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PROVISIONAL SUMMARY RECORD OF THE  
ELEVENTH PLENARY SESSION

Held on Wednesday, 3 October 1951,  
at 10:34 a.m.

Chairman: Dr. Nacianceno Romero Chile  
Vice-Chairmen: Dr. Leonardo Somarriba Nicaragua  
Dr. Hugo Peña Paraguay  
Secretary: Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante Pan American  
Sanitary Bureau

Present:

Dr. Gerardo Segura Argentina  
Mr. Carlos Alberto Errecart  
Mr. Enrique Kempff Bolivia  
Dr. Almir Castro Brazil  
Mr. Robert Dunn Canada  
Mr. Alberto Díaz Alemán Chile  
Dr. Oscar Vargas Méndez Costa Rica  
Dr. Félix Hurtado Cuba  
Dr. Luis F. Thomen Dominican Republic  
Mr. Homero Hoepelman  
Mr. Luis Galván  
Dr. Egberto García Solórzano Ecuador  
Dr. Juan Allwood Paredes El Salvador  
Dr. René Lavoine France  
Mr. Gabriel Rosaz  
Dr. Luis F. Galich Guatemala  
Dr. Kestner Saint-Louis Haiti

Dr. Roberto Zepeda	Honduras
Dr. Daniel Matamoros	
Dr. Felipe García Sánchez	Mexico
Dr. Saturnino Guzmán Duarte	
Dr. Nicolaas Hendrik Swellengrebel	Netherlands
Dr. Alberto Calvo	Panama
Dr. Emilio Velilla	Paraguay
Dr. Carlos Lazarte	Peru
Dr. J. W. P. Harkness	United Kingdom
Dr. L. W. Fitzmaurice	
Dr. H. van Zile Hyde	United States
Mr. Howard B. Calderwood	
Mrs. Marcia M. Fleming	
Dr. Frederick J. Brady	
Mr. William G. Bowdler	
Dr. Carlos L. González	Venezuela
Dr. Jesús Villalobos	
Dr. Marcolino Candau	World Health Organization
Dr. Fred L. Soper (ex officio)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau
Dr. Paulo C. A. Antunes	
Dr. Abraham Horwitz	
Dr. Oswaldo da Costa	

## SUMMARY

1. Appointment of the Committee to Draft the Additional Protocol to the Pan American Sanitary Code
2. Annual Report of the Directing Council
3. Statement of the Observer of the World Federation for Mental Health
4. Vote of Thanks to Dr. John R. Murdock
5. Statement of the Representative of France
6. Statement of the Representative of Netherlands
7. Statement of the Representative of United Kingdom
8. Vote of Condolence on the Death of Dr. Félix Veintemillas
9. Votes of Thanks
10. Speech of the Chairman of the Directing Council
11. Signing of the Final Report

(This Summary Record is provisional and the Representatives are therefore requested to notify the Secretary within 48 hours of any corrections they wish made in the text).

1. APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO DRAFT THE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CODE (Document CD5/60)

The Chairman invited the Council to elect three Representatives to be appointed, pursuant to Resolution XXVI of the Directing Council, to draft the Additional Protocol to the Pan American Sanitary Code; he proposed the Representatives of Argentina, Brazil, and Cuba to comprise this Committee.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposed nominations were approved.

2. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

The Representative of Guatemala proposed that, in the future, the Report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the Final Report of the Meeting of the Directing Council be submitted as the Annual Report of the Directing Council to the Member Governments.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal was unanimously approved.

3. STATEMENT OF THE OBSERVER OF THE WORLD FEDERATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH

The Chairman announced that Dr. Daniel Blain, Observer of the World Federation for Mental Health, had asked permission to make a brief statement, and he then gave him the floor.

The Observer of the World Federation for Mental Health invited the Members of the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization to attend the Fourth World Conference on Mental Health to be held in Mexico from 11 to 19 December 1951, and requested the Representatives to encourage attendance by their various countries. He offered the Director of the Bureau the fullest cooperation of the World Federation.

The Chairman thanked Dr. Blain for his statement.

4. VOTE OF THANKS TO DR. JOHN R. MURDOCK (Document CD5/74)

The Representative of the Dominican Republic commended the work of Dr. John R. Murdock and, seconded by the Representatives of Argentina, Paraguay, and Peru, he proposed that paragraph 2 of Resolution XLII be carried out by presenting Dr. Murdock with a parchment bearing the signature of the Chairman of the Council and of the Secretary.

## DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Representative of the Dominican Republic was unanimously approved.

5. STATEMENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF FRANCE

The Representative of France read a statement thanking the Directing Council for the welcome extended to him at this Meeting, and congratulating the Council especially on the adoption of the Resolution clarifying the conditions of participation in the Directing Council by Member States of the World Health Organization whose seats of government were not in the Western Hemisphere.

The Representative of France expressed the conviction that the delicate problems arising from the Council's double function as inter-American organization and Regional Committee of the World Health Organization would be solved satisfactorily. He regretted, however, that the Council had postponed amendment of the Rules of Procedure and thus had not provided for the necessary implementation of the aforesaid Resolution, which was a perfect expression of the spirit of international collaboration.

The Representative of France also expressed pleasure in the fact that all speakers taking part in the discussion at the Eleventh Plenary Session of the Directing Council had recognized the International Sanitary Regulations No. 2 of the World Health Organization as a perfect working instrument.

6. STATEMENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NETHERLANDS

The Representative of the Netherlands expressed his appreciation for all the courtesies received during the Meeting of the Directing Council, and warmly praised the work of the Secretariat staff who he said, had done everything possible, and sometimes the impossible to fulfill their duty.

7. STATEMENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

The Representative of the United Kingdom referred to the assistance received following the hurricane that struck the island of Jamaica, and he expressed appreciation for this aid.

8. VOTE OF CONDOLENCE ON THE DEATH OF DR. FELIX VEINTEMILLAS

The Representative of the Dominican Republic proposed that the Council include in its Final Report a vote of condolence to the Republic of Bolivia on the death of Dr. Félix Veintemillas.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Representative of the Dominican Republic was unanimously approved.

9. VOTES OF THANKS

The Chairman submitted to the Directing Council, for approval, the texts of the votes of thanks to the President, authorities and organizations of the United States, as well as to the Director officers and members of the staff of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

The Representative of Cuba, the Dominican Republic, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom offered suggestions regarding these texts.

DECISION TAKEN

The votes of thanks were unanimously adopted, it being agreed that the suggestion of the aforementioned Representatives would be taken into consideration in the drafting of the final texts.

10. SPEECH OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

The Chairman, after asking whether any Representative wished to take the floor announced that he would conclude the work of the Council.

He stated that he lost his usual calm when deeply moved, and was unable to express his feelings, now as fully as he wished.

He said that at the beginning of the present Meeting, when the Representatives appointed him Chairman, to serve with his esteemed friends, Dr. Somarriba of Nicaragua, and Dr. Peña of Paraguay, he had been too deeply moved to express his appreciation for that high distinction, and now that the meeting was closing, he was again unable to say everything he wished in answer to the kindness "shown to him and to the esteemed colleagues who had served with him".

The Chairman thanked the Representatives for the collaboration, kindness and friendship they had given to ensure the success of his task. He said such success had been possible because these meetings, held by Representatives who had come with instructions from their Governments, had worked together in friendship and understanding to reconcile differences and do everything possible to achieve a common fruitful results.

11. SIGNING OF THE FINAL REPORT (Document CD5/74)

The Representative of Cuba, seconded by the Representative of the Dominican Republic, expressed his regret that the General Committee had decided to eliminate the traditional act of signing the Final Report; he said that, in any case, such a decision should have been adopted by the Council in plenary session.

The Chairman stated that the decision had been taken in order to facilitate the arrangements of Representatives who had indicated urgency in returning to their countries, but that nothing had been changed and that the traditional signing of the Final Report would take place that evening at 6 p.m.

The Representatives were asked to meet at that hour.

The session was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.