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## 14th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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### 14th Session of the Executive Committee

#### RESOLUTIONS

**CE14.R1** The Executive Committee,

Noting that the changes in the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1952, as set forth in Resolution I of the 13th Meeting of The Executive Committee, have been incorporated in Document CD5/4; and

Pointing out that, owing to circumstances of an economic nature, adjustments have been made in the Proposed Program and Budget for 1952, taking into account the proposed activities and financial contributions of other international organizations cooperating in public health programs in the Hemisphere.

#### **Resolves:**

To submit to the Directing Council for its consideration the Proposed Program and Budget [for 1952], prepared with the cooperation of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and presented in Document CD5/4.

*Sept. 1951 Doc. 14, 6*

**CE14.R2** The Executive Committee,

#### **Resolves:**

To appoint the Representatives of Chile and the United States of America to submit the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1952 to the Directing Council.

*Sept. 1951 Doc. 14, 7*

**CE14.R3** The Executive Committee,

Considering that the establishment of Field Offices has made it possible to carry out the decentralization policy of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau with the objective of collaborating more effectively with the Member Governments in the solution of public health problems;

[Bearing in mind] the numerous programs that are being developed in the southern region of South America;

[Considering that, after having studied] the factors determining the location of a Field Office, negotiations were initiated for establishing the headquarters of this region in Buenos Aires; and

Considering that on 21 August 1951 the Government of the Republic of Argentina signed an agreement with the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in which the establishment of a Field Office in the city of Buenos Aires to meet the needs of the southern region of South America was authorized and the necessary privileges and immunities to facilitate its operation were granted,

**Resolves:**

To recommend to the Directing Council that the Director be authorized to transfer, within the budget approved for 1952, the necessary funds for the operation of the Field Office for the southern region of South America.

*Sept. 1951 Doc. 14, 8*

**CE14.R4** The Executive Committee,

Considering that The Executive Committee is responsible for preparing, with the cooperation of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, the annual program and budget to be transmitted to the Directing Council for consideration; Considering that The Executive Committee at its 13th and 14th Meetings [carried

out] preliminary studies, with the Director, [on the program and budget for 1953]; and

Considering that Document CE14/12, as part of these studies, remains under consideration by The Executive Committee,

**Resolves:**

To transmit Document CE14/12 to the Directing Council for its information and for such comments as the Council [may] wish to make thereon for the guidance of The Executive Committee in the preparation of the Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1953.

*Sept. 1951 Doc. 14, 10*

**CE14.R5** The Executive Committee,

Considering that the Proposed Program and Budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1953 has been examined,

**Resolves:**

To transmit to the Directing Council, acting in its capacity as Regional Committee, the Proposed Program and Budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1953, which the Committee finds satisfactory, so that the Council may give appropriate instructions to the Regional Director.

*Sept. 1951 Doc. 14, 11*

**CE14.R6** The Executive Committee,

Considering that the transmission of monthly notifications by the Director to the health authorities of the Member Countries as to the status of contributions to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau appears to be conducive to more prompt payments and to a better understanding of the problem;

Considering that the time available has been insufficient to permit an adequate analysis of the replies received from the Governments regarding the budget

questionnaire authorized by Resolution IV of The Executive Committee at its 13th Meeting; and

Considering that the Director has investigated and studied the proposals of The Executive Committee contained in paragraphs 4(a) and (b) of the aforesaid resolution and recommends that the requirements for payments of contributions in U.S. dollars be continued; and

[Bearing in mind] the replies received from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Monetary Fund,

**Resolves:**

1. To instruct the Director to continue the procedure of reporting monthly to the health authorities of the Member Countries on the status of quota contributions.
2. To request the Director to present a report based on a comprehensive analysis of the replies of the Governments to the budget questionnaire, with recommendations regarding this subject, to a future meeting of The Executive Committee.
3. To approve the recommendation of the Director that the practice of payments of contributions from Member Countries in U.S. dollars be continued.

*Sept. 1951 Doc. 14, 12*

**CE14.R7** The Executive Committee,

Considering that it is the desire of the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Sanitary Organization that the site for the construction of a permanent Headquarters building for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau be located in the United States of America; and

Considering that, in order to examine further with the Government of the United States of America any terms that may be attached to the offer of land made by the United States Delegation at the III and IV Meeting of the Directing Council, the Pan American Sanitary Bureau must notify the U.S. Department of State of the desire of the Pan American Sanitary Organization to acquire the aforesaid property,

**Resolves:**

To recommend that the Directing Council inspect the site offered by the Government of the United States of America and make whatever decision it deems advisable.

*Sept. 1951 Doc. 14, 14*

**CE14.R8** The Executive Committee,

Considering that the personnel of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, with the exception of five staff members, are now participating in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

Considering that the staff members remaining in the Pan American Union Pension Fund are now provided with insurance benefits in cases of disability substantially greater than those afforded under the Contingency Fund of the Pan American Union; and

Considering that the need for participation in the Contingency Fund has now disappeared,

**Resolves:**

1. To approve the action of the Director in discontinuing negotiations with the Pan American Union for participation in the Pan American Union Contingency Fund.
2. To recommend to the Directing Council that coverage under the Contingency Fund not be established for the staff members of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau who do not participate in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund.

*Sept. 1951 Doc. 14, 15*

**CE14.R9** The Executive Committee,

Considering that the IV Meeting of the Directing Council and the 13th Meeting of The Executive Committee have indicated the need for developing a bilingual

staff for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and have expressed the desire for providing special compensation for such bilingual personnel;

Considering that the World Health Organization has adopted a workable plan for providing additional monetary recognition for the ability to read, write, speak, and understand two or more working languages;

Considering that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau wishes to afford equal treatment to the personnel of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and [to the Staff of the] World Health Organization; and

Considering that The Executive Committee is cognizant of the estimated cost to the Bureau of granting such a language allowance,

**Resolves:**

1. To approve the action of the Director in setting up examinations in the official languages of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, and to grant special compensation for personnel under the local salary scale.
2. To recommend that the Directing Council take a similar [decision] in approving the action of the Director.
3. To request the Director to continue his efforts to develop a bilingual staff for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

*Sept. 1951 Doc. 14, 17-18*

**CE14.R10** The Executive Committee,

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

Document CE14/6 on the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which embodied the changes introduced in the Staff Rules of the World Health Organization, has been duly considered,

**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.

2. To form a working party, composed of the Representatives of Chile and Guatemala, to study the information furnished by the Director with regard to the salaries of the three unclassified members of the staff of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and to request this working party to report to the Directing Council at its V Meeting.

*Sept. 1951 Doc. 14, 19-20*

**CE14.R11** The Executive Committee,

Considering that the Fourth World Health Assembly has adopted the International Sanitary Regulations as World Health Organization Regulations No. 2, which are world-wide in scope and represent the largest measure of agreement that it was possible for the Member States to achieve under the circumstances;

Considering that these Regulations constitute a notable advance over other international sanitary conventions and contain provisions that are advantageous to the countries and territories of the Americas;

Considering that it is highly desirable to effect uniformity in the application of international sanitary measures in the Western Hemisphere and in other areas of the world, and also to achieve unanimity of action in [regard to] approval of the aforementioned Regulations and to the date on which they are to enter into force; and

Considering that it is necessary to reconcile the Pan American Sanitary Code with the International Sanitary Regulations of the World Health Organization so that it will be consistent with the new Regulations, and [that] the Pan American Sanitary Organization is the only body competent to accomplish this task,

**Resolves:**

To refer to the V Meeting of the Directing Council the documents on the revision of the Pan American Sanitary Code in accordance with the International Sanitary Regulations, submitted to the Committee by the Director, so that the Council may adopt the resolution it deems appropriate.

*Sept. 1951 Doc. 14, 21*

**CE14.R12** The Executive Committee,

Considering that the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau appointed Dr. Paulo C. A. Antunes as Assistant Director of the Bureau, commencing 1 July 1951, and requests the approval of this appointment in accordance with Article 18, paragraph B, of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization,

**Resolves:**

To approve the appointment of Dr. Paulo C. A. Antunes as Assistant Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

*Sept. 1951 Doc. 14, 23*

**CE14.R13** The Executive Committee approved the draft agenda prepared by the Director for the V Meeting of the Directing Council.

*Sept. 1951 Doc. 14, 24*

**CE14.R14** The Executive Committee,

Considering that the Ministry of Public Health of the Government of Cuba has presented a preliminary program for the First Inter-American Congress of Public Health,

**Resolves:**

1. To approve the preliminary program as outlined in Document CE14/14 and Addendum I.
2. To prepare a list of topics so that the Directing Council may select two [to] complete the number of official topics.
3. To authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to invite the specialists he deems best qualified to develop the topics referred to in paragraph 2.

*Sept. 1951 Doc. 14, 25*



**CE14.R15** The Executive Committee,

Acting pursuant to the authority conferred in Resolution XXIII of the IV Meeting of the Directing Council and Resolution XXV of the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference; and

Having noted the report of the subcommittee appointed to study this question, as contained in Document CE14/13, Rev. 1, and Annex I thereto,

**Resolves:**

1. To transmit the aforesaid document and annex to the Directing Council for its consideration.
2. To approve and adopt the recommendations [relative to the postponement of] the revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization and the [continued] study of the revision of the Constitution by The Executive Committee, [taking into account] the points set forth in the report of the subcommittee.
3. To recommend that the Directing Council adopt the draft resolution and the amendments to the Rules of Procedure that appear in Annex I of Document CE14/13, Rev. 1.

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