank A. Calderone, Director, New York Office. *The Netherlands*: Dr. C. van den Berg, Director General of Public Health. *French West Indies and Guiana*: Dr.

René Goulley, Ministry of Health. *British Caribbean Territories*: Dr. Joseph W. P. Harkness, Medical Adviser. *Netherlands West Indies*: Dr. Jacob Rudolph Arends, Chief, Health Services. *Surinam*: Dr. Anton Eduard Wolff, Chief, Bureau of Communicable and Endemic Disease Control.

During the Preliminary Session, the Rules of Procedure and of Debate of the Directing Council (Document OSP.CD2.M-1) were discussed and adopted with amendments.

Working Committees were appointed and the following Agenda was approved:

1. Study of the Final Report of the Fifth Meeting of the Executive Committee, held from October 1 to 8, 1948 (Document OSP.CE5.M-4).
2. Consideration of the Report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on program, organization and budget.
3. Relations of the Pan American Sanitary Organization with the World Health Organization.
4. Relations of the Pan American Sanitary Organization with the non-self-governing territories.
5. Approval of the Caracas Declaration on the Health of the Child.
6. Report of the Directing Council to the Member Governments.
7. Election of two countries to succeed Cuba and the United States in the Executive Committee.

WORKING COMMITTEES

1—ORGANIZATION AND BUDGETS:

Argentina	United States
Costa Rica	Paraguay
Ecuador	Dominican Republic
El Salvador	(Rapporteur)
(Chairman)	

2—RELATIONS:

Bolivia	México
Brazil	Panamá (Rapporteur)
Cuba	Perú
United States	Uruguay (Chairman)
Honduras	Venezuela

3—ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL TO THE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS:

Dominican Republic	Venezuela
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4—DRAFTING AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Argentina	Guatemala
Brazil	Nicaragua
Colombia	Peru
Ecuador	

In addition to the Preliminary Session, four plenary sessions, fourteen sessions of the Committees and a Closing Session were held, and the following resolutions were approved:

I—ORGANIZATION AND BUDGETS

CD2.R1 EN

After careful study of the documents presented by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, including the Final Report of the Fifth Meeting of the Executive Committee (OSP.CE5.M-4),

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

1. To continue the use of the calendar year as the budget period rather than the fiscal year from July 1st to June 30th.
2. To approve a budget of \$700,000.00 for the first half of 1949.
3. To approve a budget for \$1,000,000.00 for the second half of the same year.
4. To divide the two budgets which were approved into the following four sections:

	Jan. to June	July to December
a) Headquarters Administration.....	\$157,000.00	\$186,687.50
b) Zone Offices.....	163,915.00	175,175.00
c) Central Services and Field Activities..	201,960.00	319,450.00
d) Field programs for the control of Communicable Diseases.....	177,125.00	318,687.50

5. To authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to transfer funds from one to another of the four major sections indicated, not exceeding 10% of any section, advising the Executive Committee at the first opportunity. For sums in excess of this percentage, the Director must obtain previous approval of the majority of Members of the Executive Committee.

The Council recommends that future budgets should not require this transference clause and that the authorization given for the present period should not constitute a precedent.

6. To assign the quotas for the collection of the funds on the basis established by Article 60 of the Pan American Sanitary Code.

The budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for the calendar year 1949 shall be apportioned among the Member Governments in

accord with the scale of contributions adopted by the Council of the Organization of American States for the budget of the Pan American Union for its fiscal year, 1948-1949.

7. To recommend that the Executive Committee give special attention to the provisions of Article 12, paragraph C, of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization and carry out the pertinent studies at the proper time, and that it prepare a comparative analysis of the two preceding fiscal periods and of the Preliminary Budget submitted, which should be forwarded to the Member Governments as early as possible.

8. To recommend to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau that, whenever it is not possible for lack of funds to carry out the entire approved program, none of the authorized items be totally eliminated, but that the future activities within each heading be reduced proportionately according to the funds available.

9. To authorize the Executive Committee, at its Sixth Meeting, to study and propose modifications of the annual salaries of the Assistant Director and of the Secretary General of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, as well as of the representation allowances for the Director, the Assistant Director and the Secretary General of the Bureau.

II—RELATIONS

CD2.R2 EN

a) *With the World Health Organization*

After study of the Report of the Committee on Relations and taking into consideration the opinions, suggestions and recommendations of the Members and Observers present, as well as the Final Report of the Fifth Meeting of the Executive Committee,

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

1. To ratify the report presented by the Executive Committee on Relations with the World Health Organization.
2. To recommend to the American countries, members of the Organization, the desirability of ratifying the Constitution of the World Health Organization, that the viewpoint of the American Continent may be duly represented in the deliberations of this Organization.
3. To accept as a basis for the agreement between the World Health Organization and the Pan American Sanitary Organization the document approved by the Directing Council in its First Meeting in Buenos Aires, with the slight changes introduced by the Executive Board of the World Health Organization (Document OSP.CD2.M-3).
4. To authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to sign this agreement with the World Health Organization on the basis of the authorization given at the XII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

when at least fourteen American countries have ratified the Constitution of the World Health Organization.

b) *With the Non-Self-Governing Territories*

CD2.R3 EN

After careful consideration of the problem and the measures proposed by the Executive Committee, which have been accepted *de facto* by the Directing Council with their incorporation in its Rules of Procedure and Debate, and

WHEREAS

the proposal represents an appreciable advance toward the definite solution of this problem which is of great importance to the American Continent,

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

5. To declare that the non-self-governing countries of the Western Hemisphere be offered the following rights within the Pan American Sanitary Organization:

- a) To participate without the right to vote in the deliberations of the plenary sessions of the Directing Council.
- b) To participate with the right to vote in the Committees of the Directing Council, except in those which deal with administration, finances and the Constitution.
- c) To participate on the same basis as the Members, subject only to the limitations mentioned in subdivision (a), in matters relating to procedure in the sessions of the Directing Council and its Committees, such as presenting motions, amendments and points of order, etc.
- d) To propose subjects for inclusion in the provisional agenda of the Meetings of the Directing Council.
- e) To receive all the documents, reports and minutes of the Directing Council.
- f) To participate on the same basis as the Members in all plans for the calling of special sessions.
- g) To appoint observers and to participate in the discussions of the Executive Committee, subject to the same conditions which apply to the Members of the Pan American Sanitary Organization who are not members of the Committee, although these representatives are not eligible for membership in the Committee.

c) *Caracas Declaration on the Health of the Child*

CD2.R4 EN

After a careful study of the Caracas Declaration on the Health of the Child,

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

6. To register its enthusiastic approval of the Declaration as a set of principles and objectives which will serve as a standard and guide to all

organizations which are interested in the health and well-being of the child.

7. To recommend that the following statement of principles be added to said Declaration: The Pan American Sanitary Organization believes that all health activities, the objectives of which are to guarantee to the child a harmonious physical and mental development, must be based on the family unit, of which the child is an integral part; the maternal and child health services being entrusted to the National Public Health Departments which will maintain the closest possible contact and collaborate with the agencies concerned with maternal and child welfare.

d) *Continental standards*

CD2.R5 EN

After consideration of the present difficulties involved in the establishment of continental standards for solution of health problems,

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

8. To declare that in order to make such standards useful on the whole Continent they should have a universal character.

e) *Regional Border Agreements*

CD2.R6 EN

WHEREAS

it is desirable to secure the greatest degree of success in the execution of the border health agreements concluded in the Western Hemisphere,

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

9. To direct the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to carry out a study of the border health agreements which may have been concluded in the Western Hemisphere and of the benefits which may have accrued therefrom to the health of the Continent; and to suggest administrative and technical measures which experience may show will improve the implementing agencies set up by these agreements.

Any suggestions will be communicated to the interested health organizations through the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

The Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, mindful of the considerations expressed by the Representatives of Panamá and Perú,

RESOLVES:

CD2.R7 EN

10. To direct the Executive Committee of the Pan American Sanitary Organization that it take up immediately a study of the objectives of future Pan American Conferences of National Directors of Health so that these may be devoted to study *in toto* and *in situ* of the progress achieved in the field of public health in the country where the respective meeting is held.

This study should take into account the desirability of holding simultaneous annual meetings of National Directors of Health and of the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, and should be communicated to the national health authorities six months before the next meeting, for its consideration and incorporation, if approved, as a resolution of the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

taking into account the studies and reports which indicate that hydatidosis has been gradually spreading throughout the Americas in recent years, as well as the difficulties and dangers represented by the disease, not only for the countries already invaded but also for those in which growing numbers of human cases are being reported, and having studied the proposal submitted by the Representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay.

RESOLVES:

CD2.R8 EN

11. To recommend to the public health authorities of the American countries that they intensify the epidemiological investigation of hydatidosis in their respective territories and transmit periodically to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau all reports and studies related to this disease; also, to recommend to them the issuance of laws and regulations directed toward the prevention and control of hydatidosis, such legislation to be based, preferably, on health education of the public, uniform national systems of prophylaxis, and enforcement of regulations for case reporting, as well as other measures for combating hydatidosis in animals and for the protection of the human population.

12. To entrust the Pan American Sanitary Bureau with distributing regularly among all the American countries information regarding studies and preventive measures dealing with hydatidosis.

III—ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL TO THE
MEMBER GOVERNMENTS

CD2.R9 EN

After hearing the draft of the annual report presented by Committee III,

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

1. To approve this report which will be sent to the Member Governments, in accordance with the dispositions of sub-division E of Article VIII of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.

IV—SEAT OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE DIRECTING
COUNCIL

CD2.R10 EN

The Directing Council unanimously designated the city of Lima, Perú, as the seat of its Meeting in 1949.

V—ELECTION OF MEMBER COUNTRIES TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Directing Council elected Argentina and Guatemala to fill the vacancies on the Executive Committee created by the termination of the periods of office of Cuba and the United States of America.

VI—HOMAGE CD2.R12

The Directing Council, at the initiative of the United States Delegation, renders its fervent tribute to the memory of Eduardo Liceaga, whose lasting work in favor of the health of all the peoples of the Continent is thus remembered.

WHEREAS CD2.R13

Dr. John D. Long, Travelling Representative of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, has rendered outstanding service in the work of the Bureau, to which he has devoted many years of his life, and

WHEREAS

Dr. Long has won the gratitude of many American nations for his conscientious work and his constant devotion in the field of international public health,

The Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization

RESOLVES:

1. To express its appreciation and thanks for the important and long-continued service rendered by Dr. John D. Long to the cause of Pan American Health.

VII—GREETINGS CD2.R14

The Directing Council resolves to express its sincere appreciation to Dr. Hugh S. Cumming, Director Emeritus of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, for the progress achieved in the Americas during his long and productive period of service as Director of the Bureau.

It also resolves to send to Dr. Carlos Enrique Paz Soldán, Honorary Member of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, its expressions of cordial remembrance for his work on behalf of the progress of Public Health in the Continent and the solidarity of the peoples of the Americas.

On the occasion of its Second Meeting, the Directing Council resolved to send a greeting to the World Health Organization at Geneva, and another to the Regional Organization of the World Health Organization for Southeastern Asia, which is at present holding its first meeting in India.

VIII—CONDOLENCE CD2.R15

To the Government of Perú and to the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare, for the loss of Dr. Fernando Castillo Sologuren, who

was known and esteemed by the members of the Directing Council as a result of his participation in its First Meeting in Buenos Aires.

IX—VOTES

The Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization presents its expressions of gratitude of his Excellency, Licenciado Miguel Alemán Valdés, President of the Republic of México, and to the Ministers of Foreign Relations and Health and Welfare as well as their Technical Staffs, for the interest shown in the work of the Pan American Sanitary Organization and the generous hospitality extended to each and every one of the Delegations of the American Republics which compose the Directing Council.

The Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization expresses its appreciation:

to the Chief of the Department of the Federal District and to the Members of the Advisory Council of the City of Mexico and of the Federal District, for the honor accorded the Representatives of the American Republics in declaring them "distinguished guests" of Mexico City;

to the Mexican press, for its reporting of the concepts of social well-being and American Solidarity that guided at all times the deliberations of the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization;

to the Members of the Mexican Delegation, to the gracious ladies of Mexico and to the public and private institutions, for their most generous and cordial manner in contributing toward rendering most pleasant the visit of the Representatives of the American Republics in México;

to the Observers for the non-self-governing territories of the Western Hemisphere who by their presence, have enhanced the prestige of this Meeting of the Directing Council;

to the Observer for the World Health Organization who contributed with a fine spirit of cooperation toward the conclusion of an agreement between the World Health Organization and the Pan American Sanitary Organization; and

to the Secretary General of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante, as well as the personnel of the Ministry of Health and Welfare and of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, who collaborated admirably in the preparation and distribution of the material utilized by the Directing Council, contributing in this way to the success of the Meeting.

This Final Report was signed in the City of México, on the twelfth day of October of the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-eight, for:

Argentina: ALBERTO ZWANCK

Bolivia: NÉSTOR SALINAS A.

Brazil: HEITOR FRÓES

Colombia: JORGE BOSHELL

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