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FINAL REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE

In accordance with Resolution XIX of the VII Meeting of the Directing Council (Washington, D. C., October 1953), the Permanent Committee on Constitutional Revision submits its final report to the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference. Since the VII Meeting of the Directing Council the Permanent Committee has held thirty meetings, during which the entire text of the draft Revised Constitution (circulated to Member Governments in 1952 in Document CPRC/14 dated 20 July 1952), was reviewed together with the tentative modifications made by the Committee in response to observations of Member Governments and of international entities concerned (Document CPRC/32, Annexes I and II). On 26 July 1954 the Committee gave its approval to the draft revised Constitution which is attached to this report (Annex A).

During its final review, the Committee followed the practice of approving articles in the draft revision of 1952, as set forth in Document CPRC/14, except insofar as changes were considered necessary in order to:

1. Take account of the observations made by a majority of the Members of the Organization, or of a substantial number of such members, or by the Council of the Organization of American States;
2. Remove ambiguities and clarify the text; and
3. Adhere as closely as possible to the present Constitution in the absence of clear evidence that a change is needed.

The principal considerations at the time of the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference (Ciudad Trujillo, October 1950) which led to a study of the Constitution with a view to its revision were:

1. The opinion that meetings of the constituent body of the Organization on which all Members are represented should be biennial rather than annual;
2. The opinion that the rights of participation of representatives of the territories under the jurisdiction of non-American States should be more precisely defined;
3. The opinion that the structure of the Organization should be simplified, and
4. The supposition that revision of the Constitution was necessary.

The draft revised Constitution provides for biennial meetings of the governing body (Conference) on which all Members are represented. The Committee would point out, however, that the World Health Assembly has not acted to provide for biennial meetings as was anticipated in 1950 when the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference initially considered such meetings. Unilateral action by the Pan American Sanitary Organization in reducing the number of meetings would be ineffective in reducing organizational expenditures, in the face of the continuing need for annual meetings of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization.

After careful study of the relative provisions of the present Constitution and of the observations which were submitted to it, the Committee came to the conclusion that it was both unnecessary and undesirable to include provisions in the Constitution which define the rights of participation of the representatives of the territories under the jurisdiction of non-American States. The V Meeting of the Directing Council (Washington, D. C., September-October 1951) has defined (Resolution XV) the rights of participation of the representatives of these territories as authorized by the present Constitution (Buenos Aires 1947, Article 2, Paragraph B).

The Council's definition provides a satisfactory formula, according to which territorial representatives can, and do, participate in meetings of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, to the advantage, not only of the territories concerned, but also of the Organization and of its several Members.

The Committee would call attention to the wording of Article 3 of the proposed revised text, which makes it clear (as do other articles) that the status of Member States differs from that of non-Member States.

In any simplification of the structure of the Organization, the term Directing Council must be sacrificed since the Conference is established by the Pan American Sanitary Code (Havana, 1924). As the Directing Council acts in most matters for the Conference and is composed of representatives of the same Member States its functions naturally revert to the Conference, except insofar as the proposal for biennial meetings requires that certain functions be allocated to the Executive Committee in those years when the Conference does not meet.

Washington, D. C., 26 July 1954.

(signed)

Howard B. Calderwood
Chairman of the Permanent Committee
and Representative of the United States of America

(signed)

Alberto Sepúlveda Contreras
Representative of Chile

(signed)

Horacio Vicioso Soto
Representative of the Dominican
Republic

REVISED DRAFT CONSTITUTION
of the
PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION

Note: The complete text of the draft prepared by the Permanent Committee on Revision of the Constitution appears in the left column of this document. In the right column are the corresponding articles of the present Constitution, the complete text of which can be found in the "Basic Documents of the Pan American Sanitary Organization", Second Edition, Official Documents No. 6, pages 8 to 15.

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PREAMBLE

The Representatives of the
American States in the Pan American
Sanitary Conference:

DESIRING to promote the health
of the peoples of the Americas to
the highest possible level;

RECOGNIZING that international
cooperation of all of the political
units in the Western Hemisphere is
necessary to the realization of this
objective;

CONSIDERING that the Pan American
Sanitary Organization is an Inter-
American Specialized Organization
established by a multilateral treaty
(Pan American Sanitary Code, Havana,
1924), having specific functions
with respect to health problems of

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common interest to the American
States;

CONSIDERING that the Pan American
Sanitary Conference and the Pan
American Sanitary Bureau serve, re-
spectively, as the Regional Committee
and the Regional Office of the World
Health Organization for the Western
Hemisphere; and

BEING duly authorized by Article
25 of the Constitution of the Pan
American Sanitary Organization,
approved in October 1947, at Buenos
Aires, to approve and put into effect
amendments to this Constitution;

HEREBY AGREE as follows:

PREAMBLE

Progress in the sciences of public
health and medicine together with new
and wider concepts of the responsibili-
ties of governments in matters of
health make it essential to broaden
the scope of international health work
in the Western Hemisphere and to de-
velop and strengthen the Pan American
Sanitary Bureau in order that it may
be able to carry out fully the obliga-
tions imposed by this progress.

Acting in accordance with the
Final Act of the XII Pan American
Sanitary Conference, the Directing
Council hereby adopts the following
Constitution for the Pan American
Sanitary Organization.

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CHAPTER I - PURPOSES

Article 1

The fundamental purposes of the Pan American Sanitary Organization (hereinafter called the "Organization") shall be to promote and coordinate efforts of the countries of the Western Hemisphere to combat disease, lengthen life, and promote the physical and mental health of the people.

CHAPTER I - THE ORGANIZATION

Article 1. Purposes

The fundamental purposes of the Pan American Sanitary Organization shall be to promote and coordinate efforts of the Countries of the Western Hemisphere to combat disease, lengthen life, and promote the physical and mental health of the people.

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CHAPTER II - MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICI-
PATION OF TERRITORIES

Article 2

(a) The Members of the Organi-
zation are the twenty-one American
Republics.

(b) Membership in the Organiza-
tion shall be open to other American
States which shall be admitted as
Members when approved by the Confer-
ence by a two-thirds majority of the
Members present and voting.

Article 2. Membership

A. The Pan American Sanitary
Organization is at present composed
of the twenty-one American Republics.
All self-governing nations of the
Western Hemisphere are entitled to
membership in the Pan American Sani-
tary Organization.

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Article 3

Any territory or group of territories within the Western Hemisphere which is not responsible for the conduct of its international relations may be represented and may participate in the Organization.

The nature and extent of such representation and participation, as well as the obligations of any such territory or group of territories, shall be determined by the Members of the Organization represented at the Pan American Sanitary Conference, within the limitations established in this Constitution.

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Article 2. Membership

B. Territories or groups of territories within the Western Hemisphere which are not responsible for the conduct of their international relations shall have the right to be represented and to participate in the Organization. The nature and extent of the rights and obligations of these territories or groups of territories in the Organization shall be determined in each case by the Directing Council after consultation with the Government or other authorities having responsibility for their international relations. It is understood that Member Governments having under their jurisdiction subordinate territories and peoples within the Western Hemisphere will apply the provisions of the Pan American Sanitary Code and of this Constitution to such territories and peoples.

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CHAPTER III - ORGANS

Article 4

The Organization shall comprise:

- (a) The Pan American Sanitary Conference (hereinafter called the "Conference");
- (b) The Executive Committee of the Conference (hereinafter called the "Executive Committee"); and
- (c) The Pan American Sanitary Bureau (hereinafter called the "Bureau").

Article 3. Organs

The Pan American Sanitary Organization shall comprise:

- 1. The Pan American Sanitary Conference (hereinafter called the Conference);
- 2. The Directing Council (hereinafter called the Council);
- 3. The Executive Committee of the Directing Council (hereinafter called the Executive Committee); and
- 4. The Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

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CHAPTER IV - THE CONFERENCE

A. Composition, Voting, Meetings

Article 5

Each Member shall be represented in the Conference by not more than three delegates, one of whom shall be designated by his Government as chief delegate. The delegates should preferably be qualified by their technical competence in the field of health and at least one of them should be an official of the national health administration.

CHAPTER II - THE CONFERENCE

Article 5. Composition

B. Each Government shall be represented by not more than three delegates, one of whom shall be designated by the respective Member Government as Chief Delegate. Delegates may have alternates and advisers. Delegates selected by the respective Member Governments should include specialists in public health, preferably officials of national public health services.

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Article 6

Each territory, and each group of territories under the jurisdiction of the same State, may be represented in the Conference by not more than three delegates who preferably should be qualified by their technical competence in the field of health, and one of them should be an official of the health administration of the territory or group of territories.

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Article 5. Composition

A. The Conference shall be composed of delegates of Member Governments of the Organization and of any other territories or groups of territories to which the right of representation has been extended in accordance with Article 2, Paragraph B, of the Constitution.

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Article 7

The delegates may be accompanied
by alternates and advisers.

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Article 5. Composition

B. Each Government shall be represented by not more than three delegates, one of whom shall be designated by the respective Member Government as Chief Delegate. Delegates may have alternates and advisers. Delegates selected by the respective Member Governments should include specialists in public health, preferably officials of national public health services.

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Article 8

(a) Each Member State, together with any territory or group of territories which are under its jurisdiction and which may be represented in the Conference, shall have one vote.

(b) Territories or groups of territories under the jurisdiction of the same non-American State shall vote as a single unit whenever they are entitled to vote. Only one vote may be cast on behalf of each such unit.

Article 6. Voting

A. Each Member Government officially represented at the Conference shall have the right to one vote. The participating territories or groups of territories officially represented at the Conference shall enjoy the prerogatives established under Article 2, Paragraph B.

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Article 9

Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution or by the Conference, decisions shall be considered adopted when they have obtained a majority vote of the delegations present and voting.

Article 6. Voting

B. Motions shall be considered adopted when they have obtained the affirmative vote of a majority of the participating Governments entitled to vote which are represented and voting at the meeting where the vote is taken, except when the Conference may decide otherwise. Any representative may make reservations or abstain from voting.

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Article 10

The Conference shall meet in regular session every two years in the country selected at the preceding meeting and on the date fixed by the Director in consultation with the host Government. This date shall be subject to confirmation by the Executive Committee. As far as possible, an effort shall be made not to hold two successive meetings of the Conference in the same country. If the meeting cannot be held in the country previously selected, the Director shall make the necessary arrangements for the Conference to meet at the seat of the Organization.

Article 7. Meetings

A. The Conference shall normally meet once in four years in the country determined by its immediately preceding meeting, on a date fixed by the host Government after consultation with the Director. No two successive meetings of the Conference shall be held in the same country.

CHAPTER III - THE COUNCIL

Article 10. Meetings

A. The Council shall meet normally at least once each year. Each Government shall pay the expenses of its representative.

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Article 11

Special sessions of the Conference shall be held at the request of the Executive Committee or of a majority of the Members of the Organization. Special sessions shall normally be held at the seat of the Organization. The Director, in consultation with the members of the Executive Committee, shall fix the place and date of the special sessions.

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Article 12

The Director shall convoke all
meetings of the Conference.

CHAPTER IV - THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 12. Functions

The functions of the Executive
Committee shall be:

A. To authorize the Director of
the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to
convoke meetings of the Council.

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Article 13

Sufficiently in advance of the date fixed for the meeting of the Conference, the Government of the country in which the session is to be held shall appoint a committee to cooperate with the Bureau in organizing the meeting.

CHAPTER II - THE CONFERENCE

Article 7. Meetings

B. At least one year in advance of the date of the quadrennial meeting of the Conference, the Government of the country in which the Conference is to meet shall appoint a committee to cooperate with the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in organizing the meeting.

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Article 14

The agenda for the meeting of the Conference shall be prepared by the Director and approved by the Executive Committee. The Conference may adopt additions to or modifications of the agenda in accordance with its rules of procedure.

The Conference shall elect its own officers and shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

Article 7. Meetings

D. The agenda for the meeting of the Conference shall be prepared by the Director and approved in advance by the Executive Committee. The Conference may adopt additions to or modifications of the agenda in accordance with its own rules of procedure.

F. The Conference shall elect its own officers and shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

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B. Powers and Functions

Article 15

The Conference is the supreme governing authority of the Organization.

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Article 4. Functions

A. The Conference shall be the supreme governing authority of the Organization.

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Permanent Committee (1954)

Present Constitution (1947)

Article 16

The Conference shall determine the general policies of the Organization and shall instruct, as deemed proper, the Executive Committee and the Director with respect to any matter within the scope of the Organization.

Article 4. Functions

B. The Conference shall determine the general policies of the Organization, including financial policy, and shall instruct as deemed proper, the Directing Council, the Executive Committee and the Director of the Bureau with respect to any matter within the scope of the Organization.

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Present Constitution (1947)

Article 17

The Conference shall serve as a forum for the interchange of information and ideas relating to health problems of the countries of the Western Hemisphere.

Article 4. Functions

D. The Conference shall serve as a forum for the interchange of information and ideas relating to the prevention of disease, the promotion, preservation and restoration of mental and physical health, and the advancement of socio-medical measures and facilities for the prevention and treatment of physical and mental diseases in the Western Hemisphere.

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Article 18

The Conference shall also:

- (a) review the reports of the
Director;
- (b) review and approve the budget
of the Organization;
- (c) elect the Member States to
serve on the Executive Com-
mittee;
- (d) elect the Director in ac-
cordance with Article 30 of
this Constitution.

Present Constitution (1947)

CHAPTER III - THE COUNCIL

Article 8. Functions

C. The Council shall review the annual reports of the Chairman of the Executive Committee and of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

D. The Council shall review and approve the annual budget of the Organization.

CHAPTER IV - THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 13. Composition

A. The Executive Committee shall be composed of seven Member Governments elected by the Council for overlapping terms of three years. Each of the elected governments shall be entitled to designate one representative to the Executive Committee and in addition as many alternates and advisers as it deems necessary. A Member Government shall not be eligible for re-election to the Executive Committee until one year has elapsed.

CHAPTER II - THE CONFERENCE

Article 4. Functions

E. 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. In case of resignation, incapacity or death of the Director, between meetings of the Conference, the Directing Council shall elect a Director who shall act ad interim.

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Article 19

The Conference may delegate any of its functions to the Executive Committee, except the following:

(a) determination of the general policies of the Organization; (b) approval of the total amount of the budget; (c) the election of the Director; (d) approval of agreements between the Pan American Sanitary Organization and the World Health Organization or the Organization of American States; (e) admission of new Members; (f) determination of the nature and extent of participation of territories; and (g) adoption of amendments to this Constitution.

The Executive Committee shall perform on behalf of the Conference the functions delegated to it by the Conference.

Article 4. Functions

C. The Conference, when it deems necessary, may delegate any of its functions to the Directing Council which will execute them on behalf of the Conference during intervals between meetings of the Conference.

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CHAPTER V - THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. Composition, Voting, Meetings

Article 20

The Executive Committee shall be composed of one representative of each of seven Member States elected by the Conference to act on its behalf. Those States shall be elected for overlapping terms of four years and shall not be eligible for re-election until one year has elapsed.

Each representative may be accompanied by alternates and advisers.

CHAPTER IV - THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 13. Composition

A. The Executive Committee shall be composed of seven Member Governments elected by the Council for overlapping terms of three years. Each of the elected governments shall be entitled to designate one representative to the Executive Committee and in addition as many alternates and advisers as it deems necessary. A Member Government shall not be eligible for reelection to the Executive Committee until one year has elapsed.

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Article 21

Member States which are not represented on the Executive Committee and territories or groups of territories referred to in Article 3 of this Constitution may participate without vote in the meetings of the Executive Committee.

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Article 13. Composition

B. Member Governments not represented on the Executive Committee may, at their own expense, send observers who may, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Executive Committee, participate without vote in the proceedings of the Executive Committee.

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Article 22

The expenses of the representatives of the States Members of the Executive Committee attending its meetings shall be paid by the Bureau except when a meeting is held immediately preceding or immediately following a meeting of the Conference.

Article 14. Meetings

B. The expenses of the representatives to the Executive Committee attending meetings concurrent with, immediately preceding or immediately following those of the Directing Council, shall be borne by Member Governments. Expenses of representatives to other meetings of the Executive Committee, or, in the event that any representative is unable to attend, of an alternate, shall be paid by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

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Article 23

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year. Special sessions shall be called by the Director when he deems them necessary or upon request of at least three Members of the Organization. The Director shall convoke the meetings in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Executive Committee.

Article 14. Meetings

A. The Executive Committee shall meet with due advance notice at least every six months or whenever a meeting is called by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, or upon request of at least three Member Governments. One of these meetings may be held at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Council.

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Permanent Committee (1954)

Present Constitution (1947)

Article 24

The agenda for the meetings of the Executive Committee shall be prepared by the Director and approved by the Executive Committee, which may adopt additions or modifications in accordance with its own rules of procedure.

The Executive Committee shall elect its own officers and shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

Article 15. Officers

At each meeting the Executive Committee shall elect its own officers from among representatives present.

Article 16. Rules of Procedure

The Executive Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

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Article 25

Decisions shall be taken by a
majority vote of the representatives
present and voting, except when the
Executive Committee decides other-
wise.

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Permanent Committee (1954)

B. Functions

Article 26

The functions of the Executive
Committee shall be:

- (a) to perform those functions
delegated to it by the
Conference, and to carry
out the decisions and
policies of the Conference;
- (b) to advise the Conference
on matters referred to it
by that body and on matters
assigned to the Organiza-
tion by conventions, agree-
ments and regulations;
- (c) to submit advice or
proposals to the Conference
on its own initiative;

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CHAPTER III - THE COUNCIL

Article 8. Functions

A. The Council shall perform
those functions delegated to it
by the Conference, shall act on
its behalf between meetings of the
Conference, and shall carry out
the decisions and policies of the
Conference.

CHAPTER IV - THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE

Article 12. Functions

D. To advise the Council
regarding matters referred to
the Executive Committee by that
body, or on its own initiative,
regarding other matters relating
to the activities of the Council
or of the Pan American Sanitary
Bureau.

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- (d) to examine and comment on
the program and budget
prepared by the Director
and, in the year in which
the Conference does not
meet and subject to any
decision of the Conference,
approve the budget within
the limits of the total
amount fixed by that body;
- (e) to approve the provisional
agenda of meetings of the
Conference;
- (f) to submit to the Conference
the annual budget prepared
by the Director, together
with any recommendations
the Executive Committee
may deem advisable;

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CHAPTER IV - THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE

Article 12. Functions

C. To prepare with the co-operation of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau a proposed budget for consideration by the Council.

CHAPTER III - THE COUNCIL

Article 8. Functions

D. The Council shall review and approve the annual budget of the Organization.

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- (g) to perform such other duties
as may be authorized by the
Conference;
- (h) to take emergency measures
within the scope and
financial resources of the
Organization to deal with
events requiring immediate
action.

Present Constitution (1947)

CHAPTER IV - THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE

Article 12. Functions

E. To carry out such other
duties as may be authorized by
the Council.

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CHAPTER VI - THE PAN AMERICAN
SANITARY BUREAU

Article 27

The duties and functions of the Bureau shall be those specified in the Pan American Sanitary Code, and such other functions as may be assigned to the Bureau by the Conference, or by the Executive Committee acting pursuant to Article 26 of this Constitution.

CHAPTER V - THE PAN AMERICAN
SANITARY BUREAU

Article 17. Functions

The duties and functions of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall be those specified in the Pan American Sanitary Code, and those which are assigned in the future by the Conference or the Council in fulfillment of the purposes expressed in Article 1 of this Constitution.

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Article 28

The Bureau shall have a Director, an Assistant Director, an Executive Secretary, and such technical and administrative staff as the Organization may require.

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Article 18. Administration

A. The Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall have a Director designated in accordance with the provisions of Article 4, paragraph E. In the event of the resignation, incapacity or death of the Director, the Assistant Director shall assume his duties until the next meeting of the Council.

B. The Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall have an Assistant Director and a Secretary General appointed by the Director with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Director shall also appoint all other personnel of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau. All appointments shall be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Council. These Rules and Regulations shall specify the conditions governing the selection of personnel competent to carry out the duties entrusted to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau. Whenever possible, the widest geographic distribution shall be followed in regard to the recruiting of the personnel.

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Article 29

The Director shall be the chief
technical and administrative
officer of the Organization and
shall be the legal representative
thereof.

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Permanent Committee (1954)

Article 30

The Director shall be elected by the Conference by a two-thirds majority of the delegations present and voting, to serve on such terms as the Conference may determine. In case of resignation, incapacity or death of the Director, the Assistant Director shall act as Director ad interim until the next Conference.

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CHAPTER II - THE CONFERENCE

Article 4. Functions

E. 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. In case of resignation, incapacity or death of the Director, between meetings of the Conference, the Directing Council shall elect a Director who shall act ad interim.

CHAPTER V - THE PAN AMERICAN
SANITARY BUREAU

Article 18. Administration

A. The Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall have a Director designated in accordance with the provisions of Article 4, paragraph E. In the event of the resignation, incapacity or death of the Director, the Assistant Director shall assume his duties until the next meeting of the Council.

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Present Constitution (1947)

Article 31

The Director shall appoint the Assistant Director and the Executive Secretary with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Director shall also appoint all other personnel of the Bureau in accordance with the staff regulations adopted by the Organization.

Article 18. Administration

B. The Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall have an Assistant Director and a Secretary General appointed by the Director with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Director shall also appoint all other personnel of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau. All appointments shall be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations adopted by the Council. These Rules and Regulations shall specify the conditions governing the selection of personnel competent to carry out the duties entrusted to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau. Whenever possible, the widest geographic distribution shall be followed in regard to the recruiting of the personnel.

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Article 32

The Director shall have the right to participate in Meetings of the Conference and of the Executive Committee with voice but without vote.

CHAPTER III - THE COUNCIL

Article 9. Composition

D. The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall be an ex officio member of the Council without the right to vote.

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Article 33

The Executive Secretary shall be Secretary ex officio of the Conference, of the Executive Committee, of all the committees of the Organization and of conferences convened by it. He may, with the concurrence of the Director, delegate these functions.

Article 9. Composition

D. The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall be an ex officio member of the Council without the right to vote.

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Article 34

The Director shall prepare and submit annually to the Executive Committee the financial statements and budget estimates of the Organization.

CHAPTER IV - THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 12. Functions

C. To prepare with the cooperation of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau a proposed budget for consideration by the Council.

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Article 35

The Director shall submit an annual report on the work of the Organization to the Executive Committee for transmittal to the Conference.

CHAPTER III - THE COUNCIL

Article 8. Functions

C. The Council shall review the annual reports of the Chairman of the Executive Committee and of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

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Present Constitution (1947)

Article 36

The Director may make suitable arrangements for consultation and cooperation with other organizations having interest in or relation to public health, subject to confirmation by the Conference.

CHAPTER VII - RELATIONS

Article 23

The Council may make suitable arrangements for consultation and cooperation with other organizations having interest in or relation to public health, and to this end may conclude special agreements with such organizations.

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Article 35

The Director shall submit an annual report on the work of the Organization to the Executive Committee for transmittal to the Conference.

CHAPTER III - THE COUNCIL

Article 8. Functions

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Article 36

The Director may make suitable arrangements for consultation and cooperation with other organizations having interest in or relation to public health, subject to confirmation by the Conference.

CHAPTER VII - RELATIONS

Article 23

The Council may make suitable arrangements for consultation and cooperation with other organizations having interest in or relation to public health, and to this end may conclude special agreements with such organizations.

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Article 37

(a) No member of the staff of the Bureau may act as a representative of any Government.

(b) In the performance of their duties, the Director and all personnel of the Bureau shall not seek nor receive instructions from any Government or from any authority external to the Organization.

They shall refrain from any action which is incompatible with their position as international officers.

Each Government, on its part, shall respect the exclusively international character of the Director and the personnel and shall not seek to influence them.

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CHAPTER V - THE PAN AMERICAN
SANITARY BUREAU

Article 19. International Character
of the Personnel

A. No member of the staff of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau may act as a representative of any Government.

B. In the performance of their duties, the Director and all personnel of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall not seek nor receive instructions from any government or from any authority external to the Pan American Sanitary Organization. They shall refrain from any action which is incompatible with their position as International Officers. Each Member Government on its part, shall undertake to respect the exclusively international character of the Director and the personnel and shall not seek to influence them.

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CHAPTER VII - TECHNICAL
COMMISSIONS

Article 38

The Director shall appoint
such technical commissions as are
authorized by the Conference or the
Executive Committee.

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Article 20. Technical Commissions

The Director of the Pan American
Sanitary Bureau may appoint such
permanent technical commissions
as are authorized by the Confer-
ence or the Council, as well as
such non-permanent technical
commissions as are authorized by
the Conference, by the Council,
or by the Executive Committee.

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CHAPTER VIII - RELATIONS

Article 39

(a) The relations between the Pan American Sanitary Organization and the World Health Organization, and the relations between the Pan American Sanitary Organization and the Organization of American States shall be governed by the agreements which have been concluded in accordance with the Constitution of the World Health Organization and the Charter of the Organization of American States, respectively.

(b) Any new agreement or any revision of the present agreement of 24 May 1949 between the Pan American Sanitary Organization and the World Health Organization, and any new agreement or any revision of the present agreement of 23 May 1950 between the Pan

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American Sanitary Organization and
the Organization of American States,
shall require a two-thirds vote
of the Members of the Organiza-
tion represented at the Conference.
Proposals concerning any such
agreement or revision shall be
submitted to the Members at least
three months in advance of the
Conference.

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CHAPTER IX - FINANCIAL
PROVISIONS

Article 40

The Member States shall make annual financial contributions to the Organization apportioned among the members on the same basis as are the expenses of the Pan American Union, in accordance with Article 60 of the Pan American Sanitary Code (Havana, 1924).

CHAPTER VI - BUDGET

Article 21. Financial obligations
of the Governments

A. The Pan American Sanitary Organization shall be financed by contributions from Member Governments.

B. Each Member Government, after approval of the quota determined by the Council, shall make its regular annual contribution.

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Article 41

The Member States may make contributions for general expenses and extraordinary contributions for specific purposes in addition to their regular annual quota contributions.

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Article 21. Financial obligations
of the Governments

C. Member Governments may make contributions for general expenses and extraordinary contributions for specific purposes, in addition to their regular annual quota contributions.

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Article 42

The territories that participate in the Organization in accordance with Article 3 shall make financial contributions to the Organization on the basis established by the Conference.

Article 21. Financial obligations
of the Governments

D. The non-self-governing territories that participate in the Organization may contribute on the same terms established for the Member Governments.

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Article 43

The Conference or the Executive Committee may accept donations and bequests made to the Organization, provided that the conditions attached to such donations or bequests are consistent with the purposes and **policies** of the Organization. Those donations or bequests which do not require financial or other obligations on the part of the Organization may be accepted by the Director.

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Article 22. Donations

The Council, the Executive Committee or the Director may accept and administer donations and bequests made to the Organization provided that any conditions attached to such donations or bequests are consistent with the purposes and policies of the Organization.

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CHAPTER X - REVISION OF THE
PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CODE

Article 44

(a) Any Member of the Organization or the Director may propose revisions and amendments to the Pan American Sanitary Code for consideration by the Conference.

(b) The revisions and amendments that are approved by the Conference by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting shall be submitted to the Members of the Organization for appropriate action.

CHAPTER VIII - MODIFICATIONS

Article 24. Revisions of the
Pan American Sanitary Code

A. The Director of the Bureau shall prepare periodic revisions of the Pan American Sanitary Code in accordance with general needs and policies determined by the Conference or the Council.

B. Such revisions shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee and submitted to the Conference or Council for approval.

C. Such revisions shall be submitted to participating Governments for appropriate action as recommendations of the Conference, or the Council.

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CHAPTER XI - AMENDMENTS

Article 45

Texts of proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be communicated by the Director to the Members of the Organization at least three months in advance of their consideration by the Conference. Amendments shall come into force for all Members when adopted by the Conference by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting.

Article 25. Amendments to the
Constitution

The Conference or the Directing Council may approve and put into force, in accordance with policies which they may determine, amendments to this Constitution.

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CHAPTER XII - INTERPRETATION

Article 46

The Members of the Organiza-
tion, at the Conference, shall
decide any question or dispute
concerning the interpretation or
application of this Constitution.

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CHAPTER XIII - ENTRY INTO FORCE

Article 47

This Constitution shall enter into force _____ days after its approval by the Conference by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting.

CHAPTER IX - VALIDITY

Article 26. Entry into Force

A. This Constitution shall enter into force when approved by the Council.

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Article 18

Resolutions, decisions and actions previously adopted by the organs of the Organization which are in effect when this Constitution is adopted shall continue in force insofar as they are consistent with the provisions of this Constitution, subject to any subsequent actions which the Organization may take.

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Article 49

The present Constitution shall,
upon its entry into force, replace
the Constitution of the Pan American
Sanitary Organization approved in
October 1947 at Buenos Aires.

Article 26. Entry into Force

B. The previous Constitution is
hereby revoked.