



# XIX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE

## XXVI REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING

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### REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau is pleased to inform the Conference that he has received a request from the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas for membership in the Pan American Health Organization.

The Director brought this request to the attention of the 72nd Meeting of the Executive Committee (Document CE72/12, annexed), which approved the following resolution:

#### THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the formal request for membership in the Pan American Health Organization made by the Minister of External Affairs of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas on behalf of his Government, in a letter dated 26 February 1974,

#### RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the request of the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas for membership in the Pan American Health Organization, and to instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to transmit it to the XIX Pan American Sanitary Conference for appropriate action.
2. To recommend to the Conference that it give favorable consideration to the request of the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas for membership in the Pan American Health Organization.

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*working party of  
the regional committee*

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REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS FOR  
MEMBERSHIP IN THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau has the honor to advise the Executive Committee that he has received a letter from His Excellency Paul L. Adderley, Minister of External Affairs of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, requesting full membership for that country in the Pan American Health Organization.

The Bahamas, which previously enjoyed the benefits of membership in the Pan American Health Organization as a Dependency of the United Kingdom, became an independent and sovereign state on 10 July 1973.

The Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas is applying for membership in accordance with Article 2-A of the Constitution of PAHO. It has indicated its willingness to comply with its obligations as a Member of PAHO, and to cooperate fully with the other Member Countries. A copy of the Instrument of Acceptance of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization, which the Director has communicated to the Member Governments, is attached.

The Executive Committee may wish to consider a resolution along the following lines:

Proposed Resolution

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Annex



INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF  
PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

The Director General

Pan American Health Organization.

Sir,

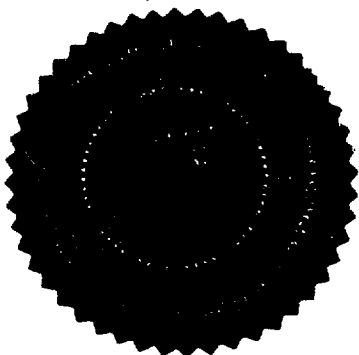
I have the honour to apply, on behalf of the Government of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, for membership in the Pan American Health Organization in accordance with Article 2A of the Constitution of the Organization.

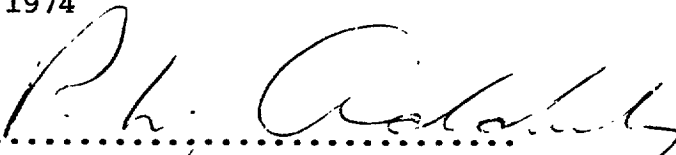
The Commonwealth of The Bahamas became an independent and sovereign state on 10th July, 1973 and wishes to become a full member of the Pan American Health Organization.

This Government is willing and prepared to fulfill the financial obligations imposed on members in accordance with 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 1952, and to cooperate fully with the other Member States in the work of the Organization.

I have the honour to remain,

Nassau, Bahamas on 26 February, 1974



  
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Paul L. Adderley  
Minister of External Affairs  
of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas