Topic 33: AIR TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING PRIORITIES FOR MATERIAL USED FOR THE EXECUTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS

By virtue of Article 14-c of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council, the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau has included the above topic on the Draft Agenda of the VII Meeting of the Directing Council, in conformity with the wish expressed by the Government of Chile in letter of 30 July 1953, as follows:

"Santiago, 30 July 1953

"Dr. Fred L. Soper, Director
Pan American Sanitary Bureau
Washington, D. C.

"Dear Doctor Soper:

"It has been observed that quite frequently difficulties arise in regard to air transportation and shipping priorities for material which is to be used for the execution of public health programs.

"Accordingly, resolutions concerning these problems were adopted at both the III and IV Official Meetings of the International Control Committee for the Sanitary Agreement between Bolivia, Chile, and Peru.

"As this is a matter of great importance to all the Member States of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, I wish to suggest that this topic be included on the agenda of the next meeting of the Directing Council of the Organization, thereby enabling the Council to adopt a resolution that could be brought to the attention of the International Civil Aviation Organization, so that the existing difficulties might be corrected.

Very truly yours,

(signed) Dr. Hernán Urzúa M.
Director General of the National Health Service."
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Resolution Proposed by the Representative of Chile

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

CONSIDERING:

The communication of the Director General of the National Health Service of Chile concerning the difficulties that arise with relative frequency in connection with air transportation and shipping priorities for materials and equipment to be used for the execution of public health programs;

The decisions and resolutions adopted on this subject by the III and IV Meetings of the Control Committee for the Sanitary Agreement between Bolivia, Chile, and Peru; and

The vital importance of rapid transportation in certain instances, as in the event of epidemics, catastrophes, and emergency situations,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend that the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau request the cooperation of the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Air Transport Association to the end that in justified cases they grant shipping priorities for materials and equipment to be used for the execution of public health programs or campaigns.

2. To request the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to undertake negotiations with the airlines, with a view to obtaining a special rate for the transportation of such material and equipment intended for official use.
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The draft resolutions on topics 32 and 33, proposed by the Representative of Chile, make reference to resolutions adopted at the III and IV Meetings of the Control Committee for the Sanitary Agreement between Bolivia, Chile and Peru. The text of these resolutions follows:

III Meeting, La Paz, Bolivia, March 1952

(11) It was resolved to request the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to approach the Governments of signatory countries that encounter problems of this nature, with a view to securing exchange priorities, preferential exchange rates, and exemption from import duties for the acquisition of insecticides by public health agencies.

(12) It was agreed to request the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to approach the commercial airlines maintaining air service between the signatory countries, with a view to obtaining transportation facilities and shipping priorities for materials to be used in fulfilling the purposes of the Agreement.

IV Meeting, Arica, Chile, July 1953

5. The IV Official Meeting resolves to place before the Representatives of their respective Governments to the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, the problems concerning exchange priorities, preferential exchange rates, and exemption from import duties for the acquisition of insecticides by public health agencies, in conformity with Resolution 11 of the III Official Meeting at La Paz.

The same decision is adopted with respect to Resolution 12 of the III Meeting, so that both resolutions may be included on the Agenda of the Pan American Sanitary Conference in 1954.