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Background

Article 4-E of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization provides: "The Conference shall elect the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau by a two-thirds vote of the countries represented and with the right to vote." The XII Pan American Sanitary Conference (Caracas, 1947) resolved that the term of office of the Director shall be four years.

On the other hand, pursuant to Article 52 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization: "The head of the Regional Office shall be the Regional Director appointed by the Board in agreement with the Regional Committee." Under the terms of this article, the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau assumes at the same time the functions of Regional Director of the World Health Organization for the Americas.

Election of the Director

The procedure for election of the Director is set forth in Article 53 of the Proposed Rules of Procedure of the Conference, as follows:

"In accordance with Article 4-E of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, the Conference shall elect the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau by a two-thirds vote of the Members present and voting. Acting as Regional Committee of the World Health Organization and in conformity with Articles 49 and 52 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, the Conference shall submit the name of the person so elected to the Executive Board of WHO for appointment as Regional Director."

The present term of office of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau extends to 31 January 1955, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, and the election to take place at the XIV Conference will be for the term commencing 1 February 1955.