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## 7th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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### 7th Session of the Executive Committee

#### RESOLUTIONS

**CE7.R1** The Executive Committee,

**Whereas:**

During 19A8 and the months of 1949 that have elapsed so far it was not possible to operate in accordance with the budgets approved by the Directing Council in Buenos Aires and Mexico City, because of the delay in payment of contributions from the Governments;

In order to formulate precise and specific programs of work it is necessary for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to have a budget which will ensure their execution;

It is the responsibility of The Executive Committee,

acting as the Committee on Budget, to submit to the Directing Council a budget supported by adequate justification to explain the necessity for the fixed contributions from the Governments; and

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau has prepared a Proposed Annual Budget for Calendar Year 1950 (Document OSP. CE7.W-4), with appropriate supplementary documents,

**Resolves:**

1. To recommend to the Directing Council that it approve the sum of \$2,000,000 (U.S.) as the budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1950, and request the Director of the Bureau to prepare a detailed statement justifying the various items of the Proposed Budget, in order to facilitate the consideration of the Budget at the Third Meeting of the Directing Council.
2. To recommend to the Directing Council that it determine the best procedure for establishing the emergency and reserve funds, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Directing Council at its First Meeting, in order that the Bureau may maintain its operations pending receipt of contributions from the Governments.
3. To recommend to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau that, as funds become available, greater attention be given, by the Section on Public Relations, to publicity on technical subjects, using every possible means consistent with the traditional policies of the Bureau.
4. To recommend to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau that he assign to one of the officers of the Bureau the special duty of keeping the Governments duly informed of the progress of the different programs with a view to stimulating their interest in the financing of these program

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**CE7.R2** The Executive Committee,

**Whereas:**

An Agreement between the World Health Organization and the Pan American Sanitary Organization was signed in the City of Washington on May 2, 1949, whereby the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall, from that date, serve as Regional Office of the World Health Organization for the Western Hemisphere;

The Executive Board of the World Health Organization, at its Third Session, adopted a resolution to be submitted to the Second World Health Assembly in Rome, recommending that the Directors of the Regional Offices prepare the programs to be carried out in 1950; and

The Director-General of the World Health Organization has submitted a statement on the principles that shall govern the preparation of regional programs and budgets,

**Resolves:**

1. To recommend to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau that he prepare, pursuant to the directive of the World Health Organization, the programs of work to be carried out in the Western Hemisphere.
2. To request the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to obtain from the Governments concerned their concurrence, in principle, in the execution of specific programs, such as those relating to malaria, tuberculosis, and maternal and child health.

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**CE7.R3** The Executive Committee,

**Whereas:**

There are differences of opinion regarding the procedure for organizing the periodic meetings of the Directors of Health;

The Pan American Sanitary Organization provides at present other opportunities for frequent contact among the heads of the Departments of Health in the different countries;

These meetings or "conferences" have been held pursuant to a recommendation of an Inter-American conference, which has not been modified by any subsequent Pan American Conference; and

The Executive Committee,

in its last Meeting, instructed the Director of the Bureau to consult with the Member Governments on the advisability of holding simultaneous annual meetings of the Directors of Health and of the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization,

### **Resolves:**

To entrust the study of this matter to the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization at its Third Meeting, with the suggestion that it be submitted for final decision to the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, scheduled to meet next year in Guatemala City.

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**CE7.R4** The Executive Committee,

### **Whereas:**

The Directing Council, in its First Meeting in Buenos Aires, authorized the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to postpone the preparation of staff rules in order that they may conform as nearly as possible with those of the specialized agencies of the United Nations; The Pan American Sanitary Bureau, in its capacity as Regional Office, should be governed by the Staff Rules adopted by the Executive Board of the World Health Organization in 1948;

A careful comparative study should be made in order to determine the means whereby the conditions of work of the personnel could be made uniform; and

The preparation of those rules will require some time,

### **Resolves:**

1. To request the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to appoint a special committee to prepare a preliminary draft of rules based on those of the World Health Organization, to be considered by the Executive Committee at its next Meeting and submitted afterwards to the Directing Council for its approval.
2. To request that copies of the preliminary draft be sent to the Member Governments as soon as possible so that their representatives may study it prior to the Meeting of the Directing Council.

3. To authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, pending approval of the final Rules, to use as a guide the Staff Rules of the World Health Organization bearing in mind the general working conditions of the Bureau.

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**CE7.R5** The Executive Committee,

**Whereas:**

WHEREAS: The Executive Board of the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) decided in March 1949 to dedicate part of its funds for work in Latin America;

The Chairman of the Executive Board of UNICEF, at a meeting on March 18, 1949, requested the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to obtain agreement among the Latin American countries on the health programs to be carried out with those funds;

The Pan American Sanitary Bureau is the coordinating agency for international health programs in the Western Hemisphere and the Regional Office of the World Health Organization; and

The health programs of UNICEF are approved, in substance, by a Joint Committee of UNICEF and the World Health Organization, which authorized the Director-General of the latter Organization to approve individual projects within the general program,

**Resolves:**

Expressly to authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to continue his efforts, taking into consideration the opinions of the Member Governments, toward the application of the funds allotted by UNICEF to the development of child health programs in Latin America.

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**CE7.R6** The Executive Committee,

**Whereas:**

The success of the development of public health programs in the American Continents depends upon the improved training of future physicians and for this reason the Pan American Sanitary Organization should promote the improvement of instruction in the various medical schools of the Hemisphere; and

The XII Pan American Sanitary Conference, held in Caracas in January 1947, amplified the program of the Bureau to include medical care, and, as a result, greater attention should be given to scientific instruction in the medical schools of the Hemisphere.

**Resolves:**

1. To recommend to the Governments of the American States that they furnish as much financial aid as possible to medical education centers;
2. To entrust to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau the conduct of a survey of medical education centers, according to the following plan:
  - (a) The Bureau shall inform each Government that it has available personnel specialized in the problems of medical education which it will place at the disposal of the various countries to make a survey of medical education centers when they so desire.
  - (b) The Bureau shall name two technical experts to conduct the survey in the country making the request: one from the Bureau and the other to be proposed by the school to be surveyed. The expenses, including those for all personnel, shall be paid by the Bureau.
  - (c) The Bureau shall present to the institutions concerned the information obtained from the survey, in the form of a simple statement of facts, without evaluation or recommendations unless they are specifically requested.

**CE7.R7** The Executive Committee,

**Whereas:**

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau has recommended the construction of a building for the Bureau and has suggested a plan for its financing,

**Resolves:**

1. To accept the recommendation of the Director and, concurring in the opinion that the payment of additional contributions by the Member countries should be avoided as far as possible, it recommends that studies be made and that steps be taken to accomplish the building project and to obtain the necessary funds from different sources.
2. To recommend to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau that he make the preliminary studies and submit them to the Directing Council at its next Meeting.

*Oct. 1948 Doc. 6, 10*

**CE7.R8** The Executive Committee,

**Whereas:**

It is important that medical congresses be held, as provided in the proposal of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in regard to this matter;

It is desirable to avoid multiplicity of congresses and to coordinate the holding of them,

**Resolves:**

1. To recommend that the procedures established by the Coordinating Council on Medical Congresses, which was created in Brussels under the auspices of UNESCO and the World Health Organization, be followed for the holding of national congresses.
2. To recommend to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau that a preliminary plan be drafted for the holding of Pan American or Inter American official and semi-official medical congresses, taking into account the opinions of the Governments of the American countries.
3. To suggest to the Governments the desirability of considering as official all medical congresses of international character held in this Hemisphere, and to submit the entire proposal to the Directing Council at its Third Meeting for consideration and approval.

*Oct. 1948 Doc. 6, 10-11*

**CE7.R9** The Executive Committee,

**Whereas:**

The Directing Council, at its First Meeting, designated this Committee to act as Committee on Relations with other organizations;

The Directing Council also authorized the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to study and plan, in agreement with the Director General of the Pan American Union, the necessary measures for the maintenance of close relations between the two organizations; and

The organizations concerned have prepared a preliminary draft Agreement, which, together with the modifications proposed by the Sub-Committee on Relations, has been given careful consideration,

**Resolves:**

1. To approve the text of the draft Agreement between the Council of the Organization of American States and the Pan American Sanitary Organization



appearing in Annex I of this Report, in which the proposed modifications have been incorporated.

2. To authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to sign the aforesaid Agreement after it has been accepted by the Council of the Organization of American States.

*Oct. 1948 Doc. 6, 11*

**CE7.R10** The Executive Committee,

**Whereas:**

December 2, 1952 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the creation of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, as the first international health organization, not only in America, but in the entire world; and

It is desirable that this event, which has been of great significance to the public health of the Americas, be generally known in all the countries of the world, especially in this Hemisphere,

**Resolves:**

1. To recommend that the American States issue in 1952 a commemorative postage stamp, for purposes of education and publicity, in order to aid in the educational campaign which should be carried out on the occasion of the anniversary.

2. To request the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to inquire into the possibilities of obtaining some financial benefit from the issuance of the stamp.

*Oct. 1948 Doc. 6, 11-12*

**CE7.R11** The Executive Committee,

**Whereas:**

The international exchange of experience gained in the execution of public health programs by long-established services is of great benefit; and

The Representative of Argentina on the Executive Committee, in behalf of the Ministry of Public Health of his country, has offered, through the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, to all the American countries, fellowships for the study of malaria control administration in northeastern Argentina,

**Resolves:**

To request the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to inform the American countries that these fellowships have been established and that the selection of the candidates is to be made through the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

*Oct. 1948 Doc. 6, 12*

**CE7.R12** The Executive Committee,

**Whereas:**

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau has recommended that this Committee approve and support Resolution No. 9, regarding the establishment of National Committees on Vital and Health Statistics, adopted by the representatives of 29 countries to the International Conference for the Sixth Decennial Revision of the International Lists of Diseases and Causes of Death and endorsed by the First World Health Assembly;

Public health programs cannot receive the proper orientation without the aid of reliable statistics; and There is lack of coordination and even duplication of effort in statistical work in some countries,

**Resolves:**

To recommend to the Member countries, which have not already done so, that they establish National Committees on Vital and Health Statistics to study the methodological problems involved in the production of statistics in the field of public health.

*Oct. 1948 Doc. 6, 12-13*

**CE7.R13** The Executive Committee,

**Whereas:**

A Joint international effort should be made toward the eradication of smallpox in the Americas; The prevention of the international spread of communicable diseases is one of the principal objectives of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;

It is absolutely necessary to maintain an intensive and continuous program of vaccination and re-vaccination against smallpox and to obtain a high immunity rate among the entire population of the Americas; and

In this respect it is the responsibility of the Bureau more actively to stimulate and coordinate the national vaccination programs in the Americas, as the most effective means of eliminating this important cause of disease and death in the Western Hemisphere,

**Resolves:**

To approve the proposal of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau with regard to the cooperation of the American countries in carrying out a public health program primarily designed to eradicate smallpox from the Americas, and to authorize the Director to bring this problem to the attention of the countries, offering them the cooperation of the Bureau.

*Oct. 1948 Doc. 6, 13*

**CE7.R14** The Executive Committee,

**Whereas:**

On the basis of the proposal made by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in regard to the organization of the Third Course (Institute) in Hospital Administration and,

On the basis of previous experience, these courses should be organized and regarded as part of a general and permanent program of hospital improvement in the American countries,

**Resolves:**

To recommend that the Hospital Administration Section of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau be established in the near future, and that this Section, in conjunction with the Government of Brazil, the Inter-American Association of Hospitals, the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, and other institutions, be charged with the organization of the Third Regional Course in Hospital Administration, to be given in Brazil in 1950.

*Oct. 1948 Doc. 6, 14*

**CE7.R15** The Executive Committee,

**Whereas:**

The Representative of Argentina and the Representative of Brazil reported that the Government of Portugal requires Certificates of Immunization Against

Yellow Fever for passengers coming from South American countries in which urban yellow fever does not exist and has not existed for many years,

**Resolves:**

To recommend to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau that he take the necessary steps to have this requirement eliminated as soon as possible.

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