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FIRST MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL
PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION

Buenos Aires, September 24-October 2, 1947

FINAL REPORT

The First Meeting of the Directing Council began its deliberations in the City of Buenos Aires, September 24, 1947, with a Preliminary Session at which the following officers were elected: Chairman: Dr. Alberto Zwanck, (Argentina). Vice-Chairman: Dr. Heitor Prager Fróes, (Brazil). Secretaries: Dr. O. Vargas, (Pan American Sanitary Bureau). Sr. Juan Carlos Quesada, (Argentine Delegation).

The following representatives and observers were recognized: *Argentina*: Dr. Alberto Zwanck, Representative; Dr. Carlos A. Crivellari, Alternate; Dr. Gabriel Gálvez Bunge, Adviser; Dr. Julio G. Nogues, Adviser; Dr. Adolfo S. Cianchetta Sívori, Adviser; Dr. Antonio Velasco, Adviser; Dr. Carlos Alberto Alvarado, Adviser; Sr. Angel Domínguez, Adviser; Sr. Juan Carlos Quesada, Secretary. *Bolivia*: Dr. Arturo Pinto Escalier, Representative; Dr. Humberto Pizarro Aráoz, Alternate. *Brazil*: Dr. Heitor Prager Fróes, Representative; Dr. Waldemar Antunes, Alternate. *Colombia*: Dr. Pedro Eliseo Cruz, Representative; Dr. Luis Valencia Torres, Secretary. *Costa Rica*: Dr. J. A. Rodríguez Piza, Representative; Dr. Enrique Miguel Olivieri, Alternate. *Cuba*: Dr. Luis Espinosa, Representative; Dr. Víctor M. Santamarina, Alternate. *Chile*: Dr. Nacienceno Romero, Representative; Dr. Pedro Martínez Saravia, Alternate. *El Salvador*: Dr. Rafael Vega Gómez, Representative. *United States*: Dr. Thomas Parran, Representative; Dr. James A. Doull, Alternate; Mr. L. J. Halle, Jr., Adviser. *Guatemala*: Dr. Guillermo Balz, Representative. *Haiti*: Dr. Apollo Garnier, Representative; Dr. Louis Hyppolite, Alternate. *Honduras*: Dr. Antonio Vidal, Representative; *Mexico*: Dr. Ignacio Morones Prieto, Representative; Dr. José Zozaya, Alternate. *Panama*: Dr. Guillermo García de Paredes, Representative. *Paraguay*: Dr. Carlos M. Ramírez Boettner, Representative. *Peru*: Dr. Fernando Castillo Sologuren, Representative. *Dominican Republic*: Dr. Luis F. Thomen, Representative; Dr. Aulio Brea Ortega, Alternate and Adviser. *Uruguay*: Dr. Enrique Claveaux, Representative; Dr. Ricardo Cappeletti, Alternate. *Venezuela*: Dr. Alfredo Arreaza Guzmán, Representative; Dr. Ricardo Archila, Alternate; Dr. Ernesto Figueroa, Adviser; Dr. Santiago Ruesta, Adviser. *Pan American Sanitary Bureau*: Dr. Fred L. Soper, Director; Dr. John R. Murdock, Assistant Director; Dr. John D. Long, Chief, Lima Regional Office; Mrs. Agnes Chagas, Nursing Consultant; Dr. O. Vargas, Washington Office; Mr. Fernando Hazera, Washington Office.

Observers: *World Health Organization (Interim Commission):* Dr. Brock Chisholm, Executive Secretary. *The Rockefeller Foundation:* Dr. L. W. Hackett, Director, La Plata and Andean Regions.

At this Preliminary Session, the Rules of Procedure were adopted, and the following agenda was approved, the subjects being assigned to the Working Committees, named below:

AGENDA

- 1—Increase of the quota from forty cents to one dollar per thousand inhabitants, and consideration of supplementary voluntary contributions.
- 2—Approval of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.
- 3—Consideration of the reorganization plan and the budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
- 4—Modifications of the Pan American Sanitary Code.
- 5—Consideration of the possible function of the Pan American Sanitary Organization in cooperation with other inter-American organizations of similar activities: (1) inter-governmental organizations; (2) private organizations.
- 6—Relations of the Pan American Sanitary Organization with the World Health Organization.
- 7—Rules and Regulations of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
- 8—Consideration of the policy to be followed in regard to the various Pan American committees.
- 9—Election of two countries to succeed Argentina and Chile on the Executive Committee.

COMPOSITION OF THE WORKING COMMITTEES

I—FINANCES AND REORGANIZATION: Budget, Reorganization, and Rules and Regulations

Argentina	Paraguay (Vice-Chairman)
El Salvador (Rapporteur)	Peru
Guatemala	Dominican Republic (Chairman)
Panama	

II—CONSTITUTION

Bolivia	United States (Chairman)
Colombia (Rapporteur)	Haiti
Costa Rica	Uruguay
Chile	

III—RELATIONS WITH: *World Health Organization, other organizations and Fellowships*

Brazil (Chairman)	Mexico (Rapporteur)
Cuba	Venezuela
Honduras	

DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Chairman of the Directing Council
 Vice-Chairman of the Directing Council
 Costa Rica
 Panama (Rapporteur)

Two preliminary, seven plenary and two public sessions, the inaugural and the closing, were held, and the following resolutions were approved:

CONTINENTAL ERADICATION OF *Aedes aegypti* CD1.R1 EN

Having studied the report submitted by the Sub-Committee (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil and Paraguay), on the plan for continental eradication of *Aedes aegypti* proposed by Dr. Heitor Prager Fróes on behalf of Brazil.

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

- 1—To entrust to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau the solution of the continental problem of urban yellow fever, based fundamentally on the eradication of *Aedes aegypti*, without prejudice to other measures which regional circumstances may indicate, and
- 2—To develop the program under the auspices of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which, in agreement with the interested countries, shall take the necessary measures to solve such problems as may emerge in the campaign against yellow fever, whether they be sanitary, economic or legal.

RELATIONS WITH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS CD1.R2 (1) EN

1—*Relations with the World Health Organization:* Taking into consideration the report submitted by the Committee on Relations, the Final Act of the XII Pan American Sanitary Conference, and the provisions of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, and

WHEREAS:

the Pan American Sanitary Organization should continue to function as an independent entity for the solution of problems of continental character,

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

- a) to accept the solution proposed in the report of the Committee on Relations on the "discrepancies" mentioned in the original document (WHO/IC/R/24. September 4, 1947);
- b) to authorize the Executive Committee to act as Negotiator with the Negotiating Sub-Committee of the World Health Organization (article 5 of the Resolution concerning the Agreement between the Pan American Sanitary Organization and the World Health Organization, Caracas) and to report to the next meeting of the Directing Council; and
- c) to suggest to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau that the recommendations on personnel, contained in the original document, be kept in mind when drawing up the agreement on this point with the Director General of the World Health Organization.

2—*Relations with other organizations*: After studying the Committee report which refers to relations with other specialized organizations,

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

CD1.R2 (2) EN

RESOLVES:

- a) to designate the Executive Committee to act as the Committee on Relations with other specialized organizations, governmental and non-governmental;
- b) to authorize the Executive Committee to begin the necessary studies in order to achieve the centralization in the Pan American Sanitary Bureau of all those inter-American institutions which are at present promoting the physical and mental well-being of the inhabitants of the continent;
- c) to establish a section or department in the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to study and suggest the type of relationship which should exist with these organizations, such recommendations to be submitted by the Director of the Bureau to the Executive Committee for approval. This section or department shall be charged, furthermore, with soliciting from said organizations data which shall be placed at the disposal of any country requesting them; and
- d) to authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, to study and plan, in agreement with the Director General of the Pan American Union, the necessary measures for the maintenance of close relations between the two organizations.

FINANCES AND REORGANIZATION

CD1.R3 EN

After studying the report submitted by the Committee on Finances and Reorganization,

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

- 1—a) to increase the annual quota of forty cents to one dollar per thousand inhabitants; and
- b) to establish an additional voluntary quota, the amount of which should be in accordance with the economic capacity of each country, the Director of the Bureau being authorized to carry out the pertinent negotiations.
- 2—To approve the budget for the first year submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and to authorize him to make such modifications as are deemed necessary for carrying out adequately the sanitary and health activities with which he has been charged, said modifications to be submitted for the approval of the Executive Committee at the first opportunity.
- 3—a) To fix the annual salaries of the Director, Assistant Director and the Secretary General, and the representation allowances of the Bureau, as follows:

Director.....	\$15,000.00
Assistant Director.....	10,000.00
Secretary General.....	9,000.00
Representation allowance.....	6,000.00; and

- b) To authorize the Bureau to cover the taxes on salaries it pays to its employees.
- 4—To direct that unexpended amounts of the budget and the surplus from the additional quotas, be used to establish two funds:
- a) an emergency fund, to be used in the immediate solution of unforeseen health and sanitary problems; and
- b) a reserve fund, to guarantee the normal functioning of the Bureau; the execution of new programs or the broadening of existing ones; and for any other purposes which the Directing Council may deem proper.
- 5—To create a committee to study a plan for obtaining funds for the purpose of ensuring a solid basis and a permanent character to the normal development of the activities of the Bureau.
- 6—To approve the draft plan of Organization presented by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and to authorize him to make such modifications as are deemed necessary during the first year, submitting them to the Executive Committee for approval.
- 7—a) To postpone the adoption of Rules and Regulations for the Bureau, until such time as the Bureau has achieved greater development in order properly to specify the duties and obligations of the officers and staff, and

- b) To entrust to the Director the drafting of a plan based on experience, to be submitted at the next meeting of the Directing Council.
- 8—The foregoing provisions shall enter into force as of the 1st of January, 1948.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CD1.R4 EN

After considering the report presented by the Executive Committee of its Second Bi-annual Meeting, held in Buenos Aires, September 22 and 23, 1947,

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

- 1—To authorize the Director:
- a) to use his own discretion concerning the appointment of the technical committees in accordance with the economic resources and the development of the program of the Bureau;
 - b) to charge a nominal subscription fee to private individuals and institutions desiring to receive the Bulletin;
 - c) to discontinue payments to the statistical representatives in the different countries;
 - d) to postpone the classification of personnel and the preparation of rules and regulations in order that both may conform as nearly as possible to those of the specialized agencies of the United Nations; and
 - e) to prepare an additional program, of scientific nature, for the meeting of the Directing Council next year.
- 2—To defer the discussion of the Pan American Sanitary Code until a future meeting, taking into consideration the legal aspects which modifications of the Code will imply, as well as the future action of the World Health Organization on a World Sanitary Code.

SEAT OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL . CD1.R5 EN

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL designated Mexico City, by unanimous vote, as the seat of its meeting in 1948.

ELECTION OF MEMBER COUNTRIES TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CD1.R6

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL elected Uruguay and Venezuela to fill the vacancies on the Executive Committee created by the termination of the periods of office of Argentina and Chile.

HOMAGE

CD1.R7-R8

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL renders homage to the memory of Finlay, Reed, Lazear, Carroll, Agramonte, Oswaldo Cruz, and other pioneers in the campaign against yellow fever.

GREETINGS

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL resolves to express its sincere appreciation to Dr. Hugh S. Cumming, Director Emeritus of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, for the progress achieved in the Americas during his long and productive period of service as Director of the Bureau.

VOTES

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL of the Pan American Sanitary Organization renders a vote of thanks to His Excellency, General Juan D. Perón, President of the Republic of Argentina, for his interest shown in the activities of the Directing Council, and the opportunities offered to the delegations to become acquainted with his governmental plan for the benefit of the health of the peoples of the Americas;

and to His Excellency the Secretary of Public Health of the Argentina Nation, Doctor Ramón Carrillo, for the generous assistance given the Directing Council and for the prestige which his high authority has conferred upon the deliberations of the representatives of the American Republics;

to the Argentine press for the dissemination of the concepts of social well-being and American solidarity that guided the deliberations of the Directing Council in shaping the future of the Pan American Sanitary Organization;

to the Members of the Argentine Delegation and to the gracious ladies of Buenos Aires, for their most generous and cordial manner in contributing toward making the visit of the delegates most pleasant;

to the Confederación Nacional de Beneficencia for the hospitality shown the delegates from the American Republics;

and to all the personnel of the Secretariat which so efficiently and devotedly worked in the preparation and distribution of the material utilized and which contributed so much to the success of the Meeting.

This Final Report was signed in the City of Buenos Aires, on the second day of October of the year one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven.

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<i>Brazil:</i>	HEITOR PRAGUER FRÓES
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<i>Cuba:</i>	L. ESPINOSA
<i>Chile:</i>	N. ROMERO
<i>El Salvador:</i>	R. V. GÓMEZ
<i>United States:</i>	THOMAS PARRAN
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<i>Mexico:</i>	I. MORONES PRIETO
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