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RESOLUTIONS

CE48.R1 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report of the Director on the administrative rationalization in the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CE48/13);

Noting the progress made in streamlining structure, procedure, and techniques in the administrative activities of PASB; and

Bearing in mind the economies made as a result of the program of rationalization and the [consequent] investment of funds in program services to the Governments,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the administrative rationalization in the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CE48/13).
2. To commend the Director and the staff of PASB for their efforts to date in effecting economies in administration.
3. To request the Director to continue the program of rationalization and to report on progress at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
4. To transmit this resolution and the report of the Director to the XIV Meeting of the Directing Council.

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CE48.R2 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the Report of the Director on Program Budgeting (Document CE48/17); and

Considering that if the format were revised in accordance with the procedure suggested in the above-mentioned document, it would be easier to form a clearer idea of the direction of the efforts of the Organization and their conformity with the priorities assigned to given policy objectives,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on Program Budgeting (Document CE48/17).
2. To approve the change recommended by the Director in the format of the budget document; namely, to add a chapter containing a summary statement of the sources of funds from which programs will be financed by major programs and by object of expenditure these changes to be effective with the presentation of the 1964 Budget of the Pan American Health Organization.

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CE48.R3 The Executive Committee,

Bearing in mind the report of the Director on the Meeting of Ministers of Health which, constituted as a Task Force, was held in the city of Washington from 15 to 20 April 1963

Resolves:

1. To note with satisfaction the report of the Director and to express the firm conviction that the Meeting held constituted a measure of great importance for

the solution of health problems and, consequently, gives a vigorous stimulus to the carrying forward of the work of the development of the Continent to which the signatory countries of the Charter of Punta del Este aspire.

2. To urge the Director that, given the importance of the meeting of the Task Force, he make a detailed report to the Directing Council on the recommendations drawn up at the meeting, to enable the Council to examine the possibility of incorporating the principles contained therein into the policy of the Organization, as a valuable contribution to the attainment of the objectives of the Ten-Year Public Health Program of the Alliance for Progress.

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CE48.R4 The Executive Committee,

Considering that, among the efforts the Governments of the Americas are making to raise the level of health, the improvement of environmental conditions is one of the measures that call for the most urgent attention;

Bearing in mind that it is of the utmost importance to pay maximum attention to the improvement of the level of living of the rural population of Latin America, one of the fundamental factors for the success of the development program of the Alliance for Progress;

Bearing in mind that one of the fundamental requirements of environmental sanitation is an adequate supply of potable water to the rural and urban population;

Considering that, in order to guarantee the success of any water supply and rural welfare program, it is necessary to finance it on the basis of self-financing, in part or in whole, and to give it an organization based on sound administrative principles;

Considering that the solution of the financial problems inherent in a sanitation program could to a large extent be solved by the establishment of a special rural welfare fund financed by contributions from the countries, the Alliance for Progress, and international organizations, since it would permit the direct

contributions of the interested communities and of the Governments to be duly supplemented;

Considering that potable water supply, which is one of the objectives of the Ten-Year Public Health Program of the Alliance for Progress, has been designated in Recommendation A.6 of the Task Force, composed of the Ministers of Public Health of the Americas, as one of the needs that [should be given] high priority; and

Considering that the aforementioned recommendation suggests that the ministries of health should be responsible for control of the [sums] made available to the countries by the Special Fund and should make loans to [already duly organized] communities, either directly or through the instrumentality of suitable organizations, on reasonable terms and with reasonable repayment periods that make it possible to create a revolving fund that can be used for the benefit of other communities,

Resolves:

1. To invite the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to study the various aspects of the establishment of a special fund that will be used for making loans to ministries of health on the best possible terms as to interest rates and repayment periods, so as to enable them to make available to suitably organized communities the supplementary funds necessary for the execution of potable water supply and other rural welfare projects in such a way as will allow the establishment and maintenance of a revolving fund.
2. To invite the Director to make a report to the Directing Council on the aforementioned study, including such specific measures as he deems appropriate for putting the recommendations of the Task Force on Health into practice.

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CE48.R5 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report of the Director on the activities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in economic and social development (Document CE48/6); and

Considering the importance of these activities for the progress of the people of Latin America,

Resolves:

1. To approve with satisfaction the report of the Director of the Bureau on the activities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in economic and social development (Document CE48/6).
2. To recommend that the Director continue to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the health sector participate fully in social and economic development planning and cooperate at the national and international levels with the other agencies involved, in particular with a view to increasing technical cooperation activities with the Governments.
3. To recommend that the Director take such steps as are necessary to enable the Bureau to cooperate more actively with the Organization of American States, and in particular with the Executive Secretary of [the Inter-American Economic and Social Council], in order to ensure that full consideration be given to the health sector in the country analyses, as well as in preparing and reviewing national development plans.

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CE48.R6 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on the formulation of planning methodology and the training of health planners (Document CE48/8; and

Bearing in mind the basic importance of these activities for the future development of health programs in the Americas,

Resolves: 1

1. To approve the report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on the work accomplished in the formulation of planning methodology and the training of health planners (Document CE48/8).

2. To recommend that the Director of the Bureau, in cooperation with the Ministries of Health and other international organizations, adopt pertinent measures for rapidly increasing the number of experts with specialized training in health planning, in order to permit the efficient development of national and international health plans.
3. To recommend that the Governments organize short in-service training courses on planning for technical-administrative personnel on all levels, especially those who work in the different local health agencies and in semi-autonomous and private institutions participating in health programs.
4. To recommend that the Bureau encourage national and international agencies to organize short training courses in health planning for national and international personnel, and cooperate with them in that endeavor.
5. To recommend that schools of public health include the methodology of health planning in their teaching programs and request the assistance of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for that purpose, if necessary.

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CE48.R7 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report of the Director on the Emergency Revolving Fund and the activities of that Fund (Document CE48/10 and Addendum I),

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the Emergency Revolving Fund (Document CE48/10 and Addendum I).
2. To invite the Governments, when they receive assistance from the Fund, to reimburse the amounts advanced as soon as possible.
3. To recommend to the Directing Council that it [raise] the ceiling of the Fund to \$75,000, in view of the price increases that have occurred since the Fund was created.

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CE48.R8 The Executive Committee,

Having studied in detail the provisional draft of the proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1964 contained in Official Document 40, with modifications thereto appearing in Document CE48/11, prepared by the Director;

Considering that the XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference in Resolution XXV recognized that the provisional draft of the Proposed Program and Budget for 1964 appearing in Official Document 40 comprised well-conceived and much-needed health projects;

Considering that the modifications appearing in Document CE48/11 were made after consultation with each of the Governments and reflect the latest known desires and requirements of the Governments, with due regard for priorities of needs;

Considering that Document CE48/11 reflects great savings in the administrative management of the Organization resulting from the introduction of work simplification; and

Bearing in mind the terms of Article 14, 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 Health Organization,

Resolves:

1. To submit to the XIV Meeting of the Directing Council the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1964, prepared by the Director (Official Document 40 and Document CE48/11).
2. To recommend to the Directing Council that it establish the budget level of the Pan American Health Organization for 1964 at \$6,560,000.

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CE48.R9 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor on the status of quotas of the Pan American Health Organization for fiscal year 1962 (Official Document 46);

Considering that, with the exception of 1960, the percentage of quotas collected in 1962 is the lowest recorded in the past twelve years;

Mindful of the fact that on a number of occasions the Member Governments that have quotas in arrears have been urged to pay them as soon as possible in order to assure the normal development of the activities of the Organization;

Observing that the expenditures recommended in the resolution on allocations are necessary in order to attain the objectives established for the improvement of the health of the people of the Americas;

Considering that the External Auditor states in his report that "since arrears of two or more years are the most serious, it might be advisable for the Governing Bodies to consider the experience of WHO and other international organizations, including the effect of their constitutional provisions making possible the limitation of privileges and services";

[Bearing in mind] also the fact that Article 7 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization establishes that "if a Member fails to meet its financial obligations to the Organization or in other exceptional circumstances, the Health Assembly may, on such conditions as it thinks proper, suspend the voting privileges and services to which a Member is entitled, The Health Assembly shall have the authority to restore such voting privileges and services"; and

[Bearing in mind] the opinions expressed during the current meeting.

Resolves:

1. To take note of the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for fiscal year 1962 (Official Document 46), and to transmit them to the Directing Council at its XIV Meeting.
2. To bring to the attention of the Directing Council the provisions of Article 7 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, and to recommend that it study the possibility of incorporating similar provisions in the Constitution of PAHO, in accordance with the recommendation of the External Auditor.

3. To urge the Governments that have outstanding quotas to pay them as soon as possible.

4. To confirm the policy of prudent administration followed by the Director to the effect that, if the Organization does not have necessary funds provided by the quotas available when needed, it may be necessary to make reductions in the program in keeping with the cash funds available.

5. To urge the Director to transmit this resolution to all the Governments and invite them to make provision in their development plans for the payment of their contributions to international organizations.

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CE48.R10 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CE48/14); and

Considering that the Pan American Health Organization continues to be faced with financial problems, owing to the large amount of quotas in arrears,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the status of the collection of quota contributions (Document CE48/14).

2. To urge the Governments whose quota contributions are in arrears to pay them as soon as possible in order to ensure the normal development of the Organization's activities.

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CE48.R11 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, as set forth in the Annex to Do.merit 0E48/9 presented by the Director; and

Considering the provisions of Staff Rule 030,

Resolves:

To confirm the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, as presented by the Director in the Annex to Document CE48/9.

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CE48.R12 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the report of the Director on the procurement service to Governments, which shows that its high cost of \$40,000 a year does not justify its operation in the manner in which it is being conducted, when this cost is compared with the amount of purchases (which in 1962 amounted to only \$231,907);

Considering that on the other hand it is proper to provide the Member Governments with facilities for purchasing essential supplies in emergency health situations

Bearing in mind that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau must have the necessary services for purchasing supplies, equipment, drugs, among other items, which by request of the World Health Organization have to be bought in the Americas; and

In view of the fact that this service must supply what the Pan American Sanitary Bureau requires for its customary activities,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the Report of the Director on procurement services to Governments (Document CE48/2).

2. To request the Director to study this matter, and especially the possibility of operating a limited service that is in accordance with the general lines set forth in this resolution.

3. To invite the Director to take the necessary steps to make arrangements with UNICEF or with other organizations to provide procurement services for the Governments on the best possible terms.

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CE48.R13 The Executive Committee,

Resolves:

1. To approve the preliminary draft agenda prepared by the Director (Document CD14/1) for the XIV Meeting of the Directing Council, XV Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas.

2. To include in the draft agenda an item on the establishment of a rural welfare fund.

3. To urge the Director, in the presentation of Item 13, "Task Force on Health at the Ministerial Level," to include a special indication of the importance of the recommendations formulated at that meeting on rural sanitation and community water supply.

4. To authorize the Director to include in the aforementioned draft agenda any new items that may be proposed by the Governments or by organizations entitled to propose agenda items.

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CE48.R14 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report of the Director (Document CE48/16) on the preparations for the XIV Meeting of the Directing Council, XV Meeting of the

Regional Committee of the WHO, and the 49th Meeting of the Executive Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the XIV Meeting of the Directing Council, XV Meeting of the WHO Regional Committee, and the 49th Meeting of the Executive Committee.
2. To approve the steps taken by the Director and to authorize him to convoke the Council to meet from 16 to 27 September.

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CE48.R15 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report of the Director on the problems of nutrition in the Americas from the point of view of consumption, which contains general observations on a subject [that is of] outstanding interest; and

Bearing in mind that, as indicated in the document, it is advisable to study the establishment of a means whereby it would be possible to define on a continuing basis the existing state of nutrition in the Continent,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the problems of nutrition in the Americas from the point of view of consumption (Document CE48/12).
2. To recommend that the Director provide assistance to national and international studies as a means of improving data on food consumption in Latin America and of keeping data on the existing state of nutrition in the Continent up to date.
3. To recommend that ministries of health participate actively in the planning and development of national nutrition programs, and that nutrition be effectively

integrated into health programs in such a way as to become a basic service at the local level.

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CE48.R16 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the reports of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations and of the Director On the progress of the building program;

Noting that construction will soon commence; and

Noting the generous additional, grant of \$1,250,000 by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, which brought its total grant up to \$5,000,000,

Resolves:

1. To express its thanks to the W. K. Kellogg Foundation for its continuing interest in and support of the Program of International Health in the Americas.
2. To express its thanks for the work of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations.
3. To approve the steps taken to date by the Director and the Permanent Subcommittee with respect to the new Headquarters building.
4. To transmit the reports of the Subcommittee and of the Director to the XIV Meeting of the Directing Council.

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CE48.R17 The Executive Committee,

Considering that the Pan American Health Organization is acquiring a new site for a permanent Headquarters building in the District of Columbia and will

consequently have no further need for its present site after the new site is available for occupancy,

Resolves:

1. That Dr. Abraham Horwitz, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, or his successor or successors in office, is hereby authorized to contract with any responsible purchasers for the sale of the present Headquarters site of the Pan American Health Organization, being the property known for purposes of assessment and taxation as Lots 800 and 31 in Square 136 in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, improved by premises known as and numbered 1501 and 1515 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., for the best possible price obtainable on the open market.

2. That the aforesaid contracts shall reserve the right to possession to the seller until the Pan American Health Organization shall have moved to its new Headquarters site.

3. That Dr. Abraham Horwitz, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, or his successor or successors in office, is hereby authorized to execute the requisite deed, or deeds, in the name of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and is hereby appointed its true and lawful attorney in fact to acknowledge and deliver the same as its act and deed, and [that] Dr. John C. Cutler, Deputy Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, or his successor or successors in office, is hereby authorized to attest the same.

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CE48.R18 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the draft procedure for the admission of new Members of the Pan American Health Organization, prepared in accordance with Resolution IV of the XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Resolves:

To take note of this draft procedure, and to request the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to transmit it to the Directing Council for its consideration.

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CE48.R19 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the application of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago for membership in the Pan American Health Organization contained in the letter of the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago sent on 21 December 1962 to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau,

Resolves:

To take note of this request, and to request the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to transmit it to the Directing Council for appropriate action.

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