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## **FINAL ACT OF THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE, VI MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE AMERICAS OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION**

The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference was held in Santiago, Chile, pursuant to Resolution XXV, approved at the VII Meeting of the Directing Council, which accepted the invitation extended by the Government of Chile. The Government of Chile and the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, by common accord, set 7 - 22 October 1954 as the dates of the Conference.

The Director of the Bureau sent the letters of convocation, in compliance with Article 7 of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, and the Government of Chile transmitted invitations to the Member Governments of the Organization to send representatives to the Conference.

### **PRELIMINARY SESSION**

The Preliminary Session, at which the Chiefs of Delegations discussed general matters and questions of protocol relating to the Conference, was held on 6 October 1954.

### **INAUGURAL SESSION**

The Inaugural Session was held in the "Salón de Honor" of the National Congress on Thursday, 7 October, at 11:00 a.m.

His Excellency Carlos Ibáñez del Campo, President of the Republic of Chile, delivered the opening address of the Conference. Dr. Ignacio Morones Prieto, Minister of Public Health and Welfare of Mexico, replied on behalf of the delegations. Addresses were also delivered by Dr. M. G. Candau, Director-General of the World Health Organization, and Dr. Fred L. Soper, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

### **RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE CONFERENCE**

At the First Plenary Session, held 8 October, the Proposed Rules of Procedure suggested by the Executive Committee at its 22nd Meeting (Resolution VII), and appearing as Annex I of Document CE22/11, were adopted for the Conference.

### **PRECEDENCE**

The order of precedence of the delegations was determined by lot, as follows:

1. Colombia 2. Costa Rica 3. United States of America 4. Dominican Republic 5. Venezuela 6. Argentina 7. Uruguay 8. El Salvador 9. Ecuador 10. Haiti 11. Mexico 12. Nicaragua 13. Netherlands 14. France 15. Panama 16. Chile 17. Cuba 18. Guatemala 19. Peru 20. Bolivia 21. Brazil 22. United Kingdom 23. Paraguay.

### COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

In accordance with Article 32 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, three delegates representing Mexico, Panama, and Chile were appointed as the Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials chose Dr. Alberto Bissot, Jr. (Panama) as Chairman and Dr. Jorge Torreblanca (Chile) as Rapporteur, the remaining member being Dr. José Zozaya (Mexico).

The Committee met on 8 and 11 October to examine the credentials presented by the delegations and considered as duly accredited to the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference the following:

### DELEGATIONS

Colombia:	Dr. Bernardo Henao Mejía	Chief of Delegation
	Dr. Jorge Jiménez Gándica	Delegate
	Dr. Gonzalo Montes Duque	Delegate
	Dr. Andrés Rodríguez Gómez	Alternate
	Dr. Marcos L. Villegas	Adviser
	Dr. Jaime Escallón	Adviser
Costa Rica:	Dr. Oscar Vargas Méndez	Chief of Delegation
	Dr. Fernando Escalante Pradilla	Delegate
	Dr. Jorge Salas Cordero	Delegate
	Miss Elena Quesada Saborío	Alternate
	Miss Graciela Carrillo Castro	Alternate
	Mr. Germán Sojo Arias	Alternate
United States of America:	Dr. W. Palmer Dearing	Chief of Delegation
	Dr. Frederick J. Brady	Delegate
	Mr. Howard B. Calderwood	Delegate
	Dr. Roy Anduze	Adviser
	Mr. William Belton	Adviser
	Dr. E. Ross Jenney	Adviser
	Dr. Juan A. Pons	Adviser
	Mr. Walter W. Sohl, Jr.	Adviser
	Miss Demetra Panagos	Member of Staff
	Miss Dorothy A. Schmidt	Member of Staff

Dominican Republic:	Dr. Ramón Bergés Santana	Chief of Delegation
	Dr. Hipólito Sánchez Báez	Delegate
	Mr. Franz Baehr, Jr.	Delegate
Venezuela:	Dr. Daniel Orellana	Chief of Delegation
	Dr. Darío Curiel	Delegate
	Dr. Pastor Oropeza	Delegate
	Dr. Arnoldo Gabaldón	Alternate
	Dr. Santiago Ruesta M.	Adviser
Argentina:	Dr. Raúl C. Bevacqua	Chief of Delegation
	Dr. Gerardo Segura	Alternate Chief
	Dr. Francisco J. Martone	Delegate
	Dr. Antonio Delio Kraly	Delegate
	Dr. Waldemar T. Wilde	Adviser
	Dr. Luis Alfredo Uslenghi	Adviser
	Dr. Angel Forte	Adviser
	Dr. Juan Carlos Costa	Adviser
	Mr. Orlando V. Fagioli	Adviser
	Mr. Osvaldo Piñero	Adviser
	Mr. Carlos Torres Gigena	Adviser
Uruguay:	Dr. Ricardo Cappeletti	Chief of Delegation
El Salvador:	Dr. Juan Allwood Paredes	Chief of Delegation
	Dr. Alberto Aguilar Rivas	Delegate
Ecuador:	Dr. Carlos Grunauer Toledo	Chief of Delegation
	Dr. Juan Montalván Cornejo	Delegate
	Mr. Armando Espinel Elizalde	Secretary of Delegation
Haiti:	Dr. Lucien Pierre Noël	Chief of Delegation
	Dr. Richard Nemorin	Delegate
Mexico:	Dr. Ignacio Morones Prieto	Chief of Delegation
	Dr. Manuel E. Pesqueira	Delegate
	Dr. José Zozaya	Delegate
	Dr. Luis Vásquez Campos	Adviser
	Dr. Miguel A. Bravo Becherelle	Adviser
Nicaragua:	Dr. Leonardo Somarriba	Chief of Delegation
	Dr. Manuel Antonio Sánchez Vigil	Alternate
	Dr. Alejandro Robleto Pérez	Adviser
Netherlands:	Dr. Nicolaas H. Swellengrebel	Chief of Delegation
	Dr. E. Van der Kuyp	Delegate
	Dr. G. E. van Beek	Delegate

France:	Dr. R. G. Hyronimus	Chief of Delegation
	Dr. Hervé Floch	Delegate
	Dr. Bonamour	Alternate
	Mr. Pierre Carraud	Alternate
Panama:	Mr. René Crouy-Chanel	Alternate
	Dr. Alberto Bissot, Jr.	Chief of Delegation
Chile:	Dr. Sergio Altamirano P.	Chief of Delegation
	Dr. Guillermo Valenzuela	
	Lavin	Delegate
	Dr. Abraham Horwitz B.	Delegate
	Dr. Jorge Torreblanca D.	Alternate
	Dr. Waldemar Coutts	Alternate
	Dr. Oscar Jiménez Pinochet	Alternate
	Dr. Alejandro Garretón Silva	Adviser
	Dr. Eduardo Cruz Coke	Adviser
	Dr. Benjamín Viel Vicuña	Adviser
	Dr. Amador Neghme R.	Adviser
	Dr. Nacianceno Romero y O.	Adviser
	Dr. Roberto Muñoz U.	Adviser
	Dr. Marcos Charnes W.	Adviser
	Dr. Hernán Romero	Adviser
	Mr. Guillermo Torres O.	Adviser
	Mr. Enrique Gómez	Adviser
	Mr. René Sotomayor Díaz	Adviser
	Dr. Hugo Behm	Adviser
	Dr. Teodoro Zenteno	Adviser
	Dr. Jerjes Vildósola	Adviser
	Dr. Arturo Scroggie	Adviser
	Dr. Aníbal Ariztía	Adviser
	Dr. Adalberto Steeger	Adviser
	Dr. Arturo Baeza	Adviser
	Dr. Francisco Mardones	Adviser
	Dr. Carlos Allende Gaete	Adviser
	Dr. Avogadro Aguilera	Adviser
	Dr. Sergio Ibáñez	Adviser
	Dr. Alfredo Taborga	Adviser
	Dr. Rolando Armijo	Adviser
	Dr. Jorge Bravo Murphy	Adviser
	Dr. Jorge Román	Adviser
	Dr. Guillermo Adriasola	Adviser
	Dr. Raúl Ortega	Adviser
	Mr. Mario Rodríguez	
	Altamirano	Adviser
Cuba:	Dr. Félix Hurtado	Chief of Delegation
	Dr. Alberto Recio y Forns	Delegate
	Dr. Pedro Nogueira Rivero	Delegate
	Dr. Roberto Villa León	Alternate



Guatemala:	Dr. José Fajardo	Delegate
	Mr. Humberto Olivero, Jr.	Delegate
Peru:	Dr. Armando Montes de Peralta	Chief of Delegation
	Dr. Carlos Lazarte Echegaray	Delegate
Bolivia:	Dr. Jorge Doria Medina	Chief of Delegation
	Dr. Antonio Brown L.	Delegate
Brazil:	Dr. Henrique Rodrigues Valle	Delegate
	Dr. Frederico Carlos Carnauba	Adviser
United Kingdom:	Dr. J. W. P. Harkness	Chief of Delegation
	Dr. L. W. Fitzmaurice	Delegate
Paraguay:	Dr. A. A. Peat	Delegate
	Dr. J. P. O'Mahony	Alternate
	Dr. Enrique Zacarías Arza	Chief of Delegation
	Dr. Claudio Prieto	Delegate
	Dr. Julio Martínez Quevedo	Delegate
	Dr. Antonio Menna	Alternate
	Dr. J. R. Casal	Alternate

## OFFICIAL OBSERVER

Canada: Mr. Hector Theodore W. Blockley.

## WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Dr. M. G. Candau, Director-General.

## PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

Dr. Fred L. Soper, Director (member *ex officio*); Dr. Carlos L. González, Assistant Director; Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante, Secretary General; Mr. Harry A. Hinderer, Chief, Division of Administration; Dr. Myron E. Wegman, Chief, Division of Education and Training; and Dr. Emilio Budnik, Representative, Zone VI.

## OBSERVERS

## Organization of American States

Dr. Francisco de Abrisqueta and Dr. Tulo Montenegro.

## United Nations and Specialized Agencies

## United Nations:

Miss Laura Vergara and Dr. Octavio Cabello.

## Food and Agriculture Organization:

Dr. Arturo Vergara.

**International Labour Organization:**

Mr. Moisés Poblete Troncoso.

**United Nations International Children's Fund:**

Mr. Robert L. Davée.

**Nongovernmental Organizations**

American College of Chest Physicians: Professor H. Orrego Puelma.

International Council of Nurses: Miss Rebeca Torrealba Gómez.

International League against Rheumatism: Dr. Manuel L. Losada.

International Society for the Welfare of Cripples: Dr. José Perroni.

International Union against Cancer: Professor Alberto Rahausen.

International Union against the Venereal Diseases and the Treponematoses: Mrs. Philip Riley.

League of Red Cross Societies: General Agustín Inostroza Pérez.

Pan American Medical Confederation: Dr. Héctor Rodríguez Hernández.

Rockefeller Foundation: Dr. Robert B. Watson, Dr. John N. Weir, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Tennant.

World Federation for Mental Health: Dr. Carlos Nassar.

World Medical Association: Dr. Héctor Rodríguez Hernández.

**HONORARY PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS**

The Conference unanimously designated as Honorary President of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference His Excellency Carlos Ibáñez del Campo, President of the Republic of Chile, and as Honorary Vice-Presidents, the Ministers of Public Health of the Member Governments of the Organization.

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS**

At the First Plenary Session, the Conference unanimously elected Dr. Sergio Altamirano P., Minister of Public Health and Welfare of Chile, as President of the Conference.

Dr. W. Palmer Dearing, Delegate of the United States, and Dr. Oscar Vargas Méndez, Delegate of Costa Rica, were elected Vice-Presidents of the Conference.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MAIN COMMITTEES**

At the Second Plenary Session, held 8 October, the following main committees were established: (a) Committee I, on Technical Matters; (b) Committee II, on Administration, Finance, and Legal Matters; and (c) the General Committee.

Dr. Juan Montalván Cornejo, Delegate of Ecuador, and Dr. Félix Hurtado, Delegate of Cuba, were unanimously appointed Chairmen of Committee I and Committee II, respectively.

Dr. José Zozaya, Delegate of Mexico, and Dr. Gerardo Segura, Delegate of Argentina, were appointed members of the General Committee.

The membership of the main committees was as follows:

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## GENERAL COMMITTEE

<b>Chairman:</b>	Dr. Sergio Altamirano P.	Chile
<b>Vice-Chairmen:</b>	Dr. W. Palmer Dearing	United States
	Dr. Oscar Vargas Méndez	Costa Rica
<b>Members:</b>	Dr. Juan Montalván	
	Cornejo	Ecuador
	Dr. Félix Hurtado	Cuba
	Dr. José Zozaya	Mexico
	Dr. Gerardo Segura	Argentina
<b>Ex Officio</b>		
<b>Member:</b>	Dr. Fred L. Soper	Director, Pan American Sanitary Bureau
<b>Secretary:</b>	Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante	Secretary General, Pan American Sanitary Bureau

## COMMITTEE I

<b>Chairman:</b>	Dr. Juan Montalván	
	Cornejo	Ecuador
<b>Vice-Chairman:</b>	Dr. Ricardo Cappeletti	Uruguay
<b>Rapporteur:</b>	Dr. Abraham Horwitz B.	Chile
<b>Secretary:</b>	Dr. Emilio Budnik	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

## COMMITTEE II

<b>Chairman:</b>	Dr. Félix Hurtado	Cuba
<b>Vice-Chairman:</b>	Dr. José Fajardo	Guatemala
<b>Rapporteur:</b>	Dr. José Zozaya	Mexico
<b>Secretary:</b>	Mr. Harry A. Hinderer	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

## AGENDA

The following agenda was approved:

Topic Number	Title	Document Number
1	Inauguration of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference.	
2	Adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Pan American Sanitary Conference	CSP14/3 CE22/11 and Addendum I
3	Election of the Committee on Credentials	
4	Establishment, by Lot, of the Order of Precedence of the Delegations	CSP14/45

Topic Number	Title	Document Number
5	Election of President and two Vice-Presidents	
6	Establishment of the General Committee	
7	Adoption of the Agenda	CSP14/1, Rev. 2 and Addendum I
8	Adoption of Program of Sessions	CSP14/2 CE22/13
9	Annual Report of the Chairman of the Executive Committee	CSP14/25
10	Reports of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau:	
	A. Annual Report of the Director for 1953	CSP14/4
	B. Four-Year Report of the Director	CSP14/5
11	Technical Discussions:	
	A. Reports of the Member States on Public Health Conditions and Progress Achieved during the Period between the XIII and XIV Pan American Sanitary Conferences	CSP14/17
	B. Discussion of the Topics Selected by the Executive Committee:	
	(i) Methods of Improving the Reliability of Raw Statistical Data Required for Health Programs	CSP14/26 CSP14/69, Rev. 1 and Corrigendum I
	(ii) Control of Infant Diarrheas in the Light of Recent Scientific Progress	CSP14/27 and Addenda I and II CSP14/66
	(iii) Application of Health Education Methods in Rural Areas in Latin America	CSP14/28 CSP14/65
12	Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1955	CSP14/19 CE22/47, Rev. 1
13	Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, and Summary of the Pro-	CSP14/29 and Add. I CE23/2 CE23/13

Topic Number	Title	Document Number
	posed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1956	CSP14/77 CSP14/89
14	Future Form of Presentation of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau	CSP14/30 CE23/3
15	Revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization	CSP14/18 CSP14/78
	Membership and Associate Membership in the Organization	CSP14/38
	(Proposal of the Government of Cuba)	
	Change in the Names of the Organization, the Conference, and the Bureau; and Change in the Composition and Meetings of the Executive Committee (Articles 13 and 14 of the present Constitution)	CSP14/39
	(Proposal of the Government of Cuba)	
16	Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for 1953	CSP14/6 CE22/4
17	Report on the Financial Participation of France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom on Behalf of their Territories in the Region of the Americas, in the Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Organization	CSP14/16 CE22/12
18	Status of the Collection of Quota Contributions	CSP14/31 and Corrigendum I
19	Utilization of Surplus Funds for 1953	CSP14/14 CE22/17
20	Report of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations	CSP14/8 CE22/10
21	Report on the Revision of the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau as Confirmed by the 22nd Meeting of the Executive Committee	CSP14/12 CE22/5 CE22/37
22	Report on the Program of Economies and Decentralization of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau	CSP14/32 CE23/5

Topic Number	Title	Document Number
23	Relations between the Pan American Sanitary Organization and Nongovernmental Organizations	CSP14/7
24	Treponematoses: General Basis for the Establishment of an Epidemiological Campaign (Proposal of the Government of Chile)	CSP14/33 CSP14/88
25	Unification of Action in Public Health Programs in the Region of the Americas	CSP14/34 CE22/16
26	Selection of Topics for Technical Discussions during the VIII Meeting of the Directing Council, VII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization (1955)	CSP14/11
27	Election of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and Nomination of the Regional Director for the Americas of the World Health Organization	CSP14/9
28	Election of Two Member Countries to Fill the Vacancies on the Executive Committee Created by the Termination of the Periods of Office of Ecuador and Mexico	CSP14/10
29	Place and Date of the XV Pan American Sanitary Conference	CSP14/23, Rev. 1
30	Stipends Paid to Recipients of Fellowships from the Pan American Sanitary Bureau	CSP14/35 CE23/6
31	Working Capital Fund	CSP14/15
32	Eradication of Malaria in the Americas	CSP14/36 CSP14/81 and Addenda I and II CSP14/82 Corrigendum
33	Reimbursement of Travel Expenses of Representatives to Regional Committee Meetings	CSP14/13

Topic Number	Title	Document Number
34	Modification in the 1955 Program and Budget of the World Health Organization	CSP14/37
35	Technical Assistance Program for 1955	CSP14/21 CSP14/90
36	Environmental Sanitation	CSP14/22
37	Organization of a Service Unit in Mexico City during the VIII World Health Assembly (Topic proposed by the Government of Cuba)	CSP14/20
38	Inter-American Congress of Public Health (Topic proposed by the Government of Cuba)	CSP14/24
39	Emergency Revolving Fund	CSP14/40 CE23/8 CSP14/59
40	Functions of the Executive Committee in the Preparation of Pan American Sanitary Conferences (Proposal of the Executive Committee, Resolution IX of the 23rd Meeting)	CSP14/42

The Conference agreed, at the Tenth Plenary Session, not to adopt any resolution on Topic 25, Unification of Action in Public Health Programs in the Region of the Americas (Document CSP14/34), or on Topic 35, Technical Assistance Program for 1955 (Document CSP14/21). It decided that the draft resolution on this last topic (Document CSP14/90), presented by the Working Party appointed at the Ninth Plenary Session and composed of the Delegates of the United States, Uruguay, Ecuador, and Cuba, should be included in the Proceedings of the Conference.

#### PROGRAM OF SESSIONS

The program of sessions was approved, with such changes as the General Committee considered necessary for the coordination of the work of the Conference.

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, in compliance with Resolution IV, adopted by the Executive Committee at its 22nd

Meeting, organized the Secretariat as provided in the draft program of sessions (Document CSP14/2). The Secretariat comprised seven services, under the Secretary of the Conference, Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante, and his assistant, Mr. Guillermo A. Suro: minutes, Spanish translation, and Journal of the Conference; documents and English translation; simultaneous interpretation; library; information; press; and administrative services.

### TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

Committee I established five Working Parties.

Working Party A was charged with the study of methods of improving the reliability of raw statistical data required for health programs. Dr. Darío Curiel (Venezuela) was named Moderator, and Dr. Hugo Behm (Chile), Rapporteur; Dr. Ruth R. Puffer (Pan American Sanitary Bureau) served as Secretary. The introductory statement was by Dr. Enrique Pereda, Chief, Subdepartment of Statistics, National Health Service of Chile.

Working Party B studied the control of infant diarrheas in the light of recent scientific progress. Dr. Juan Allwood Paredes (El Salvador) was named Moderator; Dr. Adalberto Steeger (Chile), Rapporteur; and Dr. Myron E. Wegman (Pan American Sanitary Bureau), Secretary. The introductory statement was by Dr. Albert V. Hardy, Director, Bureau of Laboratories of the Florida State Board of Health, United States.

Working Party C dealt with the application of health education methods in rural areas in Latin America. Dr. Carlos Grunauer Toledo (Ecuador) was named Moderator; Miss Graciela Carrillo Castro (Costa Rica), Rapporteur; and Dr. Rigoberto Ríos Castro (Pan American Sanitary Bureau), Secretary. The introductory statement was by Miss María Zaldondo, of the Bureau of Health Education, Department of Health of Puerto Rico.

Working Party D studied the topic concerning eradication of malaria in the Americas. Dr. Nicolaas H. Swellengrebel (Netherlands) acted as Moderator, and Dr. Arnoldo Gabaldón (Venezuela), as Rapporteur. Dr. C. A. Alvarado (Pan American Sanitary Bureau) presented a report on the status of the antimalaria campaign in the Americas. The Working Party established a Drafting Committee composed of Dr. Oscar Vargas Méndez (Costa Rica), Dr. Juan Montalván Cornejo (Ecuador), Dr. Hervé Floch (France), and the Rapporteur. Dr. E. J. Pampana, of the World Health Organization, and Dr. C. A. Alvarado (Pan American Sanitary Bureau) cooperated in the work of this Committee.

Working Party E was established to study the treponematoses. Dr. Waldemar E. Coutts (Chile), who presented a paper on the general basis for the establishment of an epidemiological campaign, was



named Moderator, and Dr. Alberto Bissot, Jr. (Panama), Rapporteur. Dr. Santiago Ruesta M. (Venezuela) and Dr. Francisco J. Martone (Argentina) were also members of the Working Party.

## REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION

Committee II established a Working Party to examine the Final Report of the Permanent Committee on Revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization and the Revised Draft Constitution (Document CSP14/18 and Annex A) prepared by that Committee. Dr. Gerardo Segura (Argentina) was elected Chairman of the Working Party, and Dr. Frederico C. Carnauba (Brazil), Rapporteur. Mr. Howard B. Calderwood (United States), Dr. Hipólito Sánchez Báez (Dominican Republic), Dr. José Zozaya (Mexico), and Dr. Abraham Horwitz B. (Chile) were also members of the Working Party.

## FOUR-YEAR REPORTS OF THE MEMBER STATES

All the Member States presented four-year reports on public health conditions and the progress achieved during the period between the XIII and XIV Pan American Sanitary Conferences. These reports were distributed by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau prior to the Conference.

In addition, the Bureau prepared and included in the Conference documents a summary of the statistical data that appeared in those reports, with a view to facilitating the study of the main problems of public health in the Americas.

Finally, the delegations presented at plenary sessions of the Conference summaries of the reports of their respective countries, in the following order: Colombia, Costa Rica, Venezuela, the Dominican Republic, Argentina, Uruguay, El Salvador, Ecuador, Haiti, France, the Netherlands, Panama, Chile, Guatemala, Peru, Bolivia, the United Kingdom, Paraguay, the United States, Cuba, and Nicaragua.

## SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

The Conference held an inaugural session and ten plenary sessions; there were two sessions of the Committee on Credentials, ten sessions of the General Committee, six sessions of Committee I, eight sessions of Committee II, and two joint sessions of Committees I and II.

The closing session was held on 22 October 1954.

## RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

The Conference approved, in plenary session, the following resolutions:

CSP14.R1 EN RESOLUTION I

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined the annual report of the Executive Committee, presented by Dr. Gerardo Segura, Delegate of Argentina and Chairman of the 22nd Meeting of that Committee,

## RESOLVES:

To approve the annual report of the Executive Committee and express its satisfaction at the work accomplished.

CSP14.R2 EN RESOLUTION II

## REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined the annual report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1953 and his four-year report on the activities of the Pan American Sanitary Organization during the period between the XIII (1950) and the XIV (1954) Pan American Sanitary Conferences,

## RESOLVES:

To approve the annual report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Regional Office of the World Health Organization for the Americas, for 1953, and the report of the Director to the Member Governments of the Pan American Sanitary Organization. January 1950-December 1953, congratulating him on the effective work accomplished and the form of presentation of the reports, and extending the congratulations to the staff of the Bureau.

CSP14.R3 EN RESOLUTION IIIFINANCIAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR AND REPORT OF THE  
EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 1953

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having studied the Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for 1953 (Document CE22/4); and

Noting that the Executive Committee approved the aforesaid reports at its 22nd Meeting,

## RESOLVES:

1. To approve the Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for 1953.

2. To congratulate the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and his associates on the manner in which the reports were presented.

CSP14.R4 EN RESOLUTION IVREPORT OF THE PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON  
BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having studied the report of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations (Document CE22/10); and

Noting the action taken by the Executive Committee on this subject at its 22nd Meeting,

## RESOLVES:

1. To approve the action taken by the Permanent Subcommittee.

2. To express its appreciation to the members of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations, who will continue to give collaboration to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

CSP14.R5 EN RESOLUTION VREVISION OF THE STAFF RULES OF THE  
PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Considering the action taken by the Executive Committee at its 22nd Meeting regarding the revised Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;

Having been informed that the Seventh World Health Assembly made no changes in the revision of its Staff Rules;

Noting that, in accordance with the instructions contained in the first paragraph of Resolution XVIII adopted by the Executive Committee at its 22nd Meeting, the Director put the revised Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau into effect on 1 June 1954, the date on which those of the World Health Organization came into force; and

Considering that Article 12.2 of the Staff Regulations of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau provides that "the Director shall report annually to the Directing Council such staff rules and amendments thereto as he may make to implement these regulations after confirmation by the Executive Committee",

RESOLVES:

To take note of the adoption of the revised Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CE22/5, Annex A) as recommended by the Director and confirmed by the Executive Committee at its 22nd Meeting.

CSP14.R6 EN RESOLUTION VI

WORKING CAPITAL FUND

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Considering the previous decisions of the Directing Council and the recommendations of the Director and the External Auditor that an amount of \$ 1,200,000 is sufficient to carry out the purposes of the Working Capital Fund;

In view of the Financial Regulations, which stipulate that the Working Capital Fund shall be established in an amount and for the purpose to be determined from time to time by the Directing Council; and

Considering the recommendation of the 22nd Meeting of the Executive Committee,

RESOLVES:

To establish the level of the Working Capital Fund at \$ 1,200,000 until such time as the budgetary position of the Bureau warrants a change.

CSP14.R7 EN RESOLUTION VIIREIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENSES OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TO REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having reviewed the action taken by the Seventh World Health Assembly on the subjects: "Sessions of Regional Committees at Regional Headquarters" and "Payment of Travel Expenses of Representatives to Sessions of the Regional Committees" (Resolutions WHA7.26 and WHA7.27, respectively),

## RESOLVES:

To take note of the decision taken by the Seventh World Health Assembly to the effect that the travel expenses of Representatives to Regional Committee Meetings shall not be reimbursed by the Organization.

CSP14.R8 EN RESOLUTION VIIIEXPENDITURE FROM THE EMERGENCY REVOLVING FUND  
IN CONNECTION WITH A FLOOD DISASTER IN A  
MEMBER COUNTRY

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

## RESOLVES:

To take note of Resolution II adopted by the Executive Committee at its 23rd Meeting, approving the expenditure of \$ 4,661.97 from the Emergency Revolving Fund in connection with the flood disaster in a Member Country and authorizing the Director to reimburse the Fund in that amount from the general funds of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for the year 1954.

CSP14.R9 EN RESOLUTION IXFINANCIAL PARTICIPATION OF FRANCE, THE NETHERLANDS,  
AND THE UNITED KINGDOM, ON BEHALF OF THEIR TERRITORIES  
IN THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS, IN THE BUDGET OF  
THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having noted the provisions of Resolution XL of the V Meeting of the Directing Council; and

Considering the report (Document CE22/12) submitted by the Director to the 22nd Meeting of the Executive Committee, pursuant to the aforesaid resolution, and the decision of the said Committee on this matter (Resolution XIII),

## RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the financial participation of France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom, on behalf of their territories in the Region of the Americas, in the budget of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.

2. To instruct the Director to present future reports to the Executive Committee when circumstances so require.

CSP14.R10 EN RESOLUTION X

## STATUS OF THE COLLECTION OF QUOTA CONTRIBUTIONS

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Noting the decision of the Directing Council at its VII Meeting, which instructed the Director to request, in its name, that Member Governments make the necessary financial arrangements for payment of all arrearages and the maintenance of future years' contributions on a current annual basis;

Recognizing that delays in the receipt of contributions limit the development of long-range programs to be undertaken in the Americas; and

Noting the report submitted by the Director, reflecting the current status of outstanding contributions,

## RESOLVES:

To request Member Governments having outstanding quota balances to make the necessary financial arrangements for the payment thereof, and to emphasize the importance of maintaining future contributions on a current annual basis.

CSP14.R11 EN RESOLUTION XIPROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN  
SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1955

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1955 submitted by the Director; and

Taking into account the report of the Working Party (Document CE22/47, Rev. 1) appointed by the Executive Committee at its 22nd Meeting to study the afore-mentioned Proposed Program and Budget,

## RESOLVES:

To approve the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1955 (Document CE22/2).

CSP14.R12 EN RESOLUTION XII

## BUDGET APPROPRIATION

## THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE

## RESOLVES:

1. To appropriate for the financial year 1955 an amount of \$ 2,100,000, as follows:

## Purpose of Appropriation

PART I	PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION	\$	139,796
PART II	PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU-HEAD- QUARTERS . . . . .		899,200
PART III	PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU-FIELD AND OTHER PROGRAMS . . . . .		1,061,004
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Total-All Parts . . . . .		\$	2,100,000
Less: Miscellaneous Receipts . . . . .		\$	77,723
Contributions on behalf of Non-Self-Gover- ning Territories of France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom . . . . .			22,277
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Total Estimated Receipts . . . . .			100,000
Total for Assessment . . . . .		\$	<u><u>2,000,000</u></u>

2. Amounts not exceeding the appropriations noted under paragraph 1 shall be available for the payment of obligations in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Bureau during the period 1 January to 31 December 1955, inclusive.

3. The appropriations as noted above shall be financed by contributions from Member Governments according to Article LX of the Pan American Sanitary Code; from contributions on behalf of the territories of France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom according to Resolutions XV and XL the V Meeting of the Directing Council, and miscellaneous income accruing to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

4. The Director is authorized to transfer credits between parts of the budget, provided that such transfers of credits between parts as are made do not exceed 10% of the part from which the credit is transferred. Transfers of credits between these parts of the budget in excess of 10% may be made with the concurrence of the Executive Committee. All transfers of budget credits shall be reported to the Directing Council.

CSP14.R13 EN RESOLUTION XIII

## UTILIZATION OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM 1953

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Noting that the surplus funds from 1953, in the amount of \$ 144,089, were placed in a Special Fund at the disposal of the Pan American Sanitary Conference; and

Considering the recommendation of the Director regarding the utilization of this Fund for the intensification of the campaign against smallpox, and the decision thereon taken by the Executive Committee at its 22nd Meeting,

## RESOLVES:

To authorize the Director to use the surplus funds from 1953, in the amount of \$ 144,089, for the intensification of the campaign against smallpox in the Americas.

CSP14.R14 EN RESOLUTION XIV

## ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU AND NOMINATION OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR THE AMERICAS OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

## CONSIDERING:

Article 4-E of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, which provides that 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;

Resolution III of the XII Pan American Sanitary Conference, which provides that the term of office of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall be four years; and

Article 4 of the Agreement between the World Health Organization and the Pan American Sanitary Organization and Articles 49 and 52 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, which establish the procedure for the appointment of the Regional Director of the World Health Organization,

## RESOLVES:

1. To reelect, by acclamation, Dr. Fred L. Soper, as Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, for the term of office commencing 1 February 1955.

2. To apprise the Executive Board of the World Health Organization of the above designation of Dr. Fred L. Soper, for appointment as Regional Director for the Americas.



**CSP14.R15 EN RESOLUTION XV**

**ELECTION OF TWO MEMBER COUNTRIES TO FILL THE  
VACANCIES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CREATED BY THE  
TERMINATION OF THE PERIODS OF OFFICE OF ECUADOR  
AND MEXICO**

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Considering the provisions of Article 13-A of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization; and

Bearing in mind that the terms of Ecuador and Mexico expire immediately following this Conference,

**RESOLVES:**

To elect the Governments of Paraguay and Colombia to membership on the Executive Committee for a period of three years, and to express the appreciation of the Conference to the Governments of Ecuador and Mexico for the services they have rendered to the Organization.

**CSP14.R16 EN RESOLUTION XVI****STATISTICS REQUIRED IN HEALTH PROGRAMS**

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

**CONSIDERING:**

That health is in itself an indivisible whole, and, moreover, is closely linked to the economic, social, and cultural development of the community;

That public health encompasses all activities concerning the promotion, protection, and preservation of health;

That the disproportion between the magnitude of health problems and the resources usually made available for their solution makes it necessary to classify these problems in proper order, so that they may be dealt with according to their relative importance and the resources utilized in such a way as to yield the maximum returns; and

That basic statistical data are essential to health programs, to ensure their proper planning, development, evaluation, and improvement,

**RESOLVES:**

To recommend that the Member States, to the extent that their economic, social, and cultural development permits, extend and improve the collection, processing, analysis, and timely publication of statistics on population, vital statistics, morbidity statistics, statistics on health resources and services, and socio-economic statistics related to health.

CSP14.R17 EN RESOLUTION XVII

## POPULATION STATISTICS

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Considering that a knowledge of the different groups making up the population is of fundamental importance in health programs,

## RESOLVES:

To recommend to the Member States that their health agencies:

- (a) Promote and cooperate in the provision of timely and reliable demographic statistics;
- (b) Participate in the planning of population censuses, so as to ensure that they include the maximum of data essential for health programs; and
- (c) Make use of public health surveys, when necessary, to provide additional data on population.

CSP14.R18 EN RESOLUTION XVIII

## VITAL STATISTICS

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

## CONSIDERING:

That it is a basic task of health agencies to know, at both the local and the national levels, the vital facts regarding the people whose health problems they wish to solve;

That, among these vital facts, it is particularly important in health programs to have the most thorough knowledge possible of the causes of deaths in the population;

That, for these purposes, there are available detailed international recommendations of the World Health Organization and the United Nations; and

That, nevertheless, vital statistics are still subject to error in collection, inadequate analysis, and delays in publication, all of which interfere with their proper use in the planning, development, evaluation, and improvement of health programs, and with the comparability of data on a national and international scale,

## RESOLVES:

1. To recommend that the Member States, through their national agencies, improve the use of:

- (a) "Principles for a Vital Statistics System" of the United Nations, stressing the collection and processing of those data that specifically serve the aims of health; and
- (b) Regulations No 1 of the World Health Organization, regarding the use of the "International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries, and Causes of Death".

2. To recommend that, in the use of the above, special attention be given to improving the procedures for collection of basic statistical information at the local level.

## CSP14.R19 EN RESOLUTION XIX

### MORBIDITY STATISTICS

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

#### CONSIDERING:

That morbidity statistics are essential in the planning, development, evaluation, and improvement of health programs;

That the collection of this information is a complex process, and the quantity and detail in which it can be obtained depends in large measure on the level of economic, social, and cultural development;

That it is apparent that, in most of the countries, information exists on diseases of certain population groups, such as hospital statistics, data on insurance against illness, accidents, industrial hazards, etc., which should be developed, standardized, and utilized;

That a thorough description of the importance, type sources and uses of morbidity statistics is contained in the Third Report of the Expert Committee on Health Statistics of the World Health Organization; and

That to cover the special group of communicable diseases — a complete and timely knowledge of which is of local, national, and international importance — there are legal provisions in the various countries and detailed international recommendations in spite of which these statistics still suffer from inaccuracy, and the provisions regarding their transmittal and publication are not complied with fully,

#### RESOLVES:

1. To recommend that the Member States promote utilization of general morbidity statistics for the purposes of health programs, and that they take permanent measures to comply with the recommendations of the Third Report of the Expert Committee on Health Statistics of the World Health Organization.

2. To recommend that the Member States take immediate steps to improve the reporting of communicable diseases, through the use of:

- (a) Regulations Nº 2 of the World Health Organization (International Sanitary Regulations);
- (b) "Basic Procedures for the Reporting of Communicable Diseases" (Scientific Publications, Nº 3, Pan American Sanitary Bureau); and
- (c) "Guide for the Reporting of Quarantinable and Other Communicable Diseases in the Americas" (Miscellaneous Publications, Nº 5, Pan American Sanitary Bureau).

## CSP14.R20 EN RESOLUTION XX

### STATISTICS ON RESOURCES AND SERVICES

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

#### CONSIDERING:

That health programs require a knowledge of the economic resources and resources in personnel and equipment, both public and private, that the country provides specifically for such programs;

That an evaluation of the yield and cost of public health programs is of basic importance, and that, for this purpose, statistics on resources and on services provided are indispensable; and

That, in spite of their importance, statistics of this type have not been developed sufficiently in the majority of the American countries,

#### RESOLVES:

To recommend that the Member States take measures to obtain statistics on the national resources devoted to health and on the services rendered to the community, so that this information may facilitate the planning, development, evaluation, and improvement of health programs.

## CSP14.R21 EN RESOLUTION XXI

### SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELATED TO HEALTH

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

#### CONSIDERING:

That there is a close interdependence between the economic, cultural, and social development of the community and its health problems;

That health programs should, therefore, form part of a comprehensive governmental plan for the improvement of the living conditions of the population;

That those in charge of health programs should have available socio-economic statistics to help give them an over-all view of the problems confronting the community; and

That, despite the fact that information of this type exists in the majority of the countries, it is not used sufficiently by the health agencies,

RESOLVES:

To recommend that the Member States promote the use by health agencies of socio-economic statistics related to health, in order to unify the activities designed to raise the living standards of the population.

CSP14.R22 EN RESOLUTION XXII

STATISTICAL SERVICES IN HEALTH ADMINISTRATIONS

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

CONSIDERING:

That some of the basic statistical data required by health administrations should be subject in those administrations to such a system of collection, processing, and analysis as will ensure their constant and timely use in the planning, development, evaluation, and improvement of health programs;

That, in addition to the statistical information mentioned above, use should be made of the statistical data produced by other national administrations; and

That, if health programs are to make proper use of statistical data, statisticians having a basic knowledge of health must collaborate closely with those who conduct such programs,

RECOMMENDS:

1. That the Member States create, or stimulate and strengthen, the statistical services in health administrations, providing them with material facilities and adequately trained statistical personnel.

2. That, in order to coordinate the various administrations producing statistics of health interest, the Member States promote the establishment and development of National Committees on Vital and Health Statistics, in accordance with the Report of the First International Conference on National Committees on Vital and Health Statistics.

3. That, in order to produce reliable basic data essential for vital statistics, local coordination be established between health services, civil registration, and statistical services.

CSP14.R23 EN RESOLUTION XXIIIDISSEMINATION AND TEACHING OF STATISTICS APPLIED  
TO HEALTH

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

## CONSIDERING:

That to improve the reliability of the statistical data needed in the planning, development, evaluation, and improvement of health programs, it is necessary to train the professional workers for such programs (physicians, nurses, sanitary engineers, social workers, health educators, etc.) in statistical methods and their application to health;

That, to the same end, it is equally necessary that the technical knowledge of statistical personnel be increased; and

That it is advisable to stimulate the progressive development of a trained group of statisticians and statistical officials,

## RESOLVES:

1. To recommend that the Member States, with respect to professional health workers:

- (a) Include in the curriculum of the schools of medicine, nursing, social work, etc., the teaching of statistical methods applicable to health; and
- (b) Orient the teaching of statistics given in schools of public health toward their practical application in health programs.

2. To recommend to the Member States that, with respect to officials in statistical services and according to national needs, they carry out teaching programs on the following levels:

- (a) University courses for education of statisticians, with a foundation in mathematics and specialization in various fields, including health;
- (b) Graduate courses for health statisticians who already have completed their undergraduate university education;
- (c) Courses at an intermediate level in the schools of public health for employees in statistical services who have completed secondary education; and
- (d) In-service training for employees who work in local or central offices in the collection and utilization of original statistical data.

3. To recommend to the Member States that they establish a professional statistical career, in which there is provision for proper classification of positions and adequate salaries.

4. To recommend to the Member States that they stimulate teamwork of professional health workers and statisticians, so as to encourage the application of statistical methods in health programs and clinical research.

#### CSP14.R24 EN RESOLUTION XXIV

##### SUMMARY OF REPORTS OF THE MEMBER STATES FOR 1954-1957

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

CONSIDERING:

That the "Summary of Reports of the Member States 1950-1953", prepared by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, is a valuable document for providing knowledge of the health problems of the Americas and for coordinating health programs, inasmuch as it contains statistical data on population, births, deaths, cases of communicable diseases, personnel and organization of health services, and description of programs; and

That it is evident that the data in these reports are not strictly comparable, because of differences in definitions and procedures followed by the various countries,

##### RESOLVES:

To recommend that the Member States:

- (a) Immediately begin the improvement of these statistical data, in accordance with the recommendations of international organizations; and
- (b) Agree to increase the statistical information that their reports to the next Pan American Sanitary Conference should contain, and decide upon the procedures for obtaining such information and the methods for ensuring international comparability, with the active cooperation of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and through seminars and other activities for the exchange of ideas and procedures.

#### CSP14.R25 EN RESOLUTION XXV

##### METHODS OF IMPROVING THE RELIABILITY OF RAW STATISTICAL DATA REQUIRED FOR HEALTH PROGRAMS

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Considering the importance of statistics in the planning, development, evaluation, and improvement of health programs; and

Taking into account the discussions held in the Working Party appointed to study this topic, and the report and recommendations proposed by that Working Party,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend that the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau encourage, insofar as possible, the implementation of the technical recommendations contained in the report of the *ad hoc* Working Party on "Methods of Improving the Reliability of Raw Statistical Data Required for Health Programs", and to inform the Directing Council, in his annual reports, of the steps taken by the Bureau with respect to this matter.

2. To request the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to give Member States as much assistance as possible in the development of programs for education and training in statistics applied to health.

3. To instruct the Director of the Bureau to give wide distribution to the study prepared by Dr. Enrique Pereda (Document CSP14/26) and the report of the *ad hoc* Working Party (Document CSP14/69, Rev. (1)).

CSP14.R26 EN RESOLUTION XXVI

APPLICATION OF HEALTH EDUCATION METHODS IN RURAL  
AREAS IN LATIN AMERICA

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Considering the importance that should be given to health education in all phases of public health and activities related thereto; and

Taking into account the discussions held in the Working Party appointed to study this topic, and the report and recommendations proposed by that Working Party,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the text of the preamble and the recommendations submitted by Committee I on the topic "Application of Health Education Methods in Rural Areas in Latin America" (Document CSP14/79, Rev. 1). (1)

2. To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to encourage, insofar as possible, the promotion and implementation of the recommendations contained in the afore-mentioned document, and to inform the Directing Council, in his annual reports, of the steps taken with respect to this matter.

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(1) This document will appear in the Proceedings of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference.



3. To recommend that the Director of the Bureau give wide distribution to the complete text of Document CSP14/79, Rev. 1, for the information of all the countries.

### CSP14.R27 EN RESOLUTION XXVII

#### CONTROL OF INFANT DIARRHEAS

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Considering the importance of infant diarrheas as a predominant cause of sickness and death in many countries of the Americas; and

Bearing in mind the discussions held in the Working Party appointed to study this topic, and the report and recommendations proposed by that Working Party,

#### RESOLVES:

1. To approve the technical recommendations on control of infant diarrheas set forth in the report of the *ad hoc* Working Party, as modified by Committee I (Document CSP14/79, Rev. 1).

2. To recommend that the Director of the Bureau encourage, insofar as possible, the implementation of the technical recommendations contained in the above-mentioned report, and inform the Directing Council, in his annual reports, of the steps taken with respect to this matter.

3. To instruct the Director of the Bureau to give wide distribution to the paper prepared by Dr. Albert V. Hardy (Document CSP14/27, Addenda I and II) and to the report of the *ad hoc* Working Party (Document CSP14/79, Rev. 1). (1)

### CSP14.R28 EN RESOLUTION XXVIII

#### RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Considering that collaboration in matters of common interest to the Pan American Sanitary Organization and other international and inter-American organizations contributes to the fulfillment of the objectives of the Organization, as stated in the Pan American Sanitary Code and in the Constitution of the Organization,

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(1) These documents will appear in the Proceedings of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference.

## RESOLVES:

That the Pan American Sanitary Organization establish and maintain cooperative relations with other international and inter-American organizations in the manner that it deems appropriate.

That the criteria given below be observed when the Pan American Sanitary Organization establishes cooperative relations with any other international and inter-American organizations.

That these relations be established or maintained in accordance with the provisions set forth in Article 23 of the Constitution.

## CRITERIA

1. The organization shall be concerned with matters falling, within the competence of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.
2. The aims and purposes of the organization shall be in conformity with the spirit, purposes, and principles of the Pan American Sanitary Code and the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.
3. The organization shall be of recognized standing and shall represent a substantial proportion of the persons organized for the purpose of participating in the particular field of interest in which it operates. To meet this requirement, a group of organizations may form a joint committee or other body authorized to act for the group as a whole.
4. The organization shall have a directing body and authority to speak for its members through its authorized representatives; evidence of this authority shall be presented if requested.
5. The organization shall normally be inter-American in its structure and scope, with members who exercise voting rights in relation to its policies or action.
6. Save in exceptional cases, a national organization that is affiliated to an inter-American nongovernmental organization covering the same subject on an international basis shall present its views through its government or through the inter-American nongovernmental organization to which it is affiliated. A national organization, however, may be included in the list after consultation with, and with the consent of, the Member Government concerned, if the activities of the organization are not covered by any international organization or if it offers experience upon which the Pan American Sanitary Organization wishes to draw.

**CSP14.R29 EN RESOLUTION XXIX****PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS,  
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, AND SUMMARY OF THE  
PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN  
AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1956**

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having seen Document CE23/2, submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and containing the Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, and Summary of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1956;

Bearing in mind that the Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas is submitted to the Conference, as Regional Committee of the World Health Organization, for review and submittal to the Director-General of the World Health Organization for consideration in drafting his budget for 1956; and

Taking into account the fact that the Summary of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1956 is a provisional draft that will serve as the basis for the preparation of the proposed program and budget to be submitted by the Director to the 25th Meeting of the Executive Committee for review and revision, and to the VIII Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization in 1955 for approval,

RESOLVES:

1. To endorse the Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, for 1956, and to request the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to transmit it to the Director-General of the World Health Organization, so that he may take it into consideration when preparing the WHO budget for 1956.

2. To approve the Summary of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1956 as a provisional draft that will serve as the basis for the proposed budget to be submitted by the Director to the 25th Meeting of the Executive Committee. (1)

3. To express its appreciation to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for the accomplishments of past years and for the continuing evidence of well-designed programs, as shown in the Proposed Programs and Budgets for 1956.

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(1) Resolution XLIII, paragraph 2, adopted subsequently at the Tenth Plenary Session, authorizes an increase of \$ 100,000 over the present budgetary level, this increase to be allotted specifically for the intensification of the antimalaria activities of the Bureau. (Explanatory note included by decision of the General Committee, Ninth Session, 20 October, 1954.)

**CSP14.R30 EN RESOLUTION XXX****MODIFICATION IN THE 1955 PROGRAM AND BUDGET  
OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION**

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having been requested by the Director-General of the WHO for an expression of opinion on the maintenance of a satisfactory balance between the major subject headings in the 1955 Regional Budget for the Americas;

Having noted that the original total for 1955 of \$ 1,342,418 for the Region was reduced to \$ 1,137,783 as a result of the action of the Seventh World Health Assembly; and

Having noted that, when this reduction was effected, a satisfactory balance was maintained between the major subject headings in the Regional Budget for the Americas,

**RESOLVES:**

To request the Director, serving as Regional Director of the WHO, to inform the Director-General that the regional portion of the overall reduction of \$ 511,100, amounting to \$ 204,635, was effected in an appropriate manner and a satisfactory balance was maintained between the major subject headings in the 1955 Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas.

**CSP14.R31 EN RESOLUTION XXXI****FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN THE  
PREPARATION OF PAN AMERICAN SANITARY MEETINGS**

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Considering that the Executive Committee has the authority, in conformity with Article 7-D and Article 12-B and D, Chapter IV, of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, to draw up the agenda of the Pan American Sanitary Conference and to advise the Directing Council, on its own initiative, regarding matters relating to its activities; and

Bearing in mind that in the preparation of the agendas of the Pan American Sanitary meetings and in their organization, there are a number of questions that are difficult to resolve and the solution of which will facilitate the work of the said meetings,

**RESOLVES:**

1. To approve the measures adopted by the Executive Committee at its 23rd Meeting to facilitate the work of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference.

2. To authorize the Executive Committee to take those measures it deems necessary in relation to the preparation of future meetings of the Directing Council and of the Pan American Sanitary Conference, in situations not specifically provided for in the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization or in their respective rules of procedure, in order to facilitate the conduct and to expedite the work of the meetings.

3. The Executive Committee will, in due course, advise the Pan American Sanitary Conference or the Directing Council of the measures taken.

### CSP14.R32 EN RESOLUTION XXXII

#### **FUTURE FORM OF PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU**

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE

##### **RESOLVES:**

To take note of Resolution I approved by the Executive Committee at its 23rd Meeting, concerning the future form of presentation of the proposed program and budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

### CSP14.R33 EN RESOLUTION XXXIII

#### **STIPENDS PAID TO RECIPIENTS OF FELLOWSHIPS FROM THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU**

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined Document CE23/6 presented by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, "Stipends Paid to Recipients of Fellowships from the Pan American Sanitary Bureau", and recognizing that a detailed study of the topic has been made, showing clearly the present difficulty of taking into account the different factors involved in the granting and use of fellowships,

##### **RESOLVES:**

1. To recommend to the Director:

- (a) That he continue studying the possibility of establishing classifications of fellowships, with different stipends, after consultation with the national and international organizations concerned; and

- (b) That if the conclusions reached in these studies so justify, they be included in draft general fellowship regulations, which will set forth also the basic conditions and requirements for awarding fellowships, such provisions to be sufficiently flexible to make them applicable within the Member Countries.

2. To instruct the Director to present these regulations to the 25th Meeting of the Executive Committee.

### CSP14.R34 EN RESOLUTION XXXIV

#### PROGRAM OF ECONOMIES AND DECENTRALIZATION OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

##### THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Taking into account that the VII Meeting of the Directing Council requested the Director to present a detailed report to this Conference on the program of economies and decentralization of the Bureau; and

Considering that the Executive Committee, in Resolution V adopted at its 23rd Meeting, stated that the documents presented by the Director had fulfilled its wishes in this matter, took note of the report, and transmitted it to the Conference with the recommendation that it be adopted,

##### RESOLVES:

To approve and express its satisfaction with the report presented by the Director (Document CE23/5 and the Informational Statement CE23/10) on the program of economies and decentralization of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

### CSP14.R35 EN RESOLUTION XXXV

#### SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS DURING THE VIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL, VII MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (1955)

##### THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Deeming it desirable that the Directing Council meetings continue to serve as the occasion for holding technical discussions on matters of regional interest related to the activities of the Pan American Sanitary Organization; and

In view of the advisability of taking into account past experience and, specifically, the decisions adopted in Resolution XXXI of the V Meeting of the Directing Council and Resolution X of the 22nd Meeting of the Executive Committee,

## RESOLVES:

1. To select, because of their general interest, the following topics for the technical discussions to be held at the VIII Meeting of the Directing Council, VII Meeting of the Regional Committee:

- (a) Methods of Improving the Education of Public Health Personnel.
- (b) Medical Care in Rural Areas.

2. To recommend that the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau inform the public health ministries of the Member Governments of the Organization, of the topics selected for the technical discussions.

3. To authorize the Director to designate experts to present introductory statements on the topics selected.

**CSP14.R36 EN RESOLUTION XXXVI****INTER-AMERICAN CONGRESS OF PUBLIC HEALTH****THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,**

Having noted the proposal of the Delegation of Cuba, that "at the time the Pan American Conference of Public Health takes place the Inter-American Congress of Public Health will hold an official meeting, which will be organized by the Pan American Office of Public Health",

## RESOLVES:

To postpone consideration of the proposal presented by the Delegation of Cuba until the X Meeting of the Directing Council, scheduled for 1957.

**CSP14.R37 EN RESOLUTION XXXVII****ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION****THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,**

Having examined Document CSP14/22, submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, at the request of the Director-General of the World Health Organization,

## RESOLVES:

To take note of Resolution 53 adopted by the Seventh World Health Assembly and Resolution 21 of the Fourteenth Session of its Executive Board, dealing with environmental sanitation.

CSP14.R38 EN RESOLUTION XXXVIII

PLACE AND DATE OF THE XV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY  
CONFERENCE

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Taking into account the terms of Article 7-A of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization,

RESOLVES:

To express its appreciation to the Government of the United States of America, and to accept its invitation to have the XV Pan American Sanitary Conference held in the city of San Juan, capital of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

CSP14.R39 EN RESOLUTION XXXIX

POLICY ON ACCEPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION  
OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Considering that Article 25 of the Constitution provides that "The Conference or the Directing Council may approve and put into force, in accordance with policies which they may determine, amendments to this Constitution",

RESOLVES:

That the approval of the proposed amendments to the Constitution recommended by Committee II of this Conference shall require the affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of those participating governments entitled to vote that are represented and present when the vote is taken by the Conference in plenary session.

CSP14.R40 EN RESOLUTION XL

CONSTITUTION OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY  
ORGANIZATION

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined the final report of the Permanent Committee on Revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization (Document CSP14/18 and Annex A); and

Taking into account the modifications proposed by the *ad hoc* Working Party of Committee II presented in Document CSP14/78, and the modifications introduced by Committee II (Document CSP14/85, Rev. 1),



## RESOLVES:

Not to approve the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.

CSP14.R41 EN RESOLUTION XLI

## TREPONEMATOSES

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

## CONSIDERING:

That the treponematoses are still important in many countries of the Continent as infecto-contagious diseases;

That many people in the Americas are still suffering from some of the treponematoses in a contagious phase;

That the transmission of the treponematoses is effected only by human beings, and therefore the campaign against the propagation of these diseases is limited exclusively to man; and

That it is necessary to take all measures to encourage the prophylaxis and control of the aforesaid diseases, through concrete and basic preventive programs,

## RESOLVES:

1. To recommend that the Member States, in accordance with their possibilities, resources, and conditions, develop medico-preventive programs, based on the use of penicillin or the application of methods or techniques that science may recommend in the future for the control and eradication of these diseases.

2. To recommend that, inasmuch as experiments in mass treatment with penicillin have proved successful in endemic areas of yaws, this procedure be applied to achieve eradication.

CSP14.R42 EN RESOLUTION XLII

## ERADICATION OF MALARIA IN THE AMERICAS

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

## CONSIDERING:

That in the course of the technical discussions on the topic "Eradication of Malaria in the Americas" it was made evident that:

- (a) The experience of those countries that have achieved eradication of malaria shows that, once transmission is intercepted, the infection in human beings disappears within a few years, as the result of the natural death of the parasite;

- (b) Recent observations indicate the development of resistance by some anopheline species to certain insecticides, a phenomenon that, in time, may cause serious difficulties and even failures in antimalaria campaigns; and
- (c) The eradication of malaria in some countries calls attention to the international problem of preventing the importation of new cases into areas already free from infection.

RESOLVES:

1. To declare that it is of the utmost urgency to carry out the terms of Resolution XVIII of the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, which recommends that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau promote the intensification and coordination of antimalaria work, with a view to achieving the eradication of this disease in the Western Hemisphere; and that the Member Governments should convert all control programs into eradication campaigns within the shortest possible time, so as to achieve eradication before the appearance of anopheline resistance to insecticides.

2. To instruct the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to take steps to implement the aforesaid resolution and to study international measures to ensure the protection of those countries or territories that have achieved eradication of the disease.

3. To authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to secure the financial participation of public or private organizations, national or international, in order to further the aims set forth in this resolution.

CSP14.R43 EN RESOLUTION XLIII

UTILIZATION OF FUNDS FOR THE INTENSIFICATION OF  
ANTIMALARIA ACTIVITIES

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Bearing in mind the resolution on eradication of malaria in the Americas, approved at the present meeting; and

Considering that it is necessary to provide the Pan American Sanitary Bureau with the financial resources that will enable it to carry out the functions assigned to it by the aforesaid resolution,

RESOLVES:

1. To authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to obligate up to \$ 100,000 of the surplus funds available as of 31 December 1954 for the intensification of the antimalaria activities of the Bureau designed to eradicate this disease in the Western Hemisphere.

2. To approve the preparation by the Executive Committee of a proposed budget for 1956, for consideration by the Directing Council, to include an increase of \$ 100,000 over the present budgetary level, this increase to be allotted specifically for the intensification of the antimalaria activities of the Bureau.

CSP14.R44 EN RESOLUTION XLIV

## VOTES OF THANKS

## THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE

Expresses its appreciation to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Chile, to the President of the Senate, and to the national authorities, particularly to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Public Health, for the generous hospitality accorded the delegations and the staff of the Conference, and for the facilities provided to make the meeting a success;

To the Municipalities of Santiago and Viña del Mar, the University of Chile, the Chilean Public Health Society, and the other public and private institutions that offered so many courtesies to all the delegations;

To the members of the Chilean Organizing Committee of the Conference for their valuable collaboration both before and during the Conference, and to the Committee of Women for the attentions shown to the women members of the delegations;

To the press and radio of Chile for the excellent publicity given to the activities of the Conference; and

To the staff of the Secretariat, especially those of the interpretation service, for their effective work, which made it possible for the Conference to perform its work successfully. (1)

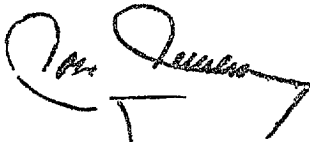
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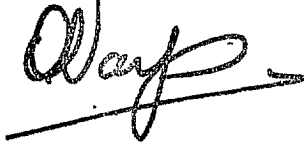
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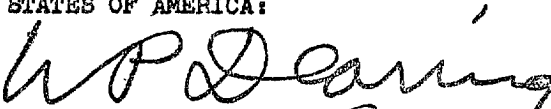
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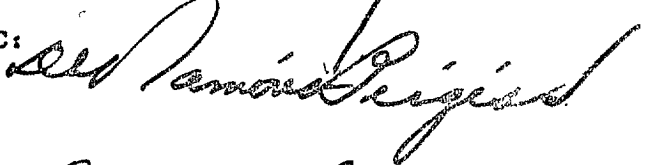
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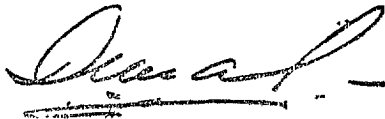
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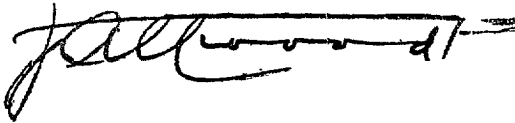
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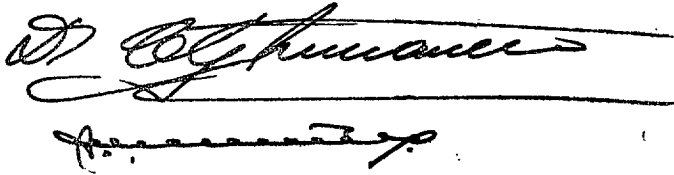
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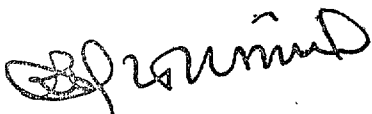


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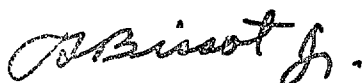
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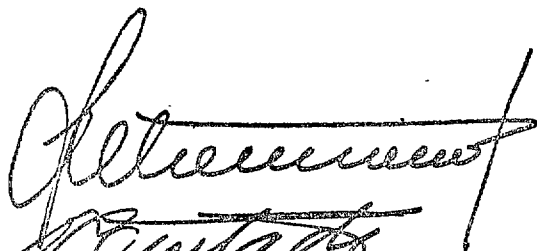
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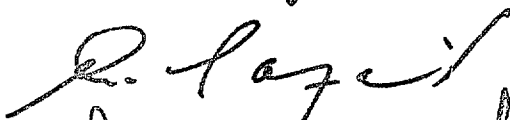
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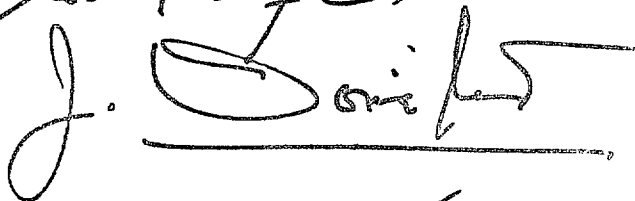
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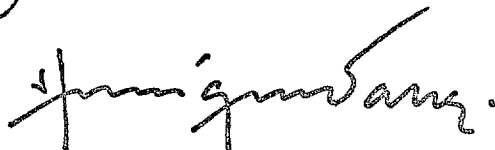
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