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Provisional Agenda Item 25

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PLACE OF THE XVII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE

The XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the Fall of 1962, considered Documents CSP16/4 and Addendum I relative to the place and date of the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference. Document CSP16/4 of 5 June 1962 informed the Conference that in conformity with Article 7-A of the Constitution of the PAHO, the Conference was to be held in the country determined by its immediately preceding meeting or by the Council acting on its behalf. A list indicating the sites of previous Conferences was attached to that document.

Document CSP16/4, Addendum I, of 30 August 1962, contained a letter dated 25 August 1962 from the Delegate of Uruguay inviting the Conference to hold its seventeenth meeting in the city of Montevideo, Uruguay, and also a letter dated 27 August 1962 from the Delegate of Cuba, Dr. José R. Machado Ventura expressing the desire of his Government to be host to the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference.

During the debate on this matter at the ninth plenary session of the Conference the Delegates of Ecuador and Peru expressed the opinion that it would be advisable to postpone a decision on where the Conference would be held in view of the fact that the date of the Conference would be close to that of the completion of the new Headquarters building and that it might be possible to arrange for it to coincide with the inauguration of the Headquarters building.

At the same session, the Delegate of the United States of America pointed out that the Conference could not be held at Headquarters unless a Constitutional amendment was adopted since Article 7-A of the Constitution did not allow two successive meetings of the Conference to be held in the same country.

The Conference adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION XXXVIII

"THE XVI PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having been informed that on 25 August 1962 the Government of Uruguay addressed a communication to the President of this Conference proposing the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference be held in that country, and that on 27 August 1962 the Government of Cuba extended a similar invitation; and

Bearing in mind the exceptional circumstances in which the expected completion within the next four years of the new Headquarters building of the Pan American Health Organization would be an occasion for the Conference in 1966 to occupy for the first time the main center of future international health activities of the Hemisphere,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its thanks to the Governments of Uruguay and Cuba for their offers in connection with the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference.

2. To transmit the invitations received to the Directing Council with the request that at its 1964 meeting it designate the place of the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference, bearing in mind the above-mentioned invitations, those that may be received by the date of the meeting, and all other relevant circumstances with regard to the opening of the new building of the Pan American Health Organization; and to authorize the Directing Council to take such measures as may be pertinent in order to designate the place."

The Director wishes to inform the Directing Council that no additional invitations have been received. As the new Headquarters building is scheduled to be completed by April-May 1965, it would be possible for the Conference to hold its 1966 meeting at the Headquarters of the Organization, and thereby effect a considerable saving. Should this suggestion be acceptable, the Director would be willing to submit the pertinent modifications to the Constitution and Rules of Procedures to the Directing Council when it examines item 36 concerning the organization of the Pan American Sanitary Conference.

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"Mexico, D. F. 31 August 1964

"To the Chairman of the XV Meeting of
the Directing Council of the Pan American
Health Organization

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that, in accordance with the instructions of my Government I am pleased to offer the city of Lima (Peru) as the meeting place for the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference to be held in 1966.

My country has been privileged to be the meeting place for this important event only once before, in the year 1927.

I should appreciate your transmitting the offer made by my Government to the honorable members of the Directing Council."

Yours very truly,

(sgd) Dr. Carlos Quiroz
Representative of Peru.