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RESOLUTIONS

CE59.R1 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CE59/8 Addendum I);

Having noted the information and comments on quotas contained in the Financial Report for the Director especially with respect to Member 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 CE59/8 and Addendum I).
2. To commend the Director for his efforts to solve the problem of quotas in arrears.
3. To commend the Governments for the efforts they make in 1967 and the first six months of 1968 to pay quotas in arrears and to increase the percentage of the current quotas paid.
4. Nevertheless, to express the concern of the Committee, in particular over quotas that are more than two years in arrears.

5. To request the Director to continue to submit full reports to the Governments on the status of the collection of quotas and the consequences that failure to pay them has on the execution of the PAHO program.

6. To recommend to the Governments whose quotas are in arrears to pay them as soon as possible and those whose quotas are two or more years in arrears, to put into operation their financial plans for the payment of those arrears within a definite period.

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CE59.R2 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for the fiscal year 1967 (Official Document N° 83);

Noting that the Organization continues to be in sound financial conditions, and that compared to 1966 the percentage of quota collections were higher for both current quotas and arrears, the level of the Working Capital Fund was increased and there were increases in the reserves for termination costs;

Recognizing that the number of Governments in arrears more than two years had increased to six when on 31 December the unpaid quotas for 1967 became classified as "arrears"; and

Observing that the expenditure for program recommended in the authorized budget are necessary in order to attain the established objectives of improving the health of the people of the Americas and 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 1967 (Official Document N° 83) and transmit them to the XVIII Directing Council.

2. To again draw the attention of the Governments to the need for quotas to be paid as soon as possible, within the course of each financial year.

3. To commend the Director for having achieved a sound financial condition through the consistent application over the years of the policies for maintaining budgetary expenditures within income, building up the WCF, and creating reserves for termination costs.

4. To request the External Auditor in accordance with the provisions of Article 12.6 of the Financial Regulations to submit such observations as he may deem necessary and appropriate with respect to the efficiency of the financial procedures, the accounting system, the internal financial controls, and in general the financial consequences of administrative practices.

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CE59.R3 The Executive Committee,

Considering that the XVII Directing Council in Resolution VIII noted that the provisional draft of the Proposed Program and Budget for 1969 (Official Document 76) contains a program of well-conceived and much-needed public health projects;

Noting that the provisional draft has been the subject of further consultation and review with the Governments to meet latest known desires and requirements;

Bearing in mind the fact that the responsibility for financing and continued administration of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center has been formally transferred to the Pan American Health Organization by the Organization of American States;

Noting with satisfaction that the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center is now supported by the contributions assessed in Resolution XIX of the XVII Directing Council and is presented as Part VI of the Program and Budget (Official Document 85);

Recognizing that this integration of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center into the Regular Program and Budget automatically subjects it to the Financial Regulations, including the use of the Working Capital Fund, applicable to all parts of the budget;

Having studied in detail this Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1969 (Official Document 85); 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:

To commend to the XVIII Meeting of the Directing Council for its favorable consideration the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1969 (Official Document 85) at the level of \$12,592,836 for the effective working budget (Parts I–VI).

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CE59.R4 The Executive Committee,

Having studied in detail Official Document 85 submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which contains the provisional draft that is to constitute the basis for the preparation of the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates for the Pan American Health Organization for 1970 to be considered by the 59th Meeting of the Executive Committee and by the XVIII Meeting of the Directing Council; and

Recognizing that the provisional draft of the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates [for 1970] contains soundly conceived and much-needed public health projects,

Resolves:

1. To recommend to the XVIII Directing Council to take note of the provisional draft of the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1970 appearing in Official Document 85.
2. To recommend to the XVIII Directing Council that it request the Director to use the provisional draft as a basis for the preparation of the Program and Budget for 1970, after further consultations with the Governments to determine their latest desires and requirements in relation to the priorities of the Organization.

CE59.R5 The Executive Committee,

Having studied in detail Official Document 85 submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which contains the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1970;

Bearing in mind that the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates are submitted to the Directing Council, [as] Regional Committee of the World Health Organization, for review and transmittal to the Director-General of the Organization so that he may take them into account in preparing the proposed budget estimates of WHO for 1970; and

Recognizing the importance of maintaining adequate budgetary provision for malaria eradication until the objectives of this program are achieved,

Resolves:

1. To recommend to the XVIII Directing Council, XX Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, that it approve the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1970 appearing in Official Document 85, and to request the Regional Director to transmit them to the Director-General of the Organization so that he may take them into account in preparing the WHO budget estimates for 1970.
2. To recommend to the XVIII Directing Council that it request the Director to transmit to the Director-General a request to maintain the level of WHO budgetary provision for malaria eradication in the Americas, increasing the WHO regular budget as necessary to offset the decrease in allocations from the WHO Malaria Eradication Special Account.

CE59.R6 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the WHO Program of Technical Assistance appearing in Official Document 85 of the Pan American Health Organization, which is expected to be financed under the United Nations Development Program;

Noting that, in addition to projects requested by countries directly to the United Nations Development Program, there are regional projects that benefit countries throughout the Americas; and

Bearing in mind that, under the new system effective in 1969, a Government may present requests at any time up to a fixed annual ceiling,

Resolves:

1. To recommend to the XVIII Directing Council that it approve and support the submission of the proposed Regional projects for the biennium 1969–1970 to the United Nations Development Program.
2. To urge [that] the Governments give full consideration to the importance of health activities in social and economic development, and [that] in the future [they] increase the proportion of health projects in the total number of projects requested from the United Nations Development Program.
3. To request the Director to continue to provide the ministries of health with assistance in preparing projects for submission to the United Nations Development Program, and to remind them that under the new system for making such submissions they may press for favorable action on health projects at any time during the year.

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CE59.R7 The Executive

Having examined the provisional agenda (Document (CD18/1), prepared by the Director of the Bureau of the XVIII Meeting of the Directing Council, XX Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas; and

Considering that Article 12-C of the Constitution provides that "the provisional agenda of the Council 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 which in their opinion should be considered by the Council,

Resolves:

1. To approve the provisional agenda prepared by the Director (Document CD18/1) for the XVIII Meeting of the Directing Council, XX 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 and by those organizations entitled to propose agenda items.

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CE59.R8 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the report of the Director proposing a special program of support for teaching and research in the health sciences (Document CE59/5, Rev. 1);

Believing that additional support to the regular fellowship program of the Organization in the form of activities designed to establish and improve the performance of teachers and research workers in the field of the health sciences is justified;

Bearing in mind that in a program of this nature the support offered must be sufficiently flexible, within the framework of a clearly defined program, and must be continued over a long period of time; and

Seeing that the proposed program will accomplish the foregoing aims, contribute to the attainment of the ends pursued by the Governments in teaching and research, and can be carried out with the funds of the regular budget of the Organization,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the Director (Document CE59/5, Rev. 1) on a program of support for teaching and research in the health sciences carried out by carefully selected professional personnel with a view to furthering the development of the institutions in which they work.
2. To recognize that, if the proposed program is to have the results expected of it, the support given must be sufficiently enduring and flexible, within the framework of a carefully prepared program that will be periodically revised.
3. To transmit this report to the XVIII Meeting of the Directing Council, and to recommend that it approve the program, including its financing in the amount proposed, which will be charged against the funds assigned to the fellowship program.

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CE59.R9 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the report of the Director on the evaluation of the fellowship program (Document CE59/9);

Considering that the preliminary survey has shown that the format proposed for the evaluation of the fellowship program is satisfactory;

Bearing in mind the advisability of completing this study so as to ensure that the objectives of this important program are achieved; and

Having considered Resolution XXV of the XVII Meeting of the Directing Council,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the Director (Document CE59/9) describing the activities so far accomplished in evaluating the fellowship program, the method proposed, some results of the preliminary survey, and the total cost of the study.
2. To urge the Director to continue the proposed study until it is completed and to submit the findings to the Governing Bodies of the Organization in due course.

3. To transmit to the XVIII Meeting of the Directing Council the aforementioned report, and to recommend to it that it approve the estimated budget for completing the evaluation of the fellowship program.

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CE59.R10 The Executive Committee,

[Bearing in mind] Resolution XXXVII of the XVII Meeting of the Directing Council, held in Trinidad in October 1967, which authorized the Director to convene a Special Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas to discuss and draw up a plan of operations for implementing the decisions set forth in the Declaration of the Presidents of America in April 1967; and

Having considered the proposed agenda and program of sessions of the Special Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas (Document CE59/25) submitted by the Director of the Bureau for the Meeting, which will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 14 to 18 October,

Resolves:

1. To approve the proposed agenda and program of sessions prepared by the Director for the Special Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas (Document CE59/25).
2. To authorize the Director to include in the proposed agenda mentioned above such new items as may be [submitted] in due course by the Ministers.

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CE59.R11 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CE59/12) on the arrangements for the Special Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas and the XVIII Meeting of the Directing

Council, XX Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas; and

Bearing in mind that the presence of all the Ministers is essential to the success of the Special Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on the arrangements for the Special Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas and the XVIII Meeting of the Directing Council, XX Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas (Document CE59/12).
2. To thank the Government of Argentina for its valuable assistance in connection with the arrangements being made for these meetings.
3. To approve the steps taken by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in connection with these arrangements, and to authorize him to convene the XVIII Meeting of the Directing Council, to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 21 to 26 October 1968.
4. To authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to utilize funds from the Working Capital Fund of the Organization to cover the costs of the meeting, including the transportation of a representative from each of the Member Countries, in order to ensure the success of the Special Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas.

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CE59.R12 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the preliminary report of the Director of the Bureau on the relations [between] health [and] law (Document CE59/16), prepared pursuant to Resolution XXIII of the XVII Directing Council; and

Bearing in mind that this problem has many varying aspects that need to be carefully studied,

Resolves:

1. To recommend to the XVIII Meeting of the Directing Council that it approve the preliminary report of the Director of the Bureau on the relations between health and law. 1
2. To propose to the Directing Council that it authorize the Director to implement the measures proposed in his report, and to request him to submit a report on the problem to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference.
3. To urge the Director to make provision within the budget estimates for 1969 for the establishment of a group of international experts to study and make a preliminary draft of a revision of the Pan American Sanitary Code for submission to the 61st Meeting of the Executive Committee.

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CE59.R13 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the Rules for Technical Discussions (Document CE59/7);

Considering that the proposed changes in these Rules will facilitate the conduct of the Technical Discussions; and

Bearing in mind Resolution XXXIII of the XVII Directing Council,

Resolves:

To recommend to the XVIII Meeting of the Directing Council that it approve the changes in the Rules for the Technical Discussions contained in Document CE59/7, Annex 1.

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CE59.R14 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the proposed amendment to Article 15, paragraph A, of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization and the transitional provision submitted by the Governments of Brazil and Nicaragua;

Considering that the proposed new composition of the Executive Committee would provide a better geographic distribution among the Member Governments; and

Considering the measures taken by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to inform the Member Governments of the proposed amendment,

Resolves:

1. To recommend to the Directing Council that it approve the proposed amendment to Article 15, paragraph A, of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization, which reads as follows:

“Article 15. Composition

A. The Executive Committee shall be composed of nine Member Governments of the Organization elected by the Conference or the Council for overlapping periods of three years. Each of the elected Member Governments shall be entitled to designate one representative to the Executive Committee. Each representative may be accompanied by one or more alternates and advisers. A Member Government shall not be eligible for reelection to the Executive Committee until one year has elapsed since the expiration of its term of office.

2. To recommend likewise to the Directing Council that it approve the proposed transitional article, as follows:

Transitional article. On the entry into force of the amendment to Article 15-A, the vacancies on the Executive Committee shall be filled and two additional members shall be elected to bring the membership to nine. At subsequent elections a sufficient number of vacancies shall be filled to keep the membership of the Executive Committee at nine Member Governments of the Organization and, if necessary, the terms of office of the Governments elected shall be adjusted, provided that in no instance shall a Government be entitled to be a member of the Executive Committee for more than three successive years”.

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CE59.R15 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the report on the progress obtained in the coordination between services and programs of ministries of health, social security institutes, and other institutions that conduct activities related to health,

Resolves:

1. To note with satisfaction that in the last two years a number of countries have taken steps to coordinate their medical services, in line with the recommendations of the PAHO Governing Bodies.
2. To recommend to the Governments that have already initiated or may in the future initiate coordination activities that they take into account Resoluton XX of the XVII Meeting of the Directing Council.
3. To approve the postponement of the meeting of the expert committee to review the coordination of medical services, for which provision was made in the aforementioned resolution, until such time as the results of the experiments that are at present under way make it possible to appraise the value of the methods adopted by the countries in the Americas.

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CE59.R16 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report of the Director on the Emergency Revolving Fund and the activities of that Fund;

Having noted the heavy increase in demands on emergency purchases of vaccines, to the point that the Fund is insufficient to meet the demands of the Governments;

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

Recognizing that the purchases on the behalf of the Governments under the Emergency Revolving Fund are essentially similar to those made through regular procurement services,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the Emergency Revolving Fund.
2. To invite the Governments, when they receive assistance from the Fund, to reimburse the amounts advanced as soon as possible.
3. To instruct the Director to apply the 3 per cent service charge established by the V Directing Council [3](#) under the procurement policy of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to purchases on behalf of the Governments under the Emergency Procurement Revolving Fund in the same manner as such charge is applied to purchases under the regular procurement services.
4. To recommend to the XVIII Directing Council [that it] raise the ceiling of the Fund to \$125,000, and to authorize an amount of \$25,000 to be transferred from the Working Capital Fund for this purpose.

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CE59.R17 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the report of the Director on buildings and installations (Document CE59/6); and

Noting that the Director, with the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations, has been studying the problem of future development of the physical facilities for Headquarters,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on buildings and installations (Document CE59/6).
2. To commend the action taken by the Director and the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations in connection with additional Headquarters [accommodations].
3. To urge him to continue the study of advanced planning to meet Headquarters future needs.
4. To express its appreciation to the members of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations for their assistance and advice.
5. To take note with approval the progress made in acquiring adequate installations for the Zone Offices, including the purchase of space in Guatemala for the PAHO Zone III Office.

July 1968 OD 87, 20

CE59.R18 The Executive Committee,

Having as Members confirmed the proposal for merger of the PAHO/WHO health insurance funds and the corresponding amendment of PASB Staff Rule 710.1;

Having been informed that the Director put the merger into effect as of 1 January 1968; and

Considering the provisions of Staff Rule 030,

Resolves:

To note the implementation, effective 1 January 1968, of the amendment to Staff Rule 710.1 of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which now reads as follows:

All full-time staff members appointed for a period of one year or more shall participate in, and their dependents enjoy the benefits of, the combined PAHO/WHO Staff Health Insurance in accordance with established rules.

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CE59.R19 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the report of the Director on the comparison of the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the World Health Organization (Document CE59/13, Part B); and

Bearing in mind that the existing differences are inherent in the association of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to the Inter-American System compared to that of the World Health Organization to the United Nations System,

Resolves:

1. To express satisfaction with the report on the comparison of the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the World Health Organization (Document CE59/13, Part B).
2. To request the Director to continue to introduce changes as he deems necessary [so as] to maintain close similarity between the provisions of the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and those of the World Health Organization.

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CE59.R20 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the proposals of the Director relating to the introduction of a Tax Equalization Plan and the establishment of a Tax Equalization Fund,

Resolves:

1. To concur in the proposals of the Director.

2. To express its approval of the Tax Equalization Plan and the revised format of resolutions for appropriation of funds and assessment of contributions.
3. To recommend to the XVIII Directing Council the adoption of the following resolution:

“THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the proposals of the Director and the recommendation of the Executive Committee relating to the introduction of a Tax Equalization Plan and the establishment of a Tax Equalization Fund,

I. RESOLVES that

1. A Tax Equalization Fund shall be established as from 1 January 1969 to which shall be credited annually the revenue derived from the Staff Assessment Plan;
2. The credits to the Fund shall be recorded in sub-accounts of the Fund, in the name of each Member Government in the proportion of its assessment for the financial year concerned;
3. There shall be charged against the credits of the individual Member Government an amount estimated to be required to cover the annual liabilities in respect of taxes levied by that Member Government on staff members' emoluments received from PAHO.
4. The amount credited to each Member Government in the Fund under paragraph 2 above, less the amounts charged against that credit under paragraph 3 above, shall be taken into account in determining the contribution due from the Member Government concerned for the same financial year;
5. Adjustments shall be made in the second succeeding financial year to take account of the actual charges made in respect of amounts reimbursed to staff who are subject to national taxes. Should such charges exceed the available credit of any Member, the excess shall be added to the contribution of that Member for the second succeeding year;

II. RESOLVES further that new Members joining the Organization after 1 January 1969 shall be assessed only for their pro rata share of the

effective working budget until their assessment become a part of the total assessments for the annual budget.”

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CE59.R21 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the provisional program and budget estimates for 1969 submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau; and

Bearing in mind the concern voiced by the Members of the Executive Committee [regarding] the future prospects for adequate financing of the malaria eradication programs in the Americas,

Resolves:

1. To thank the Government of the United States of America for its valuable contributions to the Special Malaria Eradication Fund and for the loans it has made to certain countries to enable them to carry out their programs.
2. To request all the Governments to make contributions to the Special Malaria Eradication Fund of the Pan American Health Organization.
3. To request the Government of the United States of America to maintain the interest it has hitherto shown in the conduct of the necessary activities to achieve malaria eradication and to continue to make contributions to the Special Fund for the period necessary to allow the Pan American Health Organization and the World Health Organization to absorb this amount in their regular budgets without detriment to the efficient conduct of other programs recommended by the Governments.
4. To thank UNICEF for the valuable support it is giving the malaria eradication programs and to request it to continue to assist in this continental endeavor.
5. To declare that a reduction in the funds assigned to malaria eradication programs entails the risk of [losing] the investment so far made, [of re-establishing] transmission of the disease, and [of producing] serious epidemics.

6. To recommend to the Governments and to international agencies that they undertake or foster studies on the economic impact of malaria eradication in the countries.

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CE59.R22 The Executive Committee,

Considering that the Directing Council, in Resolution XXIII adopted at 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 future meetings of the Directing Council and the Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Resolves:

To appoint Dr. Guillermo Molina Defranc, Representative of Ecuador, who served as Chairman of the Executive Committee at its 59th Meeting, to officially represent the Executive Committee at the XVIII Meeting of the Directing Council.

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1. The report on this item was published in the proceedings of the Special Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas (October 1968), PAHO Official Document 90, 308–310.

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