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(Item proposed by the Government of Cuba)

In view of the advances made in the medical sciences and the organization of public health services throughout the world, an exchange of experiences is essential if an optimum level of performance is to be maintained in the national health services. Mindful of this fact the Government of Cuba encourages its departments to take part in the activities of the specialized agencies of the United Nations so that they may avail themselves of the experience of other countries and, at the same time, make the experience of Cuba available to them.

Because of the special situation of our country at the present time in the region of the Americas, our participation in these international meetings is hampered if they are held in countries whose governments do not afford the necessary facilities to ensure the participation of the delegates of all the member states. A recent example of this is the International Conference on Health Manpower and Medical Education which was held in Maracay, Venezuela, from 19 to 23 June 1967.

We therefore suggest that this situation be discussed at the XVII Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and that it decide to recommend to all member states that they afford necessary facilities to ensure the participation of delegates from the countries that must attend those meetings and authorize the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in all pertinent matters to decide on the places where this type of meeting should be held and to postpone them or suspend them according to whether or not the country concerned complies with the above-mentioned recommendations.