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XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference

RESOLUTIONS

CSP14.R1 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined the annual report of the Executive Committee, presented by Dr. Gerardo Segura, Delegate of Argentina and Chairman of the 22nd Meeting of that Committee,

Resolves:

To approve the annual report of the Executive Committee and express its satisfaction at the work accomplished.

October 1954, OD 10, 14

CSP14.R2 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined the Annual Report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1953 (Document CSP14/4) and his four-year report on the activities of the Pan American Sanitary Organization during the period between the XIII (1950) and the XIV (1954) Pan American Sanitary Conferences (Document CSP14/5),

Resolves:

To approve the Annual Report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Regional Office of the World Health Organization for the Americas, for 1953 and the report of the Director to the Member Governments of the Pan American Sanitary Organization [for the period] January 1950–December 1953, congratulating him on the effective work accomplished and the form of presentation of the reports, and extending its congratulations to the staff of the Bureau.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 14

CSP14.R3 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having studied the Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for 1953 (Document CE22/4); and noting that the Executive Committee approved the aforesaid reports at its 22nd Meeting,

Resolves:

1. To approve the Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for 1953.
2. To congratulate the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and his associates on the manner in which the reports were presented.

Oct. 1954, OD 10, 15

CSP14.R4 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having studied the report of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations (Document CE22/10); and

Noting the action taken by the Executive Committee on this subject at its 22nd Meeting,

Resolves:

1. To approve the action taken by the Permanent Subcommittee.

2. To express its appreciation to the members of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations, who will continue to give [their assistance] to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 15

CSPI4.R5 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering the action taken by the Executive Committee at its 22nd Meeting regarding the revised Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;

Having been informed that the Seventh World Health Assembly made no changes in the revision of the Staff Rules;

Noting that, in accordance with the instructions contained in the first paragraph of Resolution XVIII adopted by the Executive Committee at its 22nd Meeting, the Director put the revised Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau into effect on 1 June 1954, the date on which those of the World Health Organization came into force; and

Considering that Article 12.2 of the Staff Regulations of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau provides that "the Director shall report annually to the Directing Council such staff rules and amendments thereto as he may to implement these regulations after confirmation by the Executive Committee",

Resolves:

To take note of the adoption of the revised Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CE22/5, Annex A) as recommended by the Director and confirmed by the Executive Committee at its 22nd Meeting.

Oct. 1954, OD 10,16

CSP14.R6 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering the previous decisions of the Directing Council and the recommendations of the Director and the External Auditor that an amount of \$1,200,000 is sufficient to carry out the purposes of the Working Capital Fund;

[Bearing in mind] the Financial Regulations, which stipulate that the Working Capital Fund shall be established in an amount and for the purposes to be determined from time to time by the Directing Council; and

Considering the recommendation of the 22nd Meeting of the Executive Committee,

Resolves:

To establish the level of the Working Capital Fund at \$1,200,000 until such time as the budgetary position of the Bureau warrants a change.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 16

CSP14.R7 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having reviewed the action taken by the Seventh World Health Assembly on the subjects "Sessions of Regional Committees at Regional Headquarters" and "Payment of Travel Expenses of Representatives to Sessions of the Regional Committees" (Resolutions WHA7.26 and WHA7.27, respectively),

Resolves:

To take note of the decision taken by the Seventh World Health Assembly to the effect that the travel expenses of representatives to meetings of the Regional Committee shall not be reimbursed by the Organization.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 17

CSP14.R8 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Resolves:

To take note of Resolution II adopted by the Executive Committee at its 23rd Meeting, approving the expenditure of \$4,661.97 from the Emergency Revolving Fund in connection with the flood disaster in a Member Country and authorizing the Director to reimburse the Fund in that amount from the general funds of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for the year 1954.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 17

CSP14.R9 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having noted the provisions of Resolution XL of the V Meeting of the Directing Council; and

Considering the report (Document CE22/12) submitted by the Director to the 22nd Meeting of the Executive Committee, pursuant to the aforesaid resolution, and the decision of the Committee on this matter (Resolution XIII),

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the financial participation of France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom, on behalf of their territories in the Region of the Americas, in the budget of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.
2. To instruct the Director to present future reports to the Executive Committee when circumstances so require.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 17

CSP14.R10 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Noting the decision of the Directing Council at its VII Meeting, which instructed the Director to request, in its name, that Member Governments make the necessary financial arrangements for payment of all arrearages and the maintenance of future years' contributions on a current annual basis;

Recognizing that delays in the receipt of contributions limit the development of long-range programs to be undertaken in the Americas; and

Noting the report submitted by the Director, reflecting the current status of outstanding contributions,

Resolves:

To request Member Governments having outstanding quota balances to make the necessary financial arrangements for the payment thereof, and to emphasize the importance of maintaining future contributions on a current annual basis.

Oct. 1954, OD 10, 18

CSP14.R11 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1955 submitted by the Director; and

Taking into account the report of the working party (Document CE22/47, Rev. 1) appointed by the Executive Committee at its 22nd Meeting to study the aforementioned Proposed Program and Budget,

Resolves:

To approve the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1955 (Document CE22/2).

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 18

CSP14.R12 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Resolves:

1. To appropriate for the financial year 1955 an amount of \$ 2,100,000, as follows:

Purpose of Appropriation

PART I	PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION		\$ 139,796
PART II	PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU-HEAD- QUARTERS		899,200
PART III	PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU-FIELD AND OTHER PROGRAMS		1,061,004
	Total-All Parts		----- \$ 2,100,000
	Less: Miscellaneous Receipts		
	Contributions on behalf of Non-Self-Governing Territories of France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom	\$ 77,723 22,277	
	Total Estimated Receipts	-----	
	Total for assessment	100,000
		----- \$ 2,000,000
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2. [To approve that] amounts not exceeding the appropriations noted under paragraph 1 be [made] available for the payment of obligations, in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Bureau, during the period 1 January to 31 December 1955, inclusive.

3. [To approve that] the appropriations as noted above be financed by contributions from the Member Governments according to Article 60 of the Pan American Sanitary Code; contributions on behalf of the territories of France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom according to Resolutions XV and XL of the V Meeting of the Directing Council; and miscellaneous income accruing to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

4. [To authorize] the Director to transfer credits between parts of the budget, provided that such transfers of credits between parts do not exceed 10 per cent of the part from which the credit is transferred. Transfers of credits between these parts of the budget in excess of 10 per cent may be made with the concurrence of the Executive Committee. All transfers of budget credits shall be reported to the Directing Council.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 19

CSP14.R13 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Noting that the surplus funds from 1953, in the amount of \$144,089, were placed in a special fund at the disposal of the Pan American Sanitary Conference; and

Considering the recommendations of the Director regarding the utilization of this fund for the intensification of the campaign against smallpox, and the decision thereon taken by the Executive Committee at its 22nd Meeting,

Resolves:

To authorize the Director to use the surplus funds from 1953, in the amount of \$144,089, for the intensification of the campaign against smallpox in the Americas.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 20

CSP14.R14 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering Article 4, paragraph E, of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, which provides that the Conference shall elect the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau by a two-thirds vote of the countries represented and with the right to vote;

Considering Resolution III of the XII Pan American Sanitary Conference, which provides that the term of office of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall be four years; and

Considering Article 4 of the Agreement between the World Health Organization and the Pan American Sanitary Organization, and Articles 49 and 52 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, which establish the procedure for the appointment of the Regional Director of the World Health Organization,

Resolves:

1. To re-elect, by acclamation, Dr. Fred L. Soper, as Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for the term of office commencing 1 February 1955.
2. To apprise the Executive Board of the World Health Organization of the designation of Dr. Fred L. Soper, for appointment as Regional Director for the Americas.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 20

CSP14.R15 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering the provisions of Article 13, paragraph A, of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization; and

Bearing in mind that the terms of Ecuador and Mexico expire immediately following this Conference,

Resolves:

To elect the Governments of Paraguay and Colombia to membership on the Executive Committee for a period of three years, and to express the appreciation of the Conference to the Governments of Ecuador and Mexico for the services they have rendered to the Organization.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 21

CSP14.R16 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering that health is in itself an indivisible whole and, moreover, is closely linked to the economic, social, and cultural development of the community;

Considering that public health encompasses all activities concerning the promotion, protection, and preservation of health;

Considering that the disproportion between the magnitude of health problems and the resources usually made available for their solution makes it necessary to classify these problems in proper order, so that they may be dealt with according to their relative importance and [so that] resources [may be] utilized in such a way as to yield maximum returns; and

Considering that basic statistical data are essential to health programs to ensure their proper planning, development, evaluation, and improvement,

Resolves:

To recommend that the Member States, to the extent that their economic, social, and cultural development permits, extend and improve the collection, processing, analysis, and timely publication of statistics on population, vital statistics, morbidity statistics, statistics on health resources and services, and socioeconomic statistics related to health.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 21

CSP14.R17 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering that a knowledge of the different groups making up the population is of fundamental importance in health programs,

Resolves:

To recommend to the Member States that their health agencies:

- a) Promote and cooperate in the provision of timely and reliable demographic statistics;
- b) Participate in the planning of population censuses, so as to ensure that they include the maximum of data essential for health programs; and
- c) Make use of public health surveys, when necessary, to provide additional data on population.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 22

CSP14.R18 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering that it is a basic task of health agencies to know, at both the local and the national levels, the vital facts regarding the people whose health problems they wish to solve;

Considering that, among these vital facts, it is particularly important in health programs to have the most thorough knowledge possible of the causes of deaths in the population;

Considering that, for these purposes, there are available detailed international recommendations of the World Health Organization and the United Nations; and

Considering that, nevertheless, vital statistics are still subject to error in collection, inadequate analysis, and delays in publication, all of which interfere with their proper use in the planning, development, evaluation, and improvement

of health programs and with the comparability of data on a national and international scale,

Resolves:

1. To recommend that the Member States, through their national agencies, improve the use of:
 - a) "Principles for a Vital Statistics System" of the United Nations, stressing the collection and processing of those data that specifically serve the aims of health; and
 - b) Regulations No. 1 of the World Health Organization, regarding the use of the "International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries, and Causes of Death."
2. To recommend that, in the use of the [aforementioned guidelines], special attention be given to improving the procedures for collection of basic statistical information at the local level.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 22

CSP14.R19 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering that morbidity statistics are essential in the planning, development, evaluation, and improvement of health programs;

Considering that the collection of this information is a complex process, and that the quantity and detail in which it can be obtained depends in large measure on the level of economic, social, and cultural development;

Considering that it is apparent that, in most of the countries, information exists on diseases of certain population groups, such as hospital statistics and data on insurance against illness, accidents, industrial hazards, etc., which should be developed, standardized, and utilized;

Considering that a thorough description of the importance, type, sources, and uses of morbidity statistics is contained in the Third Report of the Expert Committee on Health Statistics of the World Health Organization; and

Considering that to cover the special group of communicable diseases--a complete and timely knowledge of which is of local, national, and international importance--there are legal provisions in the various countries and detailed international recommendations, in spite of which these statistics still suffer from inaccuracy and the provisions regarding their transmittal and publication are not complied with fully,

Resolves:

1. To recommend that the Member States promote utilization of general morbidity statistics for the purposes of health programs, and that they take permanent measures to comply with the recommendations of the Third Report of the Expert Committee on Health Statistics of the World Health Organization.
2. To recommend that the Member States take immediate steps to improve the reporting of communicable diseases through the use of:
 - a) Regulations No. 2 of the World Health Organization (International Sanitary Regulations);
 - b) Basic Procedures for the Reporting of Communicable Diseases (Scientific Publications, No. 8, Pan American Sanitary Bureau); and
 - c) Guide for the Reporting of Quarantinable and Other Communicable Diseases in the Americas (Miscellaneous Publications, No 5, Pan American Sanitary Bureau).

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 23

CSP14.R20 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering that health programs require a knowledge of the economic resources and resources in personnel and equipment, both public and private, that the country provides specifically for such programs;

Considering that an evaluation of the yield and cost of public health programs is of basic importance, and that, for this purpose, statistics on resources and on services provided are indispensable; and

Considering that, in spite of their importance, statistics of this type have not been developed sufficiently in the majority of the American countries,

Resolves:

To recommend that the Member States take measures to obtain statistics on the national resources devoted to health and on the services rendered to the community, so that this information may facilitate the planning, development, evaluation, and improvement of health programs.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 24

CSP14.R21 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering that there is a close interdependence between the economic, cultural, and social development of the community and its health problems;

Considering that health programs should therefore form part of a comprehensive governmental plan for the improvement of the living conditions of the population;

Considering that those in charge of health programs should have available socioeconomic statistics to help give them an over-all view of the problems confronting the community; and

Considering that, despite the fact that information of this type exists in the majority of the countries, it is not used sufficiently by the health agencies,

Resolves:

To recommend that the Member States promote the use by health agencies of socioeconomic statistics related to health, in order to unify the activities designed to raise the living standards of the population.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 24

CSPI4.R22 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering that some of the basic statistical data required by health administrations should be subject in those administrations to such a system of collection, processing, and analysis as will ensure their constant and timely use in the planning, development, evaluation, and improvement of health programs;

Considering that, in addition to the statistical information mentioned above, use should be made of the statistical data produced by other national administrations;
and

Considering that, if health programs are to make proper use of statistical data, statisticians having a basic knowledge of health must collaborate closely with those who conduct such programs,

Recommends:

1. That the Member States create, or stimulate and strengthen, the statistical services in health administrations, providing them with material facilities and adequately trained statistical personnel.
2. That, in order to coordinate the various administrations producing statistics of health interest, the Member States promote the establishment and development of national committees on vital and health statistics, in accordance with the report of the First International Conference on National Committees on Vital and Health Statistics.
3. That, in order to produce reliable basic data essential for vital statistics, local coordination be established among health services, civil registration, and statistical services.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 25

CSPI4.R23 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering that, to improve the reliability of the statistical data needed in the planning, development, evaluation, and improvement of health programs, it is necessary to train the professional workers for such programs (physicians, nurses, sanitary engineers, social workers, health educators, etc.), in statistical methods and their application to health;

Considering that, to the same end, it is equally necessary that the technical knowledge of statistical personnel be increased; and

Considering that it is advisable to stimulate the progressive development of a trained group of statisticians and statistical officials,

Resolves:

1. To recommend that the Member States, with respect to professional health workers:

a) Include in the curriculum of the schools of medicine, nursing, social work, etc., the teaching of statistical methods applicable to health; and

b) Orient the teaching of statistics given in schools of public health toward their practical application in health programs.

2. To recommend to the Member States that, with respect to officials in statistical services and according to national needs, they carry out teaching programs on the following levels:

a) University courses for the education of statisticians, with a foundation in mathematics and specialization in various fields, including health;

b) Graduate courses for health statisticians who already have completed their undergraduate university education;

c) Courses at an intermediate level in the schools of public health for employees in statistical services who have completed their secondary education; and

d) In-service training for employees who work in local or central offices in the collection and utilization of original statistical data.

3. To recommend to the Member States that they establish a professional statistical career, in which there is provision for proper classification of positions and adequate salaries.

4. To recommend to the Member States that they stimulate teamwork of professional health workers and statisticians so as to encourage the application of statistical methods in health programs and clinical research.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 26

CSP14.R24 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering that the Summary of Reports of the Member States, 1950–1953,¹ prepared by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau is a valuable document for providing knowledge of the health problems of the Americas and for coordinating health programs, inasmuch as it contains statistical data on population, births, deaths, cases of communicable diseases, and personnel and organization of health services, as well as descriptions of programs; and

Considering that it is evident that the data in these reports are not strictly comparable because of differences in definitions and procedures followed by the various countries,

Resolves:

To recommend that the Member States:

- a) Immediately begin the improvement of these statistical data, in accordance with the recommendations of international organizations; and
- b) Agree to increase the statistical information that their reports to the next Pan American Sanitary Conference should contain, and decide on the procedures for obtaining such information and on the methods for ensuring international comparability, with the active cooperation of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and through seminars and other activities for the exchange of ideas and procedures.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 27

CSP14.R25 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering the importance of statistics in the planning, development, evaluation, and improvement of health programs; and

Taking into account the discussions held by the working party appointed to study this topic, and the report and recommendations proposed by that working party,

Resolves:

1. To recommend that the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau encourage, insofar as possible, the implementation of the technical recommendations contained in the report of the ad hoc Working Party on "Methods of Improving the Reliability of Raw Statistical Data Required for Health Programs," and [that he] inform the Directing Council in his annual reports of the steps taken by the Bureau with respect to this matter.
2. To request the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to give the Member States as much assistance as possible in the development of programs for education and training in statistics applied to health.
3. To instruct the Director of the Bureau to give wide distribution to the study prepared by Dr. Enrique Pereda (Document CSP14/26) and the report of the ad hoc Working Party (Document CSP14/69, Rev. 1).1

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 27

CSP14.R26 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering the importance that should be given to health education in all phases of public health and activities related thereto; and

Taking into account the discussions held in the working party appointed to study this topic, and the report and recommendations proposed by that working party,

Resolves:

1. To approve the text of the preamble and the recommendations submitted by Committee I on the topic "Application of Health Education Methods in Rural Areas in Latin America" (Document CSP14/79, Rev. 1).1

2. To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to encourage, insofar as possible, the promotion and implementation of the recommendations contained in the aforementioned document, and to inform the Directing Council in his annual reports of the steps taken with respect to this matter.

3. To recommend that the Director of the Bureau give wide distribution to the complete text of Document CSP14/79, Rev. 1, for the information of all the countries.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 28

CSP14.R27 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering the importance of infant diarrheas as a predominant cause of sickness and death in many countries of the Americas; and

Bearing in mind the discussions held by the working party appointed to study this topic, and the report and recommendations proposed by that working party,

Resolves:

1. To approve the technical recommendations on control of infant diarrheas set forth in the report of the ad hoc working party, as modified by Committee I (Document CSP14/79, Rev. 1).

2. To recommend that the Director of the Bureau encourage, insofar as possible, the implementation of the technical recommendations contained in the aforementioned report, and inform the Directing Council in his annual reports of the steps taken with respect to this matter.

3. To instruct the Director of the Bureau to give wide distribution to the paper prepared by Dr. Albert V. Hardy (Document CSP14/27, Addenda I and II)¹ and to the report of the ad hoc working party (Document CSP14/79, Rev. 1).²

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 29

CSPI4.R28 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering that collaboration in matters of common interest to the Pan American Sanitary Organization and other international and inter-American organizations contributes to the fulfillment of the objectives of the Organization, as stated in the Pan American Sanitary Code and in the Constitution of the Organization,

Resolves:

That the Pan American Sanitary Organization establish and maintain cooperative relations with other international and inter-American organizations in the manner that it deems appropriate; that the criteria given below be observed when the Pan American Sanitary Organization establishes cooperative relations with any other international and inter-American organizations; and that these relations be established or maintained in accordance with the provisions set forth in Article 23 of the Constitution.

Criteria:

1. The organization shall be concerned with matters falling within the competence of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.
2. The aims and purposes of the organization shall be in conformity with the spirit, purposes, and principles of the Pan American Sanitary Code and the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.
3. The organization shall be of recognized standing and shall represent a substantial proportion of the persons organized for the purpose of participating in the particular field of interest in which it operates. To meet this requirement, a group of organizations may form a joint committee or other body authorized to act for the group as a whole.
4. The organization shall have a directing body and authority to speak for its members through its authorized representatives; evidence of this authority shall be presented if requested.
5. The organization shall normally be inter-American in its structure and scope, with members who exercise voting rights in relation to its policies or action.
6. Save in exceptional cases, a national organization that is affiliated to an inter-American nongovernmental organization covering the same subject on an

international basis shall present its views through its government or through the inter-American nongovernmental organization to which it is affiliated. A national organization, however, may be included in the list after consultation with, and with the consent of, the Member Government concerned, if the activities of the organization are not covered by any international organization or if it offers experience upon which the Pan American Sanitary Organization wishes to draw.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 29

CSP14.R29 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having seen Document CE23/2, submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and containing the Proposed Program and Budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas and the Summary of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1956;

Bearing in mind that the Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas is submitted to the Conference, as Regional Committee of the World Health Organization, for review and submittal to the Director-General of the World Health Organization for consideration in drafting his budget for 1956; and

Taking into account the fact that the Summary of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1956 is a provisional draft that will serve as the basis for the preparation of the proposed program and budget to be submitted by the Director to the 25th Meeting of the Executive Committee for review and revision, and to the VIII Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization in 1955 for approval,

Resolves:

1. To endorse the Proposed Program and Budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1956, and to request the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to transmit it to the Director-General of the World Health Organization so that he may take it into consideration when preparing the WHO budget for 1956.
2. To approve the Summary of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1956 as a provisional draft that will serve as the

basis for the proposed budget to be submitted by the Director to the 25th Meeting of the Executive Committee.¹

3. To express its appreciation to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for the accomplishments of past years and for the continuing evidence of well-designed programs, as shown in the proposed programs and budgets for 1956.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 31

CSP14.R30 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

[Considering] the request of the Director-General of WHO for an expression of opinion on the maintenance of a satisfactory balance between the major subject headings in the [Program and Budget for the Region of] the Americas [for 1955];

Having noted that the original total for 1955 of \$1,342,418 for the Region was reduced to \$1,137,783 as a result of the action of the Seventh World Health Assembly; and

Having noted that, when this reduction was effected, a satisfactory balance was maintained between the major subject headings in the Regional budget for the Americas,

Resolves:

To request the Director, serving as Regional Director of WHO, to inform the Director-General that the Regional portion of the over-all reduction of \$811,100, amounting to \$204,635, was effected in an appropriate manner and [that] a satisfactory balance was maintained between the major subject headings in the Program and Budget for the Region of the Americas for 1955.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 32

CSP14.R31 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering that the Executive Committee has the authority, in conformity with Chapter IV, Article 7, paragraph D, and Article 12, paragraphs B and D, of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, to draw up the agenda of the Pan American Sanitary Conference and to advise the Directing Council, on its own initiative, regarding matters relating to its activities; and

Bearing in mind that in the preparation of the agenda of the Pan American Sanitary meetings and in their organization there are a number of questions that are difficult to resolve and the solution of which will facilitate the work of the said meetings,

Resolves:

1. To approve the measures adopted by the Executive Committee at its 23rd Meeting to facilitate the work of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference.
2. To authorize the Executive Committee to take those measures it deems necessary in relation to the preparation of future meetings of the Directing Council and of the Pan American Sanitary Conference in situations not specifically provided for in the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization or in their respective Rules of Procedure in order to facilitate the conduct and to expedite the work of the meetings.
3. [To stipulate that] the Executive Committee will advise the Pan American Sanitary Conference or the Directing Council in due course of the measures taken.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 32

CSP14.R32 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Resolves:

To take note of Resolution I approved by the Executive Committee at its 23rd Meeting concerning the future form of presentation of the proposed program and budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 33

CSP14.R33 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined Document CE23/61 presented by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, "Stipends Paid to Recipients of Fellowships from the Pan American Sanitary Bureau," and recognizing that a detailed study of the topic has been made, showing clearly the present difficulty of taking into account the different factors involved in the granting and use of fellowships,

Resolves:

1. To recommend to the Director:

a) That he continue studying the possibility of establishing classifications of fellowships, with different stipends, after consultation with the national and international organizations concerned; and

b) That, if the conclusions reached in these studies so justify, they be included in draft general fellowship regulations, which will set forth also the basic conditions and requirements for awarding fellowships, such provisions to be sufficiently flexible to make them applicable within the Member Countries.

2. To instruct the Director to present these regulations to the 25th Meeting of the Executive Committee.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 33

CSP14.R34 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Taking into account that the VII Meeting of the Directing Council requested the Director to present a detailed report to this Conference on the program of economies and decentralization of the Bureau; and

Considering that the Executive Committee, in Resolution V adopted at its 23rd Meeting, stated that the documents presented by the Director had fulfilled its wishes in this matter, took note of the report, and transmitted it to the Conference with the recommendation that it be adopted,

Resolves:

To approve and express its satisfaction with the report presented by the Director (Document CE23/5 and the Informational Statement, CE23/10) on the program of economies and decentralization of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 34

CSP14.R35 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

[Considering] 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 their general interest, the following topics for the Technical Discussions to be held at the VIII Meeting of the Directing Council, VII Meeting of the Regional Committee:

- a) "Methods of Improving the Education of Public Health Personnel," and
- b) "Medical Care in Rural Areas."

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 topics selected for the Technical Discussions.

3. To authorize the Director to designate experts to present introductory statements on the topics selected.

Oct. 1954 OD 10, 34

CSP14.R36 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having noted the proposal of the Delegation of Cuba, that "at the time the Pan American Conference of Public Health takes place the Inter-American Congress of Public Health hold an official meeting, [to] be organized by the Pan American Office of Public Health,"

Resolves:

To postpone consideration of the proposal presented by the Delegation of Cuba until the X Meeting of the Directing Council, scheduled for 1957.

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CSP14.R37 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined Document CSP14/22, submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau at the request of the Director-General of the World Health Organization,

Resolves:

To take note of Resolution WHA7.53 adopted by the Seventh World Health Assembly and Resolution EB14.R21 of the Fourteenth Session of its Executive Board, dealing with environmental sanitation.

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CSPI4.R38 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Taking into account the terms of Article 7, paragraph A, of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization,

Resolves:

To express its appreciation to the Government of the United States of America, and to accept its invitation to have the XV Pan American Sanitary Conference held in the city of San Juan, capital of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

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CSPI4.R39 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering that Article 25 of the Constitution provides that "the Conference or the Directing Council may approve and put into force, in accordance with policies which they may determine, amendments to this Constitution,"

Resolves:

[To stipulate] that the approval of the proposed amendments to the Constitution recommended by Committee II of this Conference shall require the affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of those Participating Governments entitled to vote that are represented and present when the vote is taken by the Conference in plenary session.

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CSP14.R40 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined the final report of the Permanent Committee on Revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization (Document CSP14/18 and Annex A); and

Taking into account the modifications proposed by the ad hoc Working Party of Committee II, presented in Document CSP14/78, and the modifications introduced by Committee II (Document CSP14/85, Rev. 1),

Resolves:

Not to approve the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.

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CSP14.R41 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering that the treponematoses are still important in many countries of the Continent as infecto-contagious diseases;

Considering that many people in the Americas are still suffering from some of the treponematoses in a contagious phase;

Considering that the transmission of the treponematoses is effected only by human beings, and therefore that the campaign against the propagation of these diseases is limited exclusively to man; and

Considering that it is necessary to take all measures to encourage the prophylaxis and control of the aforesaid diseases through concrete and basic preventive programs,

Resolves:

1. To recommend that the Member States, in accordance with their possibilities, resources, and conditions, develop medico-preventive programs based on the use of penicillin or the application of methods or techniques that science may recommend in the future for the control and eradication of these diseases.

2. To recommend that, inasmuch as experiments in mass treatment with penicillin have proved successful in endemic areas of yaws, this procedure be applied to achieve eradication.

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CSPI4.R42 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering that in the course of the Technical Discussions on the topic "Eradication of Malaria in the Americas" it was made evident that:

- a) The experience of those countries that have achieved eradication of malaria shows that, once transmission is intercepted, the infection in human beings disappears within a few years as the result of the natural death of the parasite;
- b) Recent observations indicate the development of resistance by some anopheline species to certain insecticides, a phenomenon that in time may cause serious difficulties and even failures in antimalaria campaigns; and
- c) The eradication of malaria in some countries calls attention to the international problem of preventing the importation of new cases into areas already free from infection,

Resolves:

- 1. To declare that it is of the utmost urgency to carry out the terms of Resolution XVIII of the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, which recommends that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau promote the intensification and coordination of antimalaria work, with a view to achieving the eradication of this disease in the Western Hemisphere, and that the Member Governments should convert all control programs into eradication campaigns within the shortest possible time, so as to achieve eradication before the appearance of anopheline resistance to insecticides.
- 2. To instruct the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to take steps to implement the aforesaid resolution and to study international measures to ensure the protection of those countries or territories that have achieved eradication of the disease.

3. To authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to secure the financial participation of public or private organizations, national or international, in order to further the aims set forth in this resolution.

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CSP14.R43 The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Bearing in mind the resolution on the eradication of malaria in the Americas approved at the present meeting¹; and

Considering that it is necessary to provide the Pan American Sanitary Bureau with the financial resources that will enable it to carry out the functions assigned to it by the aforesaid resolution,

Resolves:

1. To authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to obligate up to \$100,000 of the surplus funds available as of 31 December 1954 for the intensification of the antimalaria activities of the Bureau designed to eradicate this disease in the Western Hemisphere.

2. To approve the preparation by the Executive Committee of a proposed budget for 1956, for consideration by the Directing Council, to include an increase of \$100,000 over the present budgetary level, this increase to be allotted specifically for the intensification of the antimalaria activities of the Bureau.

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Expresses its appreciation to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Chile, to the President of the Senate, and to the national authorities, particularly to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Public Health, for the generous hospitality accorded the delegations and the staff of the Conference for their valuable collaboration both before and during the Conference, and to the Committee of Women for the attentions shown to the women members of the delegations;

To the press and radio of Chile for the excellent publicity given to the activities of the Conference; and

To the staff of the Secretariat, especially those of the interpretation service, for their effective work, which made it possible for the Conference to perform its work successfully.

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