REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau has the honor to inform the Pan American Sanitary Conference that he has received a letter dated 27 February 1982 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Antigua and Barbuda which, on behalf of the Government and in accordance with the provisions of Article 2, paragraph A, of the PAHO Constitution, requests membership for Antigua and Barbuda in the Pan American Health Organization. A copy of this letter and of the reply of the Director are annexed.

Antigua and Barbuda, which previously enjoyed the benefits of membership in the Pan American Health Organization as Territories of the United Kingdom, became a sovereign state on 1 November 1981. It has been admitted into membership in the United Nations and in the Organization of American States.

The 88th Meeting of the Executive Committee considered the request of Antigua and Barbuda and adopted the following resolution:

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the XXI Pan American Sanitary Conference adoption of the following resolution:

THE XXI PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined the formal request for membership in the Pan American Health Organization made on behalf of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda by the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, in a communication dated 27 February 1982; and
Considering that the Government of Antigua and Barbuda has declared its readiness to accept all the obligations of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization, to comply with the provisions of the Pan American Sanitary Code, as amended by the Additional Protocol of 24 September 1952, and to contribute by means of a quota assessment to the financial support of the Organization,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve with satisfaction the request of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda for membership in the Pan American Health Organization.

2. To instruct the Director to transmit this decision to the Member Governments of the Organization.

Annexes
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27th February, 1982

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Dear Dr. Acuna,

I have the honour to apply on behalf of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda for membership in the Pan American Health Organization in accordance with Article 2A of the Constitution of the Organization.

Antigua and Barbuda became an Independent and Sovereign State on 1 November 1981 and wishes to become a full member of the Pan American Health Organization.

This Government will fulfill the financial obligations imposed on members in accordance with the Constitution of the Organization, will comply with the provisions of the Pan American Sanitary Code as amended by the additional Protocol of 1952, and will cooperate fully with the other member states in the work of the Organization.

Yours sincerely,

Lester B. Bird
Deputy Prime Minister
and Minister of Foreign Affairs
18 March 1982

Your Excellency:

I acknowledge receipt of your note of 27 February 1982, by means of which your Government is seeking membership in the Pan American Health Organization.

We appreciate the interest of your government in becoming a member of the Organization, recognizing the obligations set forth by the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization, the provisions of the Pan American Sanitary Code, as amended by the additional Protocol of 24 September 1952, and accepting to contribute by means of quota assessments to the financial support of the Organization.

The application of Antigua and Barbuda will be submitted to the 88th Meeting of the PAHO Executive Committee which meets in Washington from 23 June to 2 July 1982, and to the XXI Pan American Sanitary Conference, which is tentatively scheduled to meet in Washington from 20 to 29 September. Your government should plan to send a representative to the Pan American Sanitary Conference meeting. We look forward to Antigua and Barbuda becoming a member of the Pan American Health Organization.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(signed)

Héctor R. Acuña
Director

His Excellency
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