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RESOLUTIONS

CE54.R1 The Executive Committee,

Having studied in detail the provisional draft of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1967 (Official Document 61), and the modifications thereto appearing in Document CE54/10, prepared by the Director;

Considering that the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council in Resolution VII noted that the provisional draft of the Proposed Program and Budget for 1967 (Official Document 61) comprised soundly conceived and much-needed health projects, and that it called for strengthening the regular budget with respect to financing the malaria eradication program in the Americas;

Considering that the program modifications appearing in Document CE54/10 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; and

Bearing in mind Article 14, paragraph C, of the Constitution of PAHO and [paragraphs] 3.5 and 3.6 [of Article III of the Financial Regulations],

Resolves:

1. To submit to the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1967 (Official

Document 61), and the modifications thereto appearing in Document CE54/10, prepared by the Director.

2. To recommend to the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference that it establish the level of the Pan American Health Organization budget for 1967 at \$9,115,680.

3. To recommend that, in implementing the 1967 program of the Organization, the Director take into account the views expressed by the members of the Executive Committee during the discussion of this agenda item, especially with reference to medical care and the training of food inspectors.

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CE54.R2 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report on the collection of quota contributions (Document CE54/15);

Having noted the information and comments on quotas contained in the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor (Official Document No° 687;

Considering that quota payments have improved but that the problem remains serious with respect to Governments in arrears more than two years; and

Considering the importance of prompt and full payment of quota contributions to assure financial support for the entire approved program,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report on the collection of quota contributions (Document CE54/15).

2. To commend the Director for his efforts to obtain settlement of the outstanding arrearages.

3. To express its concern, nevertheless, especially over the arrearages of more than two years standing.

4. To recommend that the Director instruct the PAHO Zone Chiefs and PAHO Representatives in the respective countries to maintain continuous efforts to have the payment of quotas effected on a current basis and to have arrearages paid as soon as possible.

5. To request the Director to continue his efforts to keep the Governments amply informed of the status of quota payments and of the implications of non-payment on the prosecution of the program of the Organization.

6. To urge that Governments which have outstanding quotas pay them as soon as possible, and that those Governments in arrears two or more years fulfill their respective financial plans for the payment of outstanding quotas within a definite period.

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CE54.R3 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for the fiscal year 1965 (Official Document N° 68);

Considering that there has been considerable improvement in the financial situation of the Organization with regard to higher quota collections, increase in the level of the Working Capital Fund and the creation of reserves for termination costs;

Noting, however, that the problem of quota collections remains serious with respect to Governments in arrears two or more years; and

Observing that the expenditures for programs recommended in the authorized budget are necessary in order to attain the established objectives for improving the health of the peoples of the Americas and. for promoting economic and social development,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for the fiscal year 1965 (Official Document N° 68) and transmit them to the Pan American Sanitary Conference at its XVII Meeting.

2. To again draw the attention of Governments to the need for quotas to be paid as soon as possible, within the course of each financial year, and especially to the need for plans for the payments of arrears with stipulated periods to be prepared and strictly adhered to.

3. To commend the policy followed by the Director over the years in maintaining budgetary expenditures within income, in building up the Working Capital Fund, and in creating reserves for termination costs,

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CE54.R4 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the report of the Director (Document CE54/7, Rev. 1) on the work done to complete the installations and services in the Headquarters building and the proposed acquisition of space to expand the Zone IV Office in Lima; and

Bearing in mind that it is stated in the aforementioned report that the Governments of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Surinam, Venezuela, and Spain, as well as the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association and Mrs. Carlota de Inurria (of Argentina), have donated works of art for the Headquarters building,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on buildings and installations (Document CE54/7, Rev. 1).

2. To express its thanks to the Governments of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Surinam, Venezuela, and Spain, as well as to the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers' Association and Mrs. Carlota de Inurria, for the works of art they have donated to the new Headquarters building.

3. To take note of the additional space requirements for the Zone IV Office in Lima, and to concur in the action planned by the Director to purchase a house in order to obtain adequate space.

4. To transmit the aforementioned report to the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference.

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CE54.R5 The Executive Committee,

Eawiag examined the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, as set forth in the annex to Document CE54/5 presented by the Director; and

Considering the provisions of Staff Rule 030,

Resolves:

To approve the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, as presented by the Director in the annex to Document CE54/5, with the effective date of 1 January 1966°

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CE54.R6 The Executive Committee,

Considering that it is desirable to meet the increased cost arising from salary increases from within the authorized budget level; and

Believing that utilization for this purpose of [monies] intended for the Working Capital Fund would not endanger the immediate financial position of the Organization and would only temporarily interrupt the long-term plan for increasing the Working Capital Fund,

Resolves:

To authorize the Director to transfer a maximum of \$260,000 from Part V to other parts of the regular budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1966, as necessary, to meet the aforementioned additional personnel costs.

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CE54.R7 The Executive Committee,

Having considered that the salaries of the Deputy Director and the Assistant Director warrant adjustments comparable to those approved for posts in grades P.1 through D.2; and

Bearing in mind Staff Regulation 3.1 and Staff Rule 230.3 of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau,

Resolves:

To approve the proposal of the Director fixing the salary of the Deputy Director at \$21,000 per annum and that of the Assistant Director at \$20,000 per annum, effective as of 1 January 1966.

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CE54.R8 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report of the Director on the planning of hospitals and other health services (Document CE54/8), submitted pursuant to Resolution XVI of the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Committee,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the Director (Document CE54/8).
2. To confirm the steps the Director has taken to promote the coordination of medical care services in the countries.
3. To instruct the Director to continue his negotiations with the Inter-American Development Bank to obtain financial support for programs for the building of hospitals and other health facilities, within the framework of national health planning, as part of economic and social development.

4. To recommend to the Governments that they include in their delegations to the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference senior officials of the administration of medical services both from the ministries of health and from social security institutes, so as to ensure a full treatment of the topic [during] the Technical Discussions.

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CE54.R9 The Executive Committee,

Considering that the Directing Council, in Resolution XXIII of its XVI Meeting, decided that the Executive Committee should be officially represented by its Chairman, or by any other member designated by the Committee, at the meetings of the Directing Council and of the Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Resolves:

To designate as its official representative at the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference Dr. Manoel José Ferreira, Chairman of the Executive Committee.

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CE54.R10 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report of the Director on the Emergency Revolving Fund and the activities of that Fund (Document CE54/11);

Having noted the heavy increase in demands for the emergency purchases of vaccines, to the point that the Fund is now exhausted; and

Bearing in mind that, if the important purpose of assistance to Governments for which the Fund was created is to be fulfilled, the Fund should be maintained at a level adequate to meet emergency purchases,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the Report of the Director on the Emergency Revolving Fund (Document CE54/11).
2. To invite the Governments that receive assistance from the Fund to reimburse the amounts advanced as soon as possible.
3. To recommend to the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference that it raise the ceiling of the Fund to \$100,000 and authorize the transfer of an amount of \$25,000 from the Working Capital Fund.

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CE54.R11 The Executive Committee,

Considering that, pursuant to Article 7, paragraph A, of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization, it is the duty of the Director of the Bureau to fix the date of the Pan American Sanitary Conference in consultation with the Executive Committee;

Bearing in mind that Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference stipulate that notices of convocation shall be sent not less than six months before the date fixed for the opening of the meeting;

Considering that, in order to comply with the stipulations cited in the two foregoing paragraphs, the Director requested and obtained by cable early in May the agreement of all the members of the Executive Committee to the opening of the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference on 26 September 1966 and that, by virtue of this agreement, notices of convocation were sent on 26 March to all the Governments and to the organizations entitled to be represented at the Conference;

Considering that, because of the importance of the decisions of the Conference in determining the general policy guidelines of the Organization, the time assigned to the meeting of the supreme Governing Body of the Organization should be sufficient to allow proper consideration of the many important items on its agenda, without prejudice to the fact that, whenever appropriate, the Conference itself may adopt such measures as it deems advisable to expedite the dispatch of its business; and

Bearing in mind that, because of the nature and importance of the topic chosen for the Technical Discussions at the Conference, and because of the great number of persons expected to attend them, it is highly desirable to devote more time than in previous years to this year's Technical Discussions,

Resolves:

1. To confirm its approval of the date of 26 September 1966 fixed by the Director for the opening of the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference, which provisionally shall run until 15 October.
2. To recommend to the Conference that it devote more time than in previous years to this year's Technical Discussions.

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CE54.R12 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the provisional agenda (Document CSP17/1) prepared by the Director of the Bureau for the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference, XVIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas; and

Considering that Article 7, paragraph F, of the Constitution provides that "the provisional agenda of the Conference shall be prepared by the Director of the Bureau and submitted to the Executive Committee for approval," and that, pursuant to the provisions in force, the Governments may propose items that in their opinion should be considered by the Conference,

Resolves:

1. To approve the provisional agenda prepared by the Director (Document CSP17/1) for the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference, XVIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas.
2. To authorize the Director to include in the provisional agenda such additional items as may be proposed in due time by the Governments or by those organizations entitled to propose agenda items.

CE54.R13 The Executive Committee,

Considering that the Directing Council, in Resolution XXIX of the XV Meeting, instructed the Director to prepare a study that might serve as a basis for discussion at a meeting of national authorities and international experts to be held for the purpose of formulating a policy on the training of auxiliary personnel; and

Having examined the report of the Director (Document CE54/2) on the study made and the meeting held in implementation of the aforementioned resolution,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the training of auxiliary personnel (Document CE54/2).
2. To instruct the Director to transmit to the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference the report prepared by the Study Group, as well as a recommendation on the need for ministries of health to organize training for health auxiliaries in accordance with the guidelines recommended by the Group.
3. To recommend to the Governments that they envisage the assistance of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in such aspects of their programs for the training and use of auxiliary personnel as they deem necessary.

CE54.R14 The Executive Committee,

Having examined Document CE54/4, Rev. 1, on the relationship of the Pan American Health Organization to other organs of the Inter-American System, which contains the report of the Director on the Fourth Annual Meetings of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council at the Expert and the Ministerial Levels;

Bearing in mind the recommendations approved at these meetings relating to health or to activities that PAHO carries out as a Specialized Organization of the Inter-American System; and

Bearing in mind Resolution XII of the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Committee and Resolution XV of the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XVII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas,

Resolves:

1. To acknowledge the commendable efforts the Director has made at all meetings of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council since the approval of the Act of Bogotá, thanks to the persistence and appropriateness with which the importance of health in the social and economic well-being of the peoples of the Americas has been acknowledged at these meetings.

2. To take note with satisfaction and interest of Document CE54/4, Rev. 1, which contains the report of the Director on the Fourth Annual Meetings of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council at the Expert and the Ministerial Levels, held in Buenos Aires from 15 March to 1 April 1966; the Second Special Inter-American Conference, held in Rio de Janeiro from 17 to 30 November 1965; and the Meeting of the Special Committee for the Preparation of Draft Amendments to the Charter of the Organization of American States, held in Panama from 25 February to 1 April 1966.

3. To transmit the aforementioned document to the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference, XVIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, together with the present resolution.

4. To point out the importance that the Fourth Annual Meetings of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council gave to health in the context of economic and social development in the Americas, as shown in the resolutions approved at the Ministerial Level concerning health and development planning, population, permanent coordination of planning offices and improvement of planning techniques, improvement of statistics of the Latin American countries, social security within the framework of the Alliance for Progress, Statutes of the Inter-American Emergency Aid, Fund, and study on the future financing of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center.

5. To recommend to the Director that he continue to develop and strengthen the relationships of the Organization with the Inter-American Economic and Social

Council and the Inter-American Committee on the Alliance for Progress (CIAP), with a view to strengthening the incorporation of health activities into programs of economic and social development.

6. To instruct the Director to continue his efforts in the manner he considers most effective to ensure that items relating to the health of the peoples of the Western Hemisphere are included in the agenda of the meetings of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, and that in the notices of the meetings sent to the Governments attention be drawn to the advisability that the delegations of the countries include technicians from the health services so that they may bring their knowledge and experience to the examination of the aforementioned items.

7. To recommend to the Director that he continue to pay particular attention to the meetings in which amendments to the Charter of the Organization of American States are dealt with, so as to ensure that health receives proper recognition among the principles that inspire the action of the OAS and so that, in any amendments that may be made to the Charter of the OAS, the rights that the Organization of American States has already granted to the Pan American Health Organization will be respected.

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CE54.R15 The Executive Committee,

RECOMMENDS to the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference that it approve a resolution along the following lines:

THE XVII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Recognizing the importance in the economic development and the nutritional status of the Americas of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center which receives assistance and support from the Government of Brazil as the host country, is administered by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and financed by the Technical Cooperation Program of the Organization of American States;

Recognizing the important work that the Center has carried out in the field of education and training, advisory services to Governments, and research on various problems with a view to reducing the incidence of the disease;

Bearing in mind the serious financial problem which has arisen from the fact that the budget covering the period of 1 April 1966 to 30 June 1967 recently approved for the Center by the Inter-American Economic and Social Council at its Fourth Annual Meetings in March 1966 is insufficient to permit the activities to be continued even at the 1965 level;

Believing that the Center has reached a stage in which the expansion of services is urgently necessary to allow it to assist the Governments in the planning and execution of national immunization programs;

Bearing in mind the resolution of the Fourth Annual Meetings of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council in March 1966 which recommends that the Organization of American States and the Pan American Health Organization take joint measures to study how to establish a system of payments by the countries with a view to ensuring the permanent and stable financing of the Center; and

Considering that both the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank have both recognized the economic importance of the programs and have informed the Inter-American Committee on the Alliance for Progress of its intention to grant loans to Governments to finance national control programs,

RESOLVES:

1. To emphasize the importance of maintaining the activities of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center, administered by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, at a sufficient level to allow it to provide Governments with scientific cooperation and technical advice in the planning and execution of national Foot-and-Mouth Disease control programs.
2. To express its concern about the immediate financial situation arising from the inadequate budget approved by the Inter-American Economic and Social Council which would not even allow activities to be maintained at the present level, and to instruct the Director to examine all possible means of obtaining greater financial support so as to avoid a reduction in present activities and obtain a gradual increase of that support according to the needs of the program.
3. To express its satisfaction with the fact that as far as long-term needs are concerned, and in accordance with the provisions of the pertinent resolution of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, the Director has begun a study

in collaboration with the competent officials of the Organization of American States to draw up a plan for the continuing and stable financing of the Center.

4. To instruct the Director to report to the Executive Committee at its 56th Meeting on the progress made in this regard.

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CE54.R16 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report of the Director on the estimate requirements for smallpox eradication in the Americas (Document CE54/3 and Addendum I);

Bearing in mind the importance of the smallpox problem for public health in the Western Hemisphere, as has repeatedly been emphasized by the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Health Organization and of the World Health Organization, which have declared that this disease should be eradicated;

Considering that failure to coordinate national smallpox vaccination programs and to carry them out simultaneously adversely affects not only the conduct and cost of such programs but also the health field in general;

Aware of the serious difficulties resulting from the lack of consolidation programs and of epidemiological surveillance services; and

Bearing in mind that it is essential to increase international cooperation so as to cope with the problems that the countries cannot solve with their own resources,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report presented by the Director in Document CE54/3 and Addendum I.
2. To recommend that both PAHO and WHO satisfy the requests for assistance submitted by the countries and include in their budgets the necessary allotments for the provision of advisory services to the Governments in the field of smallpox eradication.

3. To recommend to the Director that he continue the efforts to complete the smallpox eradication plan, that he expand the report contained in Document CE54/3 and Addendum I to cover the measures taken in different countries of the Americas, and that he present the expanded report to the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference.
4. To express the hope that the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) will assist the countries in carrying out smallpox eradication programs.
5. To recommend to the Governments that they bring their influence to bear in international credit agencies with a view to having these agencies include in their credit policy the award of loans for national smallpox eradication programs.
6. To recommend that the Governments give one another reciprocal assistance, either directly or through PAHO/WHO, such as in the granting of bilateral loans or subsidies, technical assistance, operational personnel, vaccine, and supplies and equipment for smallpox eradication campaigns.
7. To recommend to the countries that they make as much use as possible of such human, technical, and material resources as are available, both national and international, to ensure the execution of smallpox eradication programs.
8. To recommend that the Governments solve their administrative, financial, and staffing problems so that smallpox eradication programs may be carried out as expeditiously as possible.

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CE54.R17 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the program for the supply of textbooks for students of schools of medicine in Latin America (Document CE54/14);

Bearing in mind the value and importance of this program for the professional training of future physicians of the Americas;

Bearing in mind the interest expressed by the universities and schools of medicine in this program; and

Recognizing the feasibility and utility of this program in the form proposed,

Resolves:

1. To approve the important initiative of the Director and to instruct him to continue his negotiations with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and other agencies with a view to obtaining financial support for the program for the supply of textbooks to medical students in Latin America.
2. To authorize the Director to negotiate with the IDB or other agencies the most favorable terms possible for the financing of the program.
3. To recommend to the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference, XVIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, that it authorize the Director (a) to sign a contract for the loan with the IDB or other agencies; and (b) to undertake such actions and negotiations as may be necessary for the initiation and operation of the program and to report on them from time to time to the Governing Bodies.

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CE54.R18 The Executive Committee,

Having considered Document CE54/6 and Addendum I on the international transportation of human remains, and the draft standards prepared by the Expert Committee and included therein;

Having examined the revised text (Document CE54/17 prepared on the basis of that report by the working party appointed by the Committee to examine the observations submitted by the Governments on the draft standards; and

Bearing in mind Resolution XXXVI (paragraph 3) of the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council,

Resolves:

1. To transmit to the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference, XVIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, the revised text of the draft standards for the international transportation of human

remains prepared by the working party appointed for this purpose (Document CE54/17), together with the observations made by the members of the Committee during the discussion of the matter.

2. To recommend to the Pan American Sanitary Conference that, bearing in mind the draft standards mentioned in the foregoing paragraph and the observations of the members of the Executive Committee in the discussion of this subject, it approve standards on the international transportation of human remains and transmit them to the Governments of the Organization so that they may incorporate them into their legislation in such way as they see fit.

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