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37th SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTIONS

CE37.R1 The Executive Committee,

Having studied in detail the provisional draft of the proposed program and budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1960 contained in Official Document No. 24, with the modifications thereto appearing in Document CE37/11, both prepared by the Director; and

Considering the terms of Article 12, paragraph C, of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization and paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6 of Article III of the Financial Regulations of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau,

Resolves:

1. To submit to the XI Meeting of the Directing Council the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1960, prepared by the Director (Official Document 24 and Document CE37/11), together with the report (Document CE37/17, Annex I) containing the observations and recommendations made by this Committee.
2. To recommend that the Directing Council establish the budget level for 1960 at \$4,100,000.

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CE37.R2 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the Financial Report of the Director for the fiscal year 1958 and the Report of the External Auditor on the audit of the accounts of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1958 (Official Document No. 29),

Resolves:

1. To congratulate the Director and the members of his staff on the improvements made in the method of presentation of the Financial Report for the fiscal year 1958, and to thank the External Auditor for the Report he submitted (Official Document No. 29).
2. To take note of the aforesaid reports and transmit them to the XI Meeting of the Directing Council

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CE37.R3 The Executive Committee,

Considering the grave financial situation of the Pan American Health Organization, as indicated by the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor; Considering the large total of uncollected quotas;

Considering it to be essential that the Pan American Health Organization pursue its program in behalf of health in the Americas; and

Bearing in mind the recommendations of the Director and of the External Auditor with respect to the financial situation of the Organization,

Resolves:

1. To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to bring to the attention of Member Governments the urgent need for the prompt payment of their quotas; and to take whatever action he may deem advisable to this effect, having in mind the opinions expressed in the course of the Executive Committee meeting.

2. To recommend that the Director report to the XI Meeting of the Directing Council regarding the results of his efforts in this matter.

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CE37.R4 The Executive Committee,

Bearing in mind Resolution XX of the XV Pan American Sanitary Conference on Inter-American Congresses of Public Health;

Having examined the report of the Director on this matter (Document CE37/12); and

Taking into consideration the financial obligations of the host Government and of the Bureau that would be derived from holding these congresses,

Resolves:

To request the Director to consult with the Government of Argentina on the advisability of planning an Inter-American Congress of Public Health before the XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference. 1

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CE37.R5 The Executive Committee,

Bearing in mind the shortage of space in the Headquarters buildings in Washington and the measures taken by the Director, with the approval of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations, to temporarily resolve this situation; and

Bearing in mind the statements of the Representative of the United States of America on the latest steps taken by the Government of his country in connection with the acquisition of a site for the Headquarters building in Washington, and the offer made by the Representative of Mexico,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the Director and the report of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations (Document CE37/10 and Annex I).
2. To thank the Government of the United States of America for the steps taken in connection with the future headquarters of the Organization, and the Government of Mexico for its interest and offer in this matter.
3. To express its appreciation to the members of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations for the interest they have shown in carrying out the task entrusted to them.

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CE37.R6 The Executive Committee,

Considering that the Financial Regulations of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau should provide the necessary flexibility in the administration of the Pan American Health Organization fellowship program; and

Taking into account the desirability of providing uniform rules and procedures for the administration of PAHO and WHO fellowships,

Resolves:

To recommend that the Directing Council amend the Financial Regulations of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Article IV, Regulations 4.3 and 4.4, effective beginning with the fiscal year 1959, to read as follows: **1**

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CE37.R7 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the proposed amendments to the Staff Regulations and the amendments introduced in the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, as set forth in Document CE37/6, presented by the Director; and

Considering the provisions of Staff Regulation 12.1 and Staff Rule 030,

Resolves:

1. To recommend to the XI Meeting of the Directing Council the adoption of the amendments to the Staff Regulations of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau as proposed by the Director and contained in Document CE37/6, Annex I.
2. To confirm the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau as presented by the Director in Document CE37/6, Annex II.

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CE37.R8 The Executive Committee,

Bearing in mind that one of the main difficulties encountered in the recruitment of professional personnel lies in the present system of appointments, since these either are of very short duration or are permanent;

Considering that the establishment of a medium-term appointment system would make it easier for the Governments and other institutions to authorize their technical staff to render temporary service in international organizations;

Considering that such a system would be of great benefit both to the international organizations, which could utilize the services and knowledge of national specialists, and to the specialists' countries of origin, for on return to their respective posts such personnel would take with them the experience acquired in activities of an international character; and

Bearing in mind the opinions expressed during the discussion of this topic,

Resolves:

To instruct the Director to explore the possibilities of establishing a medium-term appointment system to facilitate the recruitment of professional personnel and to report the results of this study to the next meeting of the Directing Council.

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CE37.R9 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report presented by the Director on the use of the Emergency Revolving Fund (Document CE37/3); and

Considering that, if the Fund is to serve its important purpose of collaboration with the Governments, it is essential that it be maintained at the established level,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report on the use of the Emergency Revolving Fund (Document CE35/3) presented by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
2. To invite the Governments, when they request assistance from the Fund, to reimburse as soon as possible the amounts advanced [therefrom].

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CE37.R10 The Executive Committee,

Having taken note of the status of the Working Capital Fund from 1955 to 1958, during which [period] the Fund has shown a constant and progressive decline in relation to the budget level;

Taking into account the amount of the withdrawals from the Fund made necessary by the lack of timely collection of quota contributions from the Member Governments;

Bearing in mind that this situation has become critical during 1959; and

Considering that it is necessary to take suitable steps to ensure the normal development of the Organization's activities in the future,

Resolves:

1. To call to the attention of the Member Governments the grave fact that for the first time, and for the reasons stated, the Organization will be unable to maintain the normal pace of its activities if it does not receive funds promptly within the next few months.
2. To request that those Member Governments whose quota contributions are in arrears make every effort to pay them at the earliest possible date.
3. To request the Member Governments to take the necessary steps for the payment of their annual quotas as early as possible each year.
4. To instruct the Director to prepare a document giving a clear indication of the Organization's present financial status, and to submit it as soon as possible to the Member Governments, together with this resolution.
5. To recommend to the Director that, in the preparation of the program and budget for 1961 and future years, he assign a proportion of the budget for the gradual increase of the Working Capital Fund until it has reached the established level.

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CE37.R11 The Executive Committee,

Considering that Article 14, paragraph A, of the Constitution provides that the Executive Committee will meet at least every six months;

Considering that the XV Pan American Sanitary Conference, believing that a saving in time and expense can be made in future meetings of the Governing Bodies by improved scheduling, has instructed the Director to plan the meetings so that they will be held with the fewest possible sessions and with the greatest economy possible, and that the Executive Committee has expressed the wish to reduce the cost of holding meetings; and

Considering that the elimination of one of the three annual Executive Committee meetings will bring about substantial savings in time and expense, and [that] the Executive Committee can meet during the meeting of the Directing Council,

Resolves:

To eliminate the meeting of the Executive Committee held immediately preceding [that of] the Directing Council, and to authorize the Director to take the necessary steps to implement [this] decision during the current year.

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CE37.R12 The Executive Committee,

Bearing in mind Resolution XXXIV of the XV Pan American Sanitary Conference and Resolution I of the 36th Meeting of the Executive Committee; and

Having studied the report of the Subcommittee on Basic Documents of the Pan American Health Organization contained in Document CE37/13,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the Subcommittee on Basic Documents of the Pan American Health Organization (Document CE37/13).
2. To recommend that the Directing Council authorize the aforesaid Subcommittee to prepare the French and Portuguese texts of the Basic Documents.
3. To thank the members of the Subcommittee and the legal advisers of the Pan American Union for the work they are undertaking.

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CE37.R13 The Executive Committee, Considering that the XV Pan American Sanitary Conference approved in principle a document entitled "Health Charter of Puerto Rico" and agreed to transmit it to the 36th Meeting of the Executive Committee so that the latter might study it and make its recommendations to the

Directing Council; and Considering that the Executive Committee agreed 3 on that occasion to defer the study of the document until the 37th Meeting, deeming that, because of the importance of such a document, it should be given detailed study,

Resolves:

To transmit to the XI Meeting of the Directing Council the proposed "Declaration of the XV Pan American Sanitary Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1958," contained in Document CE37/4, Rev. 1.

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CE37.R14 The Executive Committee, approved the preliminary draft agenda prepared by the Director for the XI Meeting of the Directing Council.

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CE37.R15 The Executive Committee, instructed the Director to convoke the XI Meeting of the Directing Council in Washington, D.C. (21–30 September 1959).

The Executive Committee authorized the Director to set the dates for the 38th and 39th Meetings of the Committee in Washington, D.C. (23 September and 30 September 1959).

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CE37.R16 The Executive Committee,

Recognizing the valuable service rendered by Dr. Fred L. Soper, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, 1947–1959;

Considering that the XV Pan American Sanitary Conference declared Dr. Fred L. Soper Director Emeritus of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau; and

Having in mind that a portrait of the first Director Emeritus of the Bureau, Dr. Hugh S. Cumming, now occupies a place of honor at the Headquarters of the Organization,

Resolves:

1. To request that a portrait of Dr. Fred L. Soper, Director Emeritus of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, occupy a place of honor at the Headquarters of the Bureau.
2. To authorize the Director to make the necessary funds available, within the budget, to carry out the decision above.

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CE37.R17 The Executive Committee,

Bearing in mind the diversity of health problems in the different countries comprising the Zones of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau; and

Considering that the policy of administrative and technical decentralization has given favorable results in recent years, but that the process must be a continuous one,

Resolves:

To request the Director of the Bureau to present a report to the next meeting of the Executive Committee describing the present status of the decentralization of activities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, the Bureau's experience in this matter, and the measures that may be proposed to take in the future.

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CE37.R18 The Executive Committee,

Bearing in mind the resolution on public health projects adopted by the Special Committee of the Organization of American States to study the formulation of new measures of economic cooperation; and

Considering that the aforesaid resolution opens the possibility of obtaining long-term and low-interest loans for the execution of public health programs,

Resolves:

1. To take note, with sincere appreciation, of the resolution on measures of economic cooperation for public health projects adopted by the Special Committee of the OAS at its meeting in Buenos Aires.
2. To express to the Special Committee, on behalf of the Pan American Health Organization, its satisfaction at the decision taken, which recognizes the importance of public health to economic development, and from which it is expected that great benefits will result for progress in the Americas.
3. To instruct the Director to transmit the present resolution to the Member Governments.

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1. In accordance with a subsequent decision, no further Inter-American Congresses of Public Health were held.
2. PAHO Official Document 27, p. 268 and 281.
3. PAHO Official Document 27, p. 423.
4. An oil portrait of Dr. Soper was presented to the Director of the Bureau at a special session held on 26 September 1959. PAHO Official Document 32, p. 14.

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