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AND NOMINATION OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD HEALTH
ORGANIZATION FOR THE AMERICAS

Article 4-E of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization provides: "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."

On the other hand, Article 4 of the Agreement between the World Health Organization and the Pan American Sanitary Organization provides that "the Regional Director shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Articles 49 and 52 of the World Health Organization Constitution," which stipulate:

"Article 49.- Regional committees shall adopt their own rules of procedure."

"Article 52.- The head of the Regional Office shall be the Regional Director appointed by the Board in agreement with the Regional Committee."

The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference (Santiago, Chile, 1954) elected the present Director for the term of office commencing 1 February 1955 and ending 31 January 1959.

Article 53 of the Rules of Procedure of that Conference provided:

"In accordance with Article 4-E of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, the Conference shall elect the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau by a two-thirds vote of the Members present and voting. Acting as Regional Committee of the World Health Organization, and in conformity with Articles 49 and 52 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, the Conference shall submit the name of the person so elected to the Executive Board of WHO for appointment as Regional Director."