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5th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTIONS

CE5.R1 The Executive Committee,

[Having approved] without modification the report of the Organization and Budget Committee [on the internal organization of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau];

[Having studied] the draft [organization plan] of September 1948 submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau; and

Considering that it is not desirable that the Directing Council indicate the precise form for internal organization, but that the matter be left to the Director, in order that he may be able to arrange and rearrange the administrative structure in the light of experience and of the available personnel possessing the various necessary qualifications,

Resolves:

To recommend to the Directing Council that the Director be authorized to effect the internal organization of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, periodically reporting his decisions to the Executive Committee and the Directing Council at their respective meetings.

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CE5.R2 The Executive Committee,

[Having considered] the report of the Subcommittee on Organization and Budget, which re-examined the final report of its 4th Meeting (Document OSP.CE4.W-20 and Annex I of Document OSP.CD2.M-2) relative to the program of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau; and

Considering that it is [desirable to rectify] the resolutions [approved by] the Executive Committee [at its 4th Meeting, held] in Washington, D.C., in reference to paragraphs 2, 3, 4, and 5,

Resolves:

1. Not to accept the different scales of contributions prepared by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in compliance with the instructions previously approved by the Executive Committee, nor the scale proposed by the Mexican Representative.

2. To recommend to the Directing Council that, in accordance with Article 60 of the Pan American Sanitary Code, it apply to the budget the scale of contributions of the Pan American Union.

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CE5.R3 The Executive Committee,

Considering that it is not necessary or desirable to modify Article 60 1 See Section 7.1.2.1 of the Pan American Sanitary Code, as previously suggested by the Committee at its 4th Meeting,² held 3–13 May 1948,

Resolves:

To suggest that the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization not take into consideration the draft protocol suggested for the modification of the aforementioned Article 60, at present in force.

CE5.R4 The Executive Committee,

[Considering the] experience obtained during the present year in budgetary matters; and

Considering that it is desirable to return to the fiscal year [starting on] 1 July [and ending on] 30 June,

Resolves:

To request the Directing Council to rectify the resolution taken at its I Meeting, in Buenos Aires, 1 to consider the fiscal year from 1 January to 31 December, and to approve, [instead, that the budget period run from] 1 July to 30 June of each year.

CE5.R5 The Executive Committee,

Considering that it is not desirable to subdivide the budget into administrative and operational [categories], but [rather] that both parts should be combined into a single budget,

Resolves:

To request the Directing Council to approve:

a) A budget of \$700,000 for the period of 1 January to 30 June 1949; and

b) A budget of \$2,000,000 for the fiscal year from 1 July 1949 to 30 June 1950.

CE5.R6 The Executive Committee,

Resolves:

1. To recommend to the Directing Council that it approve in principle the budget estimate submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in Document OSP.CD2.M-2.
2. To recommend to the Directing Council that the aforementioned document be revised to include the sums indicated for the complete year 1949–1950, in order to satisfy the most important operational purposes indicated, as follows:

Headquarters administration	\$ 373,375
Zone Offices	350,350
Central services and field activities	638,900
Central services	275,825
Field services	239,975
Fellowships	123,100
Control of communicable diseases (including yellow fever, tuberculosis, trypanosomiasis, leishmaniasis, and others)	637,375

Total	\$2,000,000

3. To recommend to the Directing Council that for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1949 the budget totaling \$700,000, subdivided along the same lines as outlined above for the fiscal year 1949–1950, be approved.

CE5.R7 The Executive Committee,

Considering that it is contrary to the interest of good administration [to require the approval of] a large number of specific items, many of them for small sums that might be assigned for the control of specific diseases, and that it is necessary for the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to have sufficient flexibility in administration,

Resolves:

1. To recommend that the Directing Council authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to transfer funds from one to another of the four major categories indicated, not exceeding 10 per cent, [whereas] for sums in excess of this percentage the Director will require the approval of the majority of the Members of the Executive Committee.
2. To recommend to the Directing Council that it grant its approval to place in the Reserve or Emergency Fund any sums left over from the budgeted items due to savings as the organization and development of the Bureau is carried out.

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CE5.R8 The Executive Committee,

Considering that only seven American countries have ratified the Constitution of the World Health Organization, which prevented the weight of American opinion to be felt more fully in the First World Health Assembly; and

Considering that it is desirable that negotiations between the World Health Organization and the Pan American Sanitary Organization be speeded up,

Resolves:

To recommend that the Directing Council suggest to the American countries the advisability of ratifying the Constitution of the World Health Organization with [a view to] facilitating the current negotiations.

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CE5.R9 The Executive Committee,

Considering that the First World Health Assembly used as a basis of discussion the document drawn up and approved by the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization in its I Meeting, held in Buenos Aires, and that in general all the points of view of the Pan American Sanitary Organization were accepted, with slight changes that do not basically modify the Buenos Aires document,

Resolves:

1. To recommend to the Directing Council that it accept the proposal made by the Executive Board of the World Health Organization, with the slight modifications made, as the basis for an agreement between both organizations. This agreement will establish a definite working formula between the Pan American Sanitary Organization and the World Health Organization (Document OSP.CD2.M-3, pages 38, 39, and 40).
2. To recommend to the Directing Council that it authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, in accordance with the pertinent resolution of the XII Pan American Sanitary Conference, [to] sign the agreement with the World Health Organization when fourteen American Republics have ratified the Constitution of the World Health Organization.

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CE5.R10 The Executive Committee,

Considering that the Constitution of the World Health Organization stipulates that the regional organizations [shall] be made up of members from certain zones and Associate Members (Document OSP.CD2.M-4), whose rights will be described by the Assembly of the World Health Organization, which at some future time might accept as Associate Members those countries of the American

Continent that are not self-governing, and since this problem must now be studied, because the Executive Board of the World Health Organization has addressed all Member Countries asking their opinion as to the status of the Associate Members, which would seem to presage the admission of some of them in the near future, thus placing the Pan American Sanitary Organization in a de facto situation that it should anticipate; and

Considering that the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization makes no reference to the existence of "Associate Members" but refers specifically to the countries in the Western Hemisphere that are not self-governing, pointing out the desirability of their collaborating with the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and stating that their rights within the Bureau shall be fixed later by the Directing Council, after negotiating with the Government of each interested country,

Resolves:

1. To recommend to the Directing Council that, in accordance with the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, the Council itself declare that the countries of the Western Hemisphere that are not self-governing [shall] be offered the following rights within the Pan American Sanitary Organization:

(a) Participate, without the right to vote, in the discussions of the plenary sessions of the Directing Council;

(b) To participate, with the right to vote, in the Committees of the Directing Council, except in those which deal with administration, finances and the Constitution;

(c) To participate on the same level as the Members in the discussions of those matters which relate to the program of the sessions of the Directing Council and its changes, presenting motions on points of order, etc., subject only to the limitations mentioned in the first section;

(d) To propose subjects for inclusion in the tentative programs of the meetings of the Directing Council;

(e) To receive all the documents, reports and minutes of the Directing Council;

(f) To participate on an equal plane with the Members in all plans for special meetings;

(g) To appoint observers and to participate in the discussions of the Executive Committee subject to the same conditions which apply to the Members of the Pan American Sanitary Organization who are not members of the Committee, although these representatives will not be eligible for membership in the Committee.

2.... To request of the II Meeting of the Directing Council that observers from countries of the Western Hemisphere who are present [be granted] the same rights mentioned above, as an indication of the attitude of comprehension and cooperation of the Countries Members of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.

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CE5.R11 The Executive Committee,

Considering that at the Ninth Pan American Child Congress, held in Caracas in January [1948], a Declaration on the Health of the Child was drawn up, it being resolved that [this statement of principles] should be approved not only by the International American Institute for the Protection of the Child but also by the Pan American Sanitary Organization; and

Considering that, after studying all the articles of the aforementioned Declaration, and finding nothing to which objection may be made, but not believing it advisable to create a complete separation between the child and the rest of the family nucleus, which constitutes the minimum indispensable basis for health work,

Resolves:

To approve the principles stated in the Caracas Declaration, to recommend to the Directing Council that it study [the Declaration] more thoroughly, and to propose the addition of an article to the effect that in carrying out measures for child

protection the child must be considered an integral and inseparable part of the family.

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