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Proposal Submitted by the Representative of Argentina

Mr. Chairman of the Directing Council of PASO:

The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference, to be held next year, will have as one of its major tasks the election of the new Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, in view of the expiration of the term of office for which the present Director, Dr. Fred L. Soper, was elected.

That election will be carried out according to the practice followed up to the present time, a practice that -- despite the vital importance of this matter not only to the successful operation of the Bureau but to the fulfillment, on an increasingly effective scale, of the high mission entrusted to the Pan American Sanitary Organization -- does not follow a set procedure, but leaves the election open to individual or group influences.

Furthermore, the Delegation of Argentina believes it to be of the greatest importance that an opportunity be afforded well in advance for the names of those in the Americas who have the necessary competence to fill that post, and who are in a position to do so, to be made known to the Conference and taken into account at the time the election is held, so that the choice may fall on the best among them.

To ensure the desired success of this activity of the Conference, it would appear advisable that it follow a procedure previously studied and approved by the Directing Council, one that would provide for a committee, especially established for the purpose, to receive the background information on the possible candidates in sufficient time to examine that information and submit a report to the next Conference for consideration.

For all these reasons, and for others which the Representative of Argentina will be pleased to present to the Directing Council in plenary session, the Delegation of Argentina takes the liberty of proposing to the Council the following draft resolution.

Draft Resolution

The Directing Council,

Considering that the XV Pan American Sanitary Conference, to be held next year in Puerto Rico, is to elect the new Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;

Considering that, because of the complexity and importance of the functions attached to that position, it is necessary to make all possible advance preparations so that, in the future, these functions will continue to be carried out by a person highly qualified for the office; and

Considering that, despite the vital importance of this matter to the successful operation of the Bureau as well as to continued progress and improvement in carrying out the far-reaching task assigned by the governments of the Americas to the Pan American Sanitary Organization, the existing regulations contain no provision to govern the subject,

RESOLVES:

To designate a working party to present, in the course of the present meeting, proposed regulations to govern henceforth the preliminary steps required to prepare for the election of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, referred to in Article 4-E of the Constitution of PASO.