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RESOLUTIONS

CE31.R1 The Executive Committee,

Considering the desirability of reducing the costs of meetings of the Governing Bodies of the Organization, provided that any measures taken for this purpose do not affect the efficient conduct of these meetings; and

Having studied the proposal presented by the Director in Document CE31/2,

Resolves:

1. To eliminate the précis minutes of plenary sessions of the Executive Committee and to prepare instead an expanded Final Report containing, in addition to the preamble, a brief summary of the working document on each topic, a summary of the discussion thereon, and the resolution adopted. 1
2. To amend Article 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee to read as follows:

Article 30. The original Final Report of meetings of the Executive Committee shall be prepared in Spanish and English, deposited in the archives of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and made available for inspection upon request.
3. To recommend that the Director continue to study possible ways of reducing the cost of meetings of the Governing Bodies of the Organization.

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CE31.R2 The Executive Committee,

Considering the action taken by the 29th Meeting of the Executive Committee, which approved the provisional draft of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Organization for 1958; and

Having studied in detail the provisional draft, as presented in Official Document 17, and having approved the proposed modifications appearing in Document CE31/10,

Resolves:

1. To instruct the Director to present to the X Meeting of the Directing Council the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Organization for 1958, as prepared by the Executive Committee in cooperation with the Director.
2. To instruct the Director to present, in the same document with the aforementioned Proposed Program and Budget, the Proposed Program and Budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1959 and the provisional draft of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Organization for 1959.
3. To recommend that the Directing Council approve the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Organization for 1958 in the sum of \$3,191,520, as presented.

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CE31.R3 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the Financial Report of the Director for the fiscal year 1 January-31 December 1956, and the Report of the External Auditor on the audit of the accounts of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for the fiscal year 1956 (Official Document No. 20),

Resolves:

1. To take note of the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for 1956 and forward them to the next meeting of the Directing Council.
2. To recommend to the Member Governments that arrears of quota contributions be paid in the immediate future and that the 1957 quotas be paid in this year.

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CE31.R4 The Executive Committee,

Bearing in mind the report presented by the Director on the Special Malaria Fund of the Pan American Sanitary Organization (Document CE31/15), in which the status of the Fund to date is explained in detail and in which the voluntary contributions received and the measures planned for carrying out the program are recounted,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the voluntary contributions made by the Governments of the United States of America, the Dominican Republic, and Venezuela, and to convey to them the appreciation of the Executive Committee.
2. To take note of Document CE31/15, and to recommend to the Directing Council that it approve the general plan proposed in this document for the malaria eradication campaign in the Americas and the expenditures considered necessary for carrying it out.
3. To request the Director to prepare a special document explaining the movement of funds relating to the continental malaria eradication program, which document shall appear each year as an annex to the program and budget of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.

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CE31.R5 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the proposal of the Director to rearrange the schedules of the budget document in order to separate more distinctly activities planned to be financed from various sources of funds;

Being of the opinion that the format recommended by the Director will accomplish this purpose in a clear and concise manner; and

Considering further that the proposed change does not affect the basic principles as to form of presentation recommended in the past by the Governing Bodies,

Resolves:

1. To approve the changes recommended by the Director in the form of presentation of the budget document.
2. To make these changes effective with the presentation of the 1959 budget of the Organization.

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CE31.R6 The Executive Committee,

Considering the desirability of maintaining the level of the Working Capital Fund at approximately 60 per cent of the budget of the Organization at all times, so as to provide sufficient resources to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to carry on its operations until the quota contributions assessed on the Member Countries in any one fiscal year are received;

Considering that the level of the Working Capital Fund is now considerably less than 60 per cent of the approved budgets;

Bearing in mind Article 6.2 of the Financial Regulations, which provides that the Working Capital Fund shall be established in an amount and for the purposes to be determined from time to time by the Directing Council; and

Bearing in mind Resolution III of the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference (1950), which provides that reports in connection with budget estimates shall be

made by the Executive Committee, with the cooperation of the Director, on the status of the Working Capital Fund, with recommendations as to anticipated needs,

Resolves:

1. To recommend to the Directing Council that the Working Capital Fund be established at the level of 60 per cent of the approved budget of the Organization for 1957 and subsequent years.
2. To recommend further to the Directing Council that the Director of the Bureau be authorized to meet the necessary increases by the transfer of surplus funds that may result in 1957 and subsequent fiscal years.

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CE31.R7 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the amendments proposed by the Director to Article IV, Regulations 4.3 and 4.4, of the Financial Regulations of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;

Taking into account the fact that the proposed changes are the result of a better administrative control over the outstanding commitments of the Organization; and

Considering further that these changes do not affect the basic provisions or the pattern established by the Directing Council when the Financial Regulations were approved in 1951,

Resolves:

To recommend to the Directing Council the adoption of the following amendments to the Financial Regulations of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, effective beginning with the fiscal year 1957:

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CE31.R8 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report on the fellowship program, presented by the Director in compliance with Resolution XVIII of the IX Meeting of the Directing Council,

Resolves:

1. To note with satisfaction the report on the fellowship program appearing in Document CE31/13.
2. To recommend that the Directing Council instruct the Director to continue the general study of the fellowship program, broadening and completing it, so that a detailed report may be presented to the XV Pan American Sanitary Conference.

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CE31.R9 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report of the Director (Document CE31/6) on the progress of the studies on drug registration and related problems, undertaken by the Bureau in accordance with Resolution XIV of the 28th Meeting of the Committee;

Considering the resolution adopted by the Pan American Medical Confederation aimed at achieving maximum uniformity of legislation in the American states for the registration of pharmaceutical products;

Considering the necessity of first making available a continuing source of reliable scientific and technical data on food and drug problems, standards, and registration procedures; and

Having studied the Director's proposal for the development of international efforts in the food and drug field (Document CE31/6, Annex I),

Resolves:

To take note of the report presented by the Director on the progress of studies on drug registration and related problems, and to approve his proposal for the gradual development of international efforts in the food and drug field, as contained in Document CE31/6, Annex I.

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CE31.R10 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report presented by the Director on the use of the Emergency Revolving Fund (Document CE31/7),

Resolves:

To take note of the report on the use of the Emergency Revolving Fund (Document CE31/7) presented by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

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CE31.R11 The Executive Committee, approved the preliminary draft agenda prepared by the Director for the X Meeting of the Directing Council.

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CE31.R12 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the request of the Director for authorization to make a transfer of credits between parts of the budget of the Pan American Sanitary Organization for 1957; and

Taking into account the reasons given for the transfer,

Resolves:

To authorize the Director to transfer up to 15 per cent of Part III to Part II of the budget of the Pan American Sanitary Organization for 1957.

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CE31.R13 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, as presented by the Director in Document CE31/5, in accordance with Staff Rule 030; and

Bearing in mind that similar amendments to the Staff Rules of the World Health Organization entered into effect on 1 January 1957, or as otherwise indicated,

Resolves:

To confirm the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau as presented by the Director in Document CE31/5, with the editorial changes approved during the discussion on this topic.

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CE31.R14 The Executive Committee,

Considering that the Executive Board of the World Health Organization has approved a change in the salary scale for the D.2 level from the present four-step scale, beginning at \$11,000 and ending at \$12,200, to a flat rate of \$12,500;

Bearing in mind that WHO posts at the D.2 level in the Region of the Americas will be granted remuneration at the \$12,500 flat rate; and

Believing that PASB posts at the D.2 level should be compensated at the same rate as the WHO posts,

Resolves:

To authorize the Director to implement a change in the salary scale of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to conform with the action taken by the Executive Board of the World Health Organization [so as to] establish the salary for the D.2 level at the flat rate of \$12,500.

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CE31.R15 The Executive Committee,

Bearing in mind that the Directing Council, at its IX Meeting (Resolution XVII (2), par. 3), instructed the Director to undertake a comprehensive study of the salaries and other compensations offered to public health workers in the Americas and present a report on the matter, together with recommendations; and

Noting that a study has been initiated that will cover key positions in the public health professions in the medical, sanitary engineering, and nursing fields,

Resolves:

To take note of the progress report presented by the Director on the study of salaries and other compensations offered to public health workers in the Americas (Document CE31/9).

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CE31.R16 The Executive Committee,

Bearing in mind the existing limitations of space in the Headquarters buildings in Washington and the delay that, for various reasons, is being encountered in the allocation of a site for the construction of the permanent building; and

Bearing in mind the measures taken by the Director, after prior consultation with the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations, to solve this situation temporarily,

Resolves:

To take note of the report of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations (Document CE31/11).

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CE31.R17 The Executive Committee,

Bearing in mind the fact that the Inter-American Committee of Presidential Representatives has listed among the main problems of the Hemisphere those relating to public health, so that it is therefore to be hoped that the Governments will give special attention to public health programs by providing the funds needed to carry them out;

Considering the fact that the Directing Council at its VII Meeting adopted Resolution XVI, in which it is stated that "it is considered advantageous for the public health programs for the Americas to be concentrated in the American agency created especially for this purpose, namely, the Pan American Sanitary Organization, which also acts as the regional organ of the World Health Organization"; and

Considering that the Directing Council, at its IX Meeting, approved a broad resolution on Technical Assistance in relation to public health activities, making reference to policies and methods that should be reaffirmed,

Resolves:

To recommend to the X Meeting of the Directing Council that it invite the Member Governments of the Organization to give suitable instruction to their representatives in the United Nations with a view to promoting an adequate revision of the decisions of ECOSOC relating to the Expanded Program of Technical Assistance, in order that the contributions therefrom for public health programs in the Americas may be made through the Pan American Sanitary Organization in its dual capacity as an Inter-American Specialized Organization of the Organization of American States and the regional organ of the World Health Organization for the Western Hemisphere.

CE31.R18 The Executive Committee,

Bearing in mind that the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization was approved on 1 October 1947 by the Directing Council at its I Meeting, held in Buenos Aires,

Resolves:

1. To hold a formal session to commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization at the time that the Directing Council holds its X Meeting in Washington, D.C.
2. To instruct the Director to prepare a program for this formal commemorative session, and to recommend that he include in the program three addresses, [to be delivered, respectively,] by a representative of the Organization of American States, by a representative of the Executive Committee, and by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
3. To entrust to Dr. Félix Hurtado, Chairman of the Executive Committee, the address on behalf of the Committee, and to invite Dr. M. G. Candau, Director-General of the World Health Organization, to speak also at the ceremony.
4. To request the Director to coordinate the program with the Secretary General of the Organization of American States, enlisting the collaboration and assistance of that Organization.

1. This decision was rescinded as of 1965 with the revision of the pertinent article of the Rules.
2. Paragraph 3 of CD9.R17: "To instruct the Director to undertake a comprehensive study of the salaries and other

compensations offered to public health workers in the Americas and to present a report on this matter, together with recommendations."

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