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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Submitted by Dr. Victorio V. Olguín, Representative of the Republic of Argentina, Chairman of the 63rd and 64th Meetings of the Executive Committee)

I have the honor, pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee, to submit to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference the Annual Report on the activities of the Executive Committee from October 1969 to the present date, the period during which the 63rd and 64th Meetings were held.

63rd Meeting of the Executive Committee

The 63rd Meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the Headquarters Building, Washington, D.C. on 10 October 1969, immediately following the XIX Meeting of the Directing Council. The following Representatives attended:

Dr. Victorio V. Olguín - Argentina  
Dr. Manuel Angel Cortés Vargas - Costa Rica  
Dr. Ignacio Avila Cisneros - Mexico  
Dr. Orontes Avilés - Nicaragua  
Dr. Mervyn U. Henry - Trinidad and Tobago  
Dr. Abelardo Sáenz Sanguinetti - Uruguay

In addition, the following newly elected Representatives joined the Committee:

Dr. Robert L. Baird - Guyana  
Dr. David Tejada-de-Rivero - Peru  
Dr. Rogelio Valladares - Venezuela  
Dr. Daniel Orellana - Venezuela

Dr. Victorio V. Olguín, Representative of Argentina, was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. Abelardo Sáenz Sanguinetti, Representative of Uruguay, was elected Vice-Chairman, and Dr. Manuel Angel Cortés Vargas was re-elected Rapporteur.

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Dr. Abraham Horwitz, acted as Secretary ex officio of the Committee.

The Committee turned its attention immediately to the resolutions of the XIX Meeting of the Directing Council, XXI Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, of interest to the Executive Committee.

Dr. Abraham Horwitz, Director of PASB, discussing the resolutions, emphasized the importance of Resolution XIII (Provisional Draft of the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1971). Referring to Resolution XXVII (Long-term Planning and Evaluation), he stressed its great importance for the future of the Organization's programs and confirmed the Council's recommendation that Governments should be asked to cooperate in implementing the resolution.

Dr. Horwitz also commented on Resolution XII (Aedes aegypti), Resolution XVII (Financing of the Malaria Eradication Program), and Resolution XIX (PAHO Regional Library of Medicine), and laid special emphasis on the importance of Resolution XXXVI (Financing of the Textbook Program, Pan American Health and Education Foundation).

The date was then set for the next meeting of the Executive Committee, it being agreed that it should begin on 29 June 1970 and continue as long as was necessary.

After this part of the Agenda was completed, Dr. Orontes Avilés, Representative of Nicaragua, suggested that it would be useful to define the functions of the Chairman of the Executive Committee in the Meetings of the Directing Council and the Conference, since Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee was not sufficiently clear on the subject. He also suggested that a careful study be made of the Rules of Procedure with a view to amending them to make them more effective.

#### 64th Meeting of the Executive Committee

The 64th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization was held in the Headquarters Building of the Organization, Washington, D.C. from 29 June through 9 July 1970.

In accordance with the convocation of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, the following Members of the Committee, Observers, and officials of the Bureau attended the Meeting:

Members:

Dr. Víctorio V. Olguín	ARGENTINA
Dr. Edgar Mohs Villalta	COSTA RICA
Dr. Robert L. Baird	GUYANA
Dr. Antonio Campos Salas	MEXICO
Dr. Orontes Avilés	NICARAGUA
Col. José Rodríguez Santa María	PERU
Dr. Mervyn U. Henry	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
Dr. Abelardo Sáenz Sanguinetti	URUGUAY
Dr. José Saralegui	
Dr. Rogelio Valladares	VENEZUELA
Dr. Daniel Orellana	

Secretary ex officio

Dr. Abraham Horwitz, Director	PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU
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Observers:

M. Henri B. de Coignac	FRANCE
Mr. Corneille W. J. Jonckheer	KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS
Mr. Hans E. Th. E. Mathon	
Dr. Johannes Th. M. Gielen	
Mr. Robert B. Allen	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Dr. Robert de Caires	
Dr. Paul Ehrlich, Jr.	
Mr. Edward B. Rosenthal	

INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Organization of American States:

Dr. Jesse D. Perkinson  
Mr. José A. Tijerino  
Mrs. Alzora Eldridge

Inter-American Development Bank:

Mr. Humberto Olivero

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

International Hospital Federation:

Dr. Leo J. Gehrig  
Dr. José González

Milbank Memorial Fund:

Dr. Clyde V. Kiser

Advisers to the Director of the  
Pan American Sanitary Bureau:

Dr. Charles L. Williams, Jr., Deputy Director  
Dr. Alfredo Arreaza Guzmán, Assistant Director  
Mr. Clarence H. Moore, Acting Chief of Administration  
Dr. Pedro N. Acha, Chief, Department of Human and Animal Health  
Dr. Alfredo N. Bica, Chief, Department of Communicable Diseases  
Dr. Alfredo L. Bravo, Chief, Department of Medical Care  
Administration  
Mr. Earl D. Brooks, Chief, Department of Management and Personnel  
Dr. Héctor A. Coll, Chief, Office of Liaison and Public Relations  
Dr. Carlos Díaz Coller, Chief, Department of Scientific and  
Public Communications  
Dr. Abraham Drobny, Chief, Department of Health Services  
Dr. José Luis García Gutiérrez, Chief, Department of Special  
Technical Services  
Dr. Guzmán García Martín, Chief, Department of Malaria Eradication  
Dr. Mark D. Hollis, Chief, Department of Environmental Sciences  
and Engineering  
Dr. Mauricio Martins da Silva, Chief, Department of Research  
Development and Coordination

Dr. Richard A. Prindle, Chief, Department of Health and Population  
Dynamics

Dr. Ruth R. Puffer, Chief, Department of Health Statistics

Dr. Raúl Vera, Chief, Department of Evaluation

Dr. Ramón Villarreal, Chief, Department of Human Resources  
Development

Chief, Secretariat Services:

Mr. Luis Larrea Alba, Jr., Chief, Personnel and Conference Section

In accordance with Rules 9 and 11 of the Rules of Procedure, the  
Officers of the Committee were as follows:

Chairman: Dr. Victorio V. Olguín ARGENTINA

Vice-Chairman: Dr. Abelardo Sáenz Sanguinetti URUGUAY

In the absence of the Rapporteur elected at the previous meeting,  
Dr. Manuel Angel Cortés Vargas, in accordance with Rule 11 of the Rules of  
Procedure the Executive Committee elected Dr. Daniel Orellana, Venezuela,  
as Rapporteur pro tempore.

The Committee held 17 plenary sessions and a closing session, making  
a thorough and detailed study of the items set forth below:

Rules of Procedure of the Governing Bodies of PAHO

The Executive Committee studied the proposed amendments to the Rules  
of Procedure of the Executive Committee and those of the Pan American  
Sanitary Conference, and decided that the proposed changes would facilitate  
the conduct of business of the meetings of the Governing Bodies. It there-  
fore resolved to approve the amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the  
Executive Committee, and it recommended to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary  
Conference the proposed changes in its Rules of Procedure.

Date of the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXII Meeting of the  
Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas

Bearing in mind that the Director had requested by letter of  
9 April 1970, and had obtained the agreement of the Members of the Executive  
Committee to the opening of the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference on

28 September 1970, the Committee resolved to confirm its approval of that date for the opening of the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, and agreed that provisionally it should run until 9 October 1970.

#### Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for 1969

The Committee made a careful study of both the reports, which point out that although in 1969 there was a marked deficit in the collection of quota contributions, it was offset by payments of arrears received in the first half of 1970, so that the Organization continued to be in sound financial condition. It also observed with satisfaction the beneficial effect of the financial policy over the past decade, of not spending, on the average, at a higher level than income, while maintaining the Organization's country projects and programs unimpaired. It therefore resolved to transmit the reports to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, recommending their approval. It nevertheless saw fit to draw the attention of Governments once more to the desirability of paying their quotas as promptly as possible within the fiscal year, and it thanked the External Auditor for his report.

#### Report on the Collection of Quota Contributions

The Committee noted that in the first six months of 1970 an unusually high percentage of quotas in arrears had been received, exceeding the amount of the deficit for 1969, although five countries remained more than two years in arrears. It stressed the importance of prompt and full payment of quota contributions for the financing of the authorized program and budget and maintenance of the Organization in sound financial condition. It therefore resolved to thank those Governments which had already made payments in 1970, and to urge all Governments to pay remaining balances of arrears and current year quotas as soon as possible. It requested the Director to inform the Governments of any balances due and to request Governments whose quotas were two or more years in arrears to try to devise some financial scheme to enable them to pay the outstanding balances within a reasonable time. It also resolved to request the Director to inform the Member Governments and Participants as early as possible in each fiscal year of the scale of quota contributions in accordance with his program and budget estimates for the succeeding year, on the understanding that the figures were provisional until such time as the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference took a decision.

#### Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1971

The Executive Committee devoted 11 sessions to a detailed and exhaustive examination of the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the Organization prepared by the Director pursuant to Article 14-C of the Constitution. It also took careful account of the recommendation by the

Ministers of Agriculture at their third meeting in April 1970 at Buenos Aires, Argentina, that the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference approve for 1971 an additional appropriation of US\$300,000 to cover the needs of the Pan American Zoonoses Center, on the understanding that the Ministries of Agriculture of the Member Governments of the Organization would increase their financial contribution in accordance with the scale of quotas. After a lengthy discussion, the Executive Committee recognized that the programs presented were soundly conceived public health projects calculated to benefit the health of the peoples of the Continent; and it therefore resolved to submit to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, with the recommendation that it give it favorable consideration, the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1971, in the amount of \$15,537,331, comprising the sum of \$15,237,331 originally proposed by the Director plus the \$300,000 recommended by the Ministers of Agriculture at their third annual meeting.

Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1972, and Provisional Draft of the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1972

The Committee duly took note of the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1972, and the Provisional Draft of the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1972, and resolved to transmit them to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference with its endorsement.

III Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control

The Committee studied the Final Report of the III Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control, held in April 1970 at Buenos Aires, Argentina. It recognized the importance of those disease problems for nutrition and health in the Americas and the vital need for collaboration of national health services and Ministries of Agriculture throughout the Continent in their control. It therefore resolved to recommend that the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference approve the recommendations of the III Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control confirming its support of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center and the Pan American Zoonoses Center and constituting a valuable contribution to more effective control of animal disease as a supportive measure for improving human health in the Hemisphere.

Smallpox Eradication

The Committee had before it a full report on the present status of the smallpox eradication campaign in the Americas, and resolved to reaffirm that smallpox eradication continued to be a high priority, reiterating the need for the countries of the Hemisphere to continue their efforts to eradicate it once and for all.

### Aedes aegypti

The Committee was fully informed of the steps taken pursuant to Resolution XXIII of the XIX Meeting of the Directing Council, including the final report of the Pan American Health Organization's Study Group on the Prevention of Aedes aegypti-borne Diseases and the steps taken to carry out a cost-benefit study for the evaluation of programs for the prevention of diseases transmitted by the vector. The Committee resolved to thank the experts and consultants of the Study Group for their valuable contribution, and requested the Director to submit to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference a report on the present status of the problem of Aedes aegypti-borne diseases and to prepare a detailed preliminary study on the cost-benefit relationship in programs for the prevention of those diseases.

### Nursing

In its discussion of the Program and Budget Estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1971, the Committee gave special consideration to nursing as an essential component of health programs. The analysis of the problem brought out among other things the fact that in most of the countries there was a decided shortage of nursing personnel, which was aggravated by poor geographical distribution and inefficient use of their skills and training. It therefore resolved to recommend that the Governments make a thorough study of their nursing needs and resources, which should in fact be an integral part of any national health plan. It also requested the Director to continue his support for the nursing programs of the Organization, and to that end, to endeavor to increase the number of fellowships, seminars and courses for training nurses.

### Long-term Planning and Evaluation

The Committee took note of the steps taken by the Director pursuant to Resolution XIV approved by the Executive Committee at its 61st Meeting, Resolution XXVII of the XIX Meeting of the Directing Council on Long-term Planning and Evaluation, and Resolution WHA23.59 of the Twenty-third World Health Assembly on the General Program of Work Covering a Specific Period. It recognized that joint programming of the assistance needed by Governments for dealing with their priority health programs would undoubtedly help to make more effective use of PAHO resources and also increase the benefit of the programs to the population. It therefore resolved to urge the Governments to continue to collaborate actively with the Organization to improve the procedure, as part of the general health planning process, and it requested the Director to bear in mind the studies made in drawing up the Organization's future programs and budgets and to submit a full report to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference on what had been done.



### Health Legislation

The Committee considered the report on health legislation prepared pursuant to the recommendation of the Special Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas and Resolution XVIII of the XIX Meeting of the Directing Council. The report described and analyzed the most significant aspects of the health legislation of the countries of the Americas in the last 20 years, and the Committee considered that it would be of great value for countries wishing to revise and bring up to date their health laws and regulations, and would help to arouse greater interest in the teaching of health legislation in law schools and schools of health sciences. It resolved to recommend that the Director give the report the widest possible distribution throughout the Continent, and suggest to the Governments that they study the advisability of promoting the revision of their health laws and regulations to bring them into line with the new situations created by national development. It also recommended that the Director continue the necessary studies for the modernization of the Pan American Sanitary Code and promote the meeting of interdisciplinary study groups to discuss legal matters and the unification of the basic principles of health legislation in the Continent.

### Multinational Centers

The Committee examined the preliminary draft guidelines for multinational centers prepared by the Director pursuant to Resolution XXXVII of the XIX Meeting of the Directing Council, and resolved to recommend to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference the adoption of the general guidelines for the establishment and operation of multinational centers contained in Resolution XIX, where it also requested the Director to submit to the Conference a report on the program and activities of the existing multinational centers.

### Assistance in Emergencies

The Committee heard a lengthy and moving statement by Dr. José Rodríguez Santa María, Representative of Peru, concerning the disaster which occurred in his country on 31 May 1970. It took particular note of the destruction of buildings and facilities for health services, and of the Organization's contribution to the efforts of the Peruvian Government to relieve the situation of the inhabitants of the devastated area. It also recognized the advisability of coordinating the national and international resources that might be available for emergency assistance in such situations, and it resolved to express to the Government of Peru its deep sympathy with that valued Member Country of the Organization on the occasion of the disaster.

Other Matters

The Committee likewise studied and approved other matters of interest to the Organization, for example:

1. Amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
2. Representation of the Executive Committee at the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas. It appointed Dr. Orontes Avilés as its Alternate Representative to replace Dr. Victorio Olguín, Chairman of the Executive Committee, in the event of his being unable to attend.
3. Provisional agenda of the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas.
4. PAHO Award for Administration.