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# VI Meeting Regional Committee



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Topic 26: SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS  
DURING THE VIII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,  
VII MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE  
REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD HEALTH  
ORGANIZATION (1955)

Technical discussions on matters of regional interest related to the activities of the Pan American Sanitary Organization were held at the VII Meeting of the Directing Council (1953) and will be held at the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference, pursuant to Article 4-D of the Constitution. At the V Meeting of the Directing Council (Resolution XXXI) certain limitations were agreed upon regarding the nature of the topics chosen for technical discussions, and the Executive Committee at its 22nd Meeting (Resolution X) approved rules and procedures for the aforesaid discussions.

The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference is to assign the topic for technical discussions at the VIII Meeting of the Directing Council, VII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization (1955). At the 22nd Meeting of the Executive Committee, six topics were studied and three were chosen for technical discussions at the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference. One of the remaining three topics, dealing with the eradication of malaria, is incorporated in Topic 32 of the Draft Agenda of the Conference, and the other two cover, respectively, problems relating to the selection of students for medical education and the training of sanitary inspectors.

The Director-General of WHO apprised the Director of the Bureau, of the Seventh World Health Assembly resolution that selected the following topic for technical discussions at the Ninth Assembly (1956):

Nurses: Their Education and Their Role in Health Programs

Resolution 19 of the WHO Executive Board (fourteenth Session) requested the Director-General to undertake the study on whether regional meetings should deal with the same subject selected for technical discussions by the World Health Assembly. In view of the timeliness of the topic chosen and its importance to the Region of the Americas, the Director of the Bureau believes that the topic might fittingly be selected for the technical discussions at the VIII Meeting of the Directing Council in 1955, as it would then be discussed at the World Health Assembly in 1956 with the benefit of the previous discussion at the regional level.

Proposed Resolution

THE XIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

DEEMING it desirable that the Directing Council meetings continue to serve as the occasion for holding technical discussions on matters of regional interest related to the activities of the Pan American Sanitary Organization; and

IN VIEW of the advisability of taking into account past experience and, specifically, the decisions adopted in Resolution XXXI of the V Meeting of the Directing Council and Resolution X of the 22nd Meeting of the Executive Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To select, because of its general interest, the following topic for the technical discussions to be held at the VIII Meeting of the Directing Council, VII Meeting of the Regional Committee:

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2. To recommend that the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau inform the public health ministries of the Member Governments of the Organization, of the topic selected for the technical discussions.

3. To authorize the Director to designate an expert to present an introductory statement on the topic selected.

(If the topic approved by the WHA is selected, the following paragraph could be added):

4. To apprise the Director-General of the World Health Organization that the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, Regional Committee of WHO, favors holding technical discussions at the regional meetings on the same subject selected for the World Health Assembly.