13th Session of The Executive Committee

RESOLUTIONS

CE13.R1 The Executive Committee,

Considering that the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1952 necessitates contributions substantially higher than those that the Member Governments are able to assume,

Resolves:

1. To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to revise the Proposed Program and Budget of the Bureau for 1952 in accordance with the [modifications] approved by The Executive Committee, and [to incorporate,] among other changes, the following:

   a) [Inclusion of] the amount of $43,000 for the training and fellowship program;

   b) [Assignment of the necessary amount], from the sum of $65,922 allotted for the VI Meeting of the Directing Council, to subsidize the holding of the First Inter-American Congress of Public Health; and

   c) [Approval, as the budget to be prorated among the Member Governments in 1952, of] a total amount equal to that approved for the year 1951.

2. To recommend that the new proposed program and budget be transmitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to the Member Governments 30 days prior to the next meeting of the Directing Council.

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CE13.R2  The Executive Committee,

Considering that the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1953 should reflect the [decisions taken] in the resolution relative to the budget for 1952,

Resolves:

[To recommend] that Document CE13/8 be referred to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for study, and that the Bureau, bearing in mind all the considered opinions expressed during the discussion of the proposed budget for 1952, prepare a new Proposed Program and Budget for 1953, to be submitted to the next meeting of The Executive Committee for consideration.

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CE13.R3  The Executive Committee,

Considering that the program and budget of the World Health Organization [is] a major [factor in the] public health activities of the Western Hemisphere; and

[Bearing in mind the] difficulties involved in the preparation and review of programs and budgets, which make serious inroads on the time of the Directing Council,

Resolves:

1. To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, in his capacity as Regional Director, to submit for consideration by The Executive Committee, at the earliest possible date, the Proposed Program and Budget of the World Health Organization for 1953.

2. To review in detail the Proposed Program and Budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas [so] that The Executive Committee [may] make specific recommendations to the V Meeting of the Directing Council.
3. To recommend that the Directing Council [resolve]:

a) To approve the budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas, as modified by the recommendations of The Executive Committee; and

b) To constitute The Executive Committee of the Directing Council when meeting at regular session to act also as a working party on behalf of the Regional Committee of the Americas for review of all matters concerning administration and finance.

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CE13.R4 The Executive Committee,

Considering that the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference recognized that delays in the receipt of contributions hampered the development of the public health programs to be undertaken by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and that, accordingly, [it] instructed the Director, in consultation with The Executive Committee, to take action to reduce such delays,

Resolves:

1. To approve the procedure whereby monthly notification is sent to the health authorities of the Member Countries by the Director, and to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs by the Organization of American States, as to the status of quota contributions to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

2. To request the Director to report the results of the budget questionnaire submitted to the Member Countries at the next meeting of The Executive Committee, if sufficient replies have been received.

3. To instruct the Director to cable the Member Countries, in the name of The Executive Committee, requesting them to make payments of all arrearages or to indicate when their next payments will be made.

4.
a) To instruct the Director to study the possibility of having the Bureau receive American currencies other than dollars in payment of overdue quotas; and

b) Furthermore, to instruct the Director to study the proposal that would provide for annual quotas to be received through the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, after the conclusion of appropriate arrangements with the Member Governments.

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CE13.R5 The Executive Committee,

Considering that the Director, pursuant to the instructions contained in Resolution V of the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, has submitted provisional Financial Regulations, which have been reviewed in detail,

Resolves:

1. To recommend that the Directing Council adopt the provisional Financial Regulations.

2. To introduce the following amendments to the Financial Regulations contained in Document CE13/12: 1

3. To instruct the Director to present the provisional Financial Regulations with such amendments thereto as he may deem necessary to the Directing Council at its next meeting.

4. To authorize the Director to implement the provisional Financial Regulations during the present fiscal year of 1951.

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CE13.R6 The Executive Committee,
Considering that the explanations for the transfers between the chapters of the 1950 budget authorized by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau have been reviewed,

**Resolves:**

To approve such transfers as have been effected during the year 1950.

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**CE13.R7**  The Executive Committee,

Considering that there exists some confusion as to the composition of the Working Capital Fund adopted by the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, and [recognizing] that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau expends funds in many currencies,

**Resolves:**

To recommend that the Directing Council at its next meeting adopt a resolution including those funds held by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in cruzeiros as part of the Organization's Working Capital Fund.

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**CE13.R8**  The Executive Committee,

Considering that the report on the status of the Working Capital Fund as of 31 December 1950 (Document CE13/6.1) has been reviewed and demonstrates that the operation of the Fund has been in accordance with Resolution III of the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

**Resolves:**
To approve the report on the status of the Working Capital Fund as of 31 December 1950.

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CE13.R9 The Executive Committee,

Considering that, under authority of Resolution II adopted by the Directing Council at its III Meeting, the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau was instructed to set aside and administer $50,000 as of 1 January 1950 as an Emergency Procurement Revolving Fund;

Considering that, under authority of the resolution cited above, the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau made purchases of typhoid and paratyphoid vaccine costing $835.80 on the occasion of an outbreak of typhoid fever in a Member Country, as an emergency measure;

Considering that it will be necessary to provide funds in the amount of $835.80 to bring the total of the Emergency Procurement Revolving Fund back to the authorized level of $50,000; and

Considering that no general unallocated funds of the Bureau exist from which the sum of $835.80 can be transferred to return the Fund to its authorized level,

Resolves:

1. [To maintain] the Emergency Procurement Revolving Fund at the previously authorized level of $50,000 by restoration of the amount expended.

2. [To take note of and approve] the expenditure of $835.80 by the Director.

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CE13.R10 The Executive Committee,

Considering that at the time of the present meeting of The Executive Committee negotiations have not been completed with regard to personnel of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau who are to remain in the Pan American Union Pension Plan,
**Resolves:**

That the Director continue negotiations pursuant to Resolution XIII adopted by the Directing Council at its IV Meeting and report to The Executive Committee at its next meeting.

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**CE13.R11** The Executive Committee,

Considering the financial statements of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau have been subject to audit and the report of the External Auditor has been reviewed,

**Resolves:**

To recommend to the Directing Council at its next meeting, the adoption of a resolution approving the Audit Report.

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**CE13.R12** The Executive Committee,

Considering that the subject of possible revisions to the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization is of such complexity as to require careful study in the light of the opinions of all the interested parties; and

Considering that The Executive Committee must comply with Resolution XXII of the IV Meeting of the Directing Council, [which recommends] that The Executive Committee propose definite measures to the V Meeting of the Directing Council,
Resolves:

1. To appoint a subcommittee composed of [representatives from] Chile, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, and the United States of America, which will [convene] during the present meeting to prepare a questionnaire to be transmitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to the various Governments and international organizations interested in the proposed constitutional revisions, [thus complying] with Resolution XXV of the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference.

2. To request the Director of the Bureau to obtain and submit [the opinions received] to the aforementioned subcommittee immediately prior to the next meeting of The Executive Committee.

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CE13.R13The Executive Committee,

Considering the proposals of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau that are to be included in the agreement with the Inter-American Association of Sanitary Engineering (AIDIS); and

bearing in mind the necessity of not burdening the Pan American Sanitary Bureau with additional expenses,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the present relations between the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the Inter-American Association of Sanitary Engineering (AIDIS).

2. To request the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to prepare a draft agreement between the Directing Council and the Inter-American Association of Sanitary Engineering (AIDIS) for submittal to the next meeting of the Directing Council, it being understood that the expenses implied by the agreement must be within the budget of the Organization.

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The Executive Committee,

Considering that it is necessary that the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau conform as closely as possible to those of the World Health Organization;

and Having studied Document CE13/14 on the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which embodies the changes introduced in the Staff Rules of the World Health Organization, these in turn having resulted from changes in policy and rules made by the United Nations,

Resolves:

1. To confirm the approval given by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to the changes in the Staff Rules under the terms of Staff Rule 060, with the following modifications:

a) That the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, pursuant to the recommendation of the Directing Council, study the possible reclassification of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau staff, taking into consideration the importance of a knowledge of two languages, with a view to properly remunerating bilingual employees, and

that the Director forward the result of his study to the members of The Executive Committee in their respective countries, including specific figures on the positions requiring bilingual personnel and persons occupying such positions.

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The Executive Committee,

Considering that the 11th Meeting of the Executive Committee requested that the Director conclude negotiations with the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, through the World Health Organization, for the admission of Pan American Sanitary Bureau staff members under the conditions stipulated in its Resolution V;
Considering that the Director has carried forward negotiations with the World Health Organization and the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board; and

Considering that The Executive Committee desires to effect full admission and participation of the Bureau staff as soon as is financially as well as legally possible,

Resolves:

1. To recommend that the Director complete the arrangements to effect full participation of Pan American Sanitary Bureau staff members in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Plan.

2. To approve 1 January 1951 as the effective date for participation of the staff.

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CE13.R16 The Executive Committee,

Considering that the Subcommittee on Interim Headquarters, appointed pursuant to Resolution II of the 12th Meeting of The Executive Committee, and the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau were granted authority to purchase property to serve as interim headquarters for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;

Considering that a report has been submitted outlining the action taken under this authority; and

Considering that the Rockefeller Foundation and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, both institutions long known for their support of the cause of international public health, have advanced interest-free loans to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau of $150,000 each to facilitate the purchase of property for interim headquarters,

Resolves:

1. To approve the action taken by the Subcommittee on Interim Headquarters in collaboration with the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
2. To express to the Rockefeller and Kellogg Foundations on behalf of the Pan American Sanitary Organization the most heartfelt thanks for their generous action in facilitating the purchase of interim headquarters buildings.

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**CE13.R17** The Executive Committee,

Considering that it is probable that some difficulty will be encountered in obtaining construction materials, owing to the present world situation;

and Considering that the problem of a permanent headquarters is no longer such an urgent one,

**Resolves:**

1. To note the information contained in Document CE13/16.

2. To request the Director to explore further the problem of constructing a permanent Headquarters building for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

3. To instruct him to make periodic progress reports to The Executive Committee on this subject.

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**CE13.R18** The Executive Committee,

Having carefully considered the topic relating to the rotation of the Zone Offices every five years;

Bearing in mind that the Zone Offices have, up to the present time, represented the application of the principle of decentralization that inspires the present policy of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;

Considering that the operation of these Offices constitutes an experiment, the results of which cannot yet be judged, since no special study has been made in this regard;
Considering that the request for the rotation of the Zone Offices every five years is the expression of a genuine desire on the part of all the countries that are members of the Pan American Sanitary Organization to be in a position to receive the direct influence of the operations of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau; and

Considering that, since field activities in the American Republics are a responsibility of the respective governmental authorities, the participation of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in this regard should be limited to furnishing technical advice, facilitating and promoting the training of specialized personnel and the timely acquisition of essential medical and public health materials, and serving as a liaison office with the Governments of the Member Nations in matters relating to international public health,

Resolved:

To instruct the Director to make an exhaustive study of the advisability of rotating the Zone Offices every five years and to submit this study at the meeting of The Executive Committee in 1952, so that it may be referred to the Directing Council for decision.

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CE13.R19 The Executive Committee,

Considering that the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, at its IV Meeting resolved to hold its V Meeting at the seat of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau from 20 to 27 August 1951;

Considering that, if the meeting of the Directing Council is held on the aforementioned dates, the meetings of The Executive Committee, which regularly precede and follow those of the Council, would automatically be held during the month of August; and

[Bearing in mind that] the budget of the Regional Office must be considered by the Regional Committee sufficiently in advance to provide for its approval at the following World Health Assembly,
Resolves:

1. To authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to notify the Member Governments that for various reasons it has been decided to change the date of the V Meeting of the Directing Council, and that the meetings of the Pan American Sanitary Organization to be held in Washington, D.C., during 1951 are to take place on the following dates:

   14th Meeting of The Executive Committee: 20–22 September 1951;
   V Meeting of the Directing Council: 24 September–2 October 1951;
   15th Meeting of The Executive Committee: 3–4 October 1951.

2. To authorize the Director to convene these meetings in the usual manner.

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CE13.R20 The Executive Committee,

Considering that the Government of Cuba has expressed its satisfaction with Resolution XXIV adopted by the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference at Ciudad Trujillo, by which it was unanimously decided to hold the First Inter-American Congress of Public Health in Havana in 1952 as a celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, and that the event shall have, at the same time, the character of a continental homage to Carlos J. Finlay, discoverer of the yellow fever vector;

Considering that the necessary arrangements for the celebration of this event should be started, maintaining for the purpose close contact between the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the public health authorities of the Government of Cuba; and

[Considering] the pertinent information presented to The Executive Committee by the Observer of the Republic of Cuba,

Resolves:
1. To celebrate the First Inter-American Congress of Public Health in Havana, Cuba, immediately following the V Meeting of the Directing Council of the Organization, this Congress [to] have a duration of three days.

2. [To stipulate] that the Congress shall discuss three official papers on subjects of present public health importance, selected by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Cuba, which will designate a Cuban public health expert to present one of them and will invite two experts of other countries of the Continent to develop the other two subjects. In addition to the plenary sessions for the presentation of the three officially selected subjects, a session will be devoted to the presentation of other subjects. Also, there will be a roundtable discussion of sanitation problems of practical application.

3. [To suggest that,] in order to take care of the details of this program, Dr. Félix Hurtado, of Cuba, [serve] as liaison officer between the Bureau and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Cuba. A joint report by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and Dr. Hurtado on the progress made in organizing this program will be presented to The Executive Committee at its next meeting in September 1951.

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CE13.R21 The Executive Committee,

Considering that the Observer for the Republic of Cuba has advised that, in regard to Resolution XXVI adopted by the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, the Government of his country reaffirms the desirability of carrying forward the proposal for an economic and social research center, but that, owing to its importance and far-reaching effects, the Ministry of Public Health is carefully considering the best way to put the proposal into effect, in accordance with the recommendations of a committee of experts appointed to study the matter,

Resolves:

To await the technical report referred to by the Ministry of Public Health of the Republic of Cuba, and to instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary
The Executive Committee,

Considering that nation-wide measures to control and eradicate certain communicable diseases by means of new and effective weapons have been adopted by the Governments of the Americas; Considering that the diseases involved constitute major public health problems, representing serious obstacles to agricultural and industrial development;

Considering that, to ensure security against insect-borne diseases, which are now being controlled by the use of chlorine-based insecticides, continued and sustained use of these insecticides over a period of years is required;

Considering that the communicable diseases that respond to the use of antibiotics, which, if used efficiently and in proper amounts, prevent the spread of such diseases, require that a constantly increasing supply of such drugs be available to the health departments of the countries of the Americas to ensure continuity of their programs; and

Considering that the present world situation has already tended to reduce the exportation of chlorine-based insecticides and antibiotics, [and that there is] strong likelihood that this situation will be disruptive of the health programs that are dependent on these products, with the danger [of] a great increase in the diseases that are now being controlled,

Resolves:

1. To express its grave concern over any curtailment in the production and export of insecticides, antibiotics, and related supplies and equipment required in the public health programs of the Member Governments.

2. To support the efforts of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and of the Director-General of the World Health Organization to gain recognition on the part of officials charged with production, distribution, and export policies of the medical supply requirements of the health agencies of the Member Governments.
3. To urge upon producing Governments the adoption of production and export policies designed to ensure an adequate flow of medical supplies and equipment that will enable public health authorities to meet in full their responsibilities to the people of the Americas.

4. To request the American Republics whose legislation does not provide for the restriction of speculation in insecticides, antibiotics, and supplies and equipment required in public health programs to adopt measures tending to prevent such speculation.

5. To request the Director to forward a copy of this resolution to the Member Governments, through established channels, for further distribution to the competent authorities within their countries.

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CE13.R23 The Executive Committee,

Considering that up to the present time the Pan American Sanitary Bureau has been unable to make a study of dental public health needs in the Americas, and that the budgetary limitations of the Bureau should be borne in mind,

Resolves:

To approve the recommendation of the Director that no action be taken on this matter at the present time in view of budgetary limitations.

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