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CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN STATES MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
LABOR ORGANIZATION

At its 19th Meeting the Executive Committee adopted Resolution XI,
which reads as follows:

"WHEREAS:

"The Executive Committee has been informed by the Director that, at the request of the Director-General of the World Health Organization, the resolution concerning medical care adopted by the Fifth Conference of American States Members of the International Labor Organization will be brought to the attention of the WHO Regional Committee (Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization) at its next meeting in October 1953; and

"Opinions were expressed in the course of the study of this matter by the Executive Committee, all of which the Committee thought should be brought to the attention of the Directing Council,

"THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

"RESOLVES:

"1. To transmit to the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization (Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization) the resolution of the American States Members of the International Labor Organization, which appears as Annex I of Document CE19/3.

"2. To transmit, likewise, to the Directing Council the views expressed thereon at the first plenary session of the Executive Committee held on 20 April 1953, which are contained in the minutes of that session (Document CE19/19)."

In compliance with the above resolution, the Director has the honor to transmit to the Directing Council the resolution of the American States Members of the International Labor Organization (Document CE19/3, Annex I) and that portion of the précis minutes of the first plenary session of the 19th Meeting of the Executive Committee (Document CE19/19, pages 8-9) which contains the opinions expressed on this matter.



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Topic 14: RESOLUTION CONCERNING MEDICAL CARE ADOPTED BY THE FIFTH CONFERENCE
OF AMERICAN STATES MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION

The Director wishes to advise the Executive Committee that, at the request of the Director-General of the World Health Organization, the resolution concerning medical care adopted by the Fifth Conference of American States Members of the International Labor Organization (ANNEX I) will be brought to the attention of the WHO Regional Committee (Directing Council) at its next meeting in October 1953.

The Director-General has communicated to the International Labor Organization that "the interest of the ILO in the extension of both preventive and curative aspects of health services is very much appreciated, and WHO agrees in principle with the resolution under reference. No mention is, however, made of methods of administration: it is hoped that close integration between the administration of such medical services and public health programmes may be encouraged."

RESOLUTION CONCERNING MEDICAL CARE ADOPTED BY THE FIFTH CONFERENCE
OF AMERICAN STATES MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION *

The Fifth Conference of American States Members of the International Labour Organization, having met at Petropolis from 17 to 29 April 1952,

Considering the great importance attributed in recent international conferences to the problem of the extension of the scope of medical services by social security systems and other methods;

Considering that this extension is required not only for relevant reasons of a human and social character, but also as an imperative measure for the prevention of the risks covered by social security and other methods; and

Considering the need of giving a greater protection to insured persons who have become invalids through sicknesses harmful to society, among which tuberculosis is outstanding, in view of the greater social repercussion that it produces in these cases:

Adopts this twenty-ninth day of April 1952 the following resolution:

The Conference resolves to recommend to American countries--

1. To try to extend, as soon as possible, to the greatest number of persons, within the possibilities of each country, social security medical services, or other appropriate methods, including provision for medicines, dental treatment, examinations by specialists and hospital treatment in clinical and in maternity cases.
2. To try to intensify the measures of prevention against diseases harmful to society and to increase the measures of protection to insured persons affected by such diseases, especially to persons affected by tuberculosis--
 - (a) by guaranteeing to these persons a specialized medical treatment and, whenever necessary, in a sanatorium for a period of time sufficient to procure them a clinical cure;
 - (b) by increasing the number of beds available for such cases in hospitals and sanatoria;

- (c) by endeavouring, in the measure of the economic possibilities of the respective social insurance plans, to guarantee such persons a compensation for inactivity approaching, as far as possible, the salary received when active and reaching, if possible, the full salary, within such provisions relating to the maximum amount of compensation as may be established by national legislation; and

Resolves to request the Governing Body of the International Labour Office to communicate this resolution to the World Health Organization.

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Pan American Sanitary Organization
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Pages 8-9

Précis Minutes of the First Plenary Session
held 20 April 1953

5. TOPIC 14: RESOLUTION CONCERNING MEDICAL CARE, ADOPTED BY THE FIFTH CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN STATES MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION (Document CE19/3)

The SECRETARY read Document CE19/3 on the above topic.

Dr. JIMENEZ PINOCHET (Chile) said that all the Representatives would be agreeable to calling the attention of their respective Governments to the proposals contained in the resolution attached to Document CE19/3. He recalled that the Government of Chile has recently enacted legislation designed to reorganize the public health and social security services of the country, and that it has accumulated much experience and compiled much information on this subject over a period of 25 years, which it wished to place at the disposal of the Governments of the other American Republics as a contribution toward the improvement of these services.

Dr. HURTADO (Observer, Cuba) urged that any decisions on this subject also take into account the medical profession, with a view to coordinating the interests of the medical group with general interests in social security systems.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the resolution adopted by the Fifth Conference of American States Members of the International Labor Organization reflects an aim of social security in the various countries. He suggested that this resolution be transmitted to the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization with a statement of the views expressed by the Observer for Cuba on the interests of the medical profession.

Dr. JIMENEZ PINOCHET (Chile) supported the views of the Observer for Cuba, and pointed out that in Chile the protection afforded the worker takes into account the interests of the medical profession.

DECISION TAKEN

It was unanimously agreed to transmit to the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization (Directing Council of the PASO) the resolution in Document CE19/3 (Annex I), together with a statement of the views regarding the medical profession expressed in the course of the discussion.