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REPORT ON BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS

The Director submitted to the 56th Meeting of the Executive Committee Document CE56/12, Report on Buildings and Installations, relating to the administration of the physical property of the Organization since the last meeting of the Governing Bodies. The report detailed the need in the Headquarters building for planning the adjustment of present space for maximum utilization in the near future, and referred also to estimated requirements in Washington in the period after 1975. Reference was made to action taken in the conversion of areas formerly occupied by documents and stock into office space and emphasis was given to the need for initiating longer range planning, for experience had shown in the case of the present Headquarters building that it had taken almost 10 years from initial steps to occupancy. Prudence dictated that action should be started not later than the end of 1968 to develop plans and move through the various stages of the building process to meet the estimated future space needs of the Organization. Review also was made of the holdings of property in the field and an appreciation of the adequacy of such facilities.

The Executive Committee after considering the Director's report approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION XIII

"THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the Report of the Director on Buildings and Installations (Document CE56/12);

Noting the developments in the utilization of the Headquarters building and in housing PAHO/WHO staff at the Zone Offices; and

Noting the need for prudent advance planning of future buildings and installations,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Report of the Director on Buildings and Installations.
2. To express its appreciation to the Members of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations for their continued assistance in safeguarding the interests of the Organization in these matters.
3. To instruct the Director to continue his efforts to obtain on favorable terms financial support to enable adequate installations to be acquired for the Zone Offices.
4. To request the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to report to the XVII Directing Council on short and long range plans for buildings and installations.
5. To thank the Government of Jamaica for the works of art it has donated to the Headquarters building.
6. To request the Governments to continue to contribute works of art to the Headquarters building."

Pursuant to paragraph four of the above resolution, the Director has the honor to submit the following first general report on this matter as it relates to the Headquarters and Zone Office accommodations.

The Organization is the owner of the following properties: Headquarters building in Washington and the Zone Offices in Lima, Peru; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Buenos Aires, Argentina. It rents space for the Zone Offices in Mexico and Guatemala; the Government of Venezuela provides space for the Zone Office in Caracas.

The Headquarters building of the Organization is situated in Washington, D.C., on land donated by the U.S. Government and constructed under financing by \$5,000,000 from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and through the sale of Organization properties in Washington. As of 31 July 1967 there were 341 persons working in it. On the basis of current growth rate it is estimated that the building will provide adequate housing until 1975-76. Recognizing the time-lag from initial planning stage to the completed structure, study is being made of properties in the immediate area of the Headquarters building to see if there are any suitable to meet the needs of the future growth of the Organization. As progress is made in this study report will be made to the Governing Bodies.

The Zone I Office is located in Caracas in space furnished by the Government of Venezuela since 1962. These facilities have proven adequate to the present, but it appears evident that there is little space available for expansion to meet the needs of the near future. There also is indication that the property may be demolished in the near future to make way for new construction. Accordingly, planning is being undertaken to locate an appropriate property to meet estimated needs for the next decade.

The Zone II Office is situated in Mexico City in rented space. The present facility has potential utilization for staff estimated at current growth rates through 1977.

The Zone III Office is located in Guatemala City in rented space. To furnish the necessary office space for estimated growth of staff the Office will need about 1,572 square feet in the next ten years over the present office space. There is no possibility of obtaining additional space in the present building to meet immediate and estimated future needs. Accordingly, it appears necessary to find another location. Consideration is being given to several properties offering space suitable to meet expansion needs.

The Zone IV Office is located in Lima, Peru and represents the latest acquisition of property by the Organization, which will provide adequate facilities, when renovation is completed, to house staff until 1980 under current growth rates.

The Zone V Office is located in Rio de Janeiro, is owned by the Organization, and is adequate for current growth rates for the near future. Consideration will be necessary within the next few years of the requirement for office space in Brasilia to serve the Ministry of Health if that agency transfers its seat to Brasilia.

The Zone VI Office is located in Buenos Aires, Argentina in space owned by the Organization. This space is adequate for present needs and for the immediate future.

Further report on short and long range plans for buildings and installations will be made to future meetings of the Governing Bodies.