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RESOLUTIONS

CE64.R1 The Executive Committee,

Having considered Document CE64/10, prepared in compliance with a decision adopted at the 63rd Meeting of the Executive Committee;

Believing that the changes proposed in Document CE64/10, Annex I, will facilitate the conduct of business of the meetings of the Executive Committee; and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Rule 36 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee,

Resolves:

To approve the changes in the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee as they appear in Document CE64/10, Annex I.

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CE64.R2 The Executive Committee,

Having considered Document CE64/10, prepared in compliance with a decision adopted at the 63rd Meeting of the Executive Committee;

Considering that the changes proposed in Document CE64/10, Annex II, regularize the representation of the Executive Committee at the Conference and define the role of the representative; and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Rule 58 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference,

Resolves:

1. To transmit to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference the amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Conference included in Document CE64/10, Annex II, as amended, and to recommend their favorable consideration.
2. To recommend to the Directing Council at its XX Meeting the favorable consideration of amendments in its Rules of Procedure similar to those recommended for the Conference in Document CE64/10, Annex II.

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CE64.R3 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 stipulates that notices of convocation shall be sent not less than three 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 by letter on 9 April 1970 and obtained the agreement of members of the Executive Committee to the opening of the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference on 28 September 1970 and that, by virtue of this agreement, notices of convocation were sent to the Governments and to the organizations entitled to be represented at the Conference; and

Considering that, because of the importance of the decisions of the Conference in determining the general policy 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,

Resolves:

To confirm its approval of the date of 28 September 1970 fixed by the Director for the opening of the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, which provisionally shall run until 9 October.

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CE64.R4 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for the fiscal year 1969 (Official Document 97);

Noting that the payments of arrears received in the first half of 1970 offset the deficit incurred in 1969, so that the Organization continues to be in a sound financial condition;

Observing with satisfaction the beneficial effect of the long-term financial policy in the past decade of not spending, on the average, at a level higher than income, so that even the large deficit of 1969 did not result in an excess of expenditure over income during the decade; and

Recognizing that, in view of the low income in 1969, the Director made efforts to reduce expenditure as much as possible,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for the fiscal year 1969 (Official Document 97), and to transmit them to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference.

2. To commend the Director for having consistently pursued long-term financial policies that have enabled the Organization to achieve and maintain a sound financial position.
3. To urge the Governments to pay their quotas as soon as possible to assure maximum fulfillment of the program of the Organization.
4. To thank the External Auditor for his report.

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CE64.R5 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CE64/5 and Addendum I);

Having noted that in the first six months of 1970 an unusually high percentage of quotas in arrears was received, which exceeded the amount of the deficit for 1969;

Recognizing, nevertheless, that five countries remain more than two years in arrears; and

Bearing in mind the importance of prompt and full payment of quota contributions to assure financing of the authorized program and budget and to maintain a sound financial condition for the Organization,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CE64/5 and Addendum I).
2. To thank those Governments that already have made payments in 1970, and to urge all the Governments to pay the remaining balances of arrears and current year quotas as soon as possible.
3. To request the Governments whose quotas are two or more years in arrears to endeavor to make arrangements for the payment thereof.

4. To request the Director to continue to inform the Governments on any balances due and to report to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference on the status of the collection of quotas.

5. To request the Director to send to the Governments a statement of the present status of their obligations to the Pan American Health Organization and to consult with them on how to pay their outstanding balances.

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CE64.R6 The Executive Committee,

Having been informed of the status of the smallpox eradication campaign in the Americas;

Considering that as long as endemic loci persist in the Hemisphere smallpox will continue to be a serious public health problem;

Taking into account the progress made so far in eradication;

Bearing in mind that the eradication of smallpox is one of the main objectives of the Organization, and that the countries need to redouble their efforts if it is to be achieved; and

Being aware that some countries are not giving the necessary attention to the maintenance of a satisfactory immunity level, and that others are continuing to use vaccine that does not meet the minimum standards recommended by the World Health Organization,

Resolves:

1. To reaffirm that smallpox eradication continues to be one of the most important priorities for the Continent and for the Pan American Health Organization.

2. To urge the countries in which smallpox is endemic to strengthen their programs and give special attention to evaluation of the coverage results and vaccine "takes" and to epidemiological surveillance activities for the detection and investigation of cases and the containment of outbreaks.

3. To recommend to countries that are neighbors of those in which smallpox is endemic that they continue their maintenance programs, giving special attention to the vaccination of children under five years of age and primovaccinees.
4. To urge vaccine-producing countries to intensify their efforts to produce freeze-dried vaccine meeting the requirements of the World Health Organization.
5. To thank the countries that have made donations to the vaccine bank of the Organization, and to ask them to continue to do so.
6. To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau:
 - a) To take the necessary measures to coordinate national and international efforts for the eradication of smallpox and to continue to provide programs with technical and material assistance, using funds assigned by PAHO/WHO; and
 - b) To report to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference on the progress of the smallpox eradication program.

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CE64.R7 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the report of the Director (Document CE64/4) on the steps taken pursuant to Resolution XXIII of the XIX Meeting of the Directing Council; and

Bearing in mind the importance of cost/benefit studies for the evaluation of programs for the prevention of Aedes aegypti-borne diseases,

Resolves:

1. To approve the steps taken by the Director pursuant to Resolution XXIII of the XIX Meeting of the Directing Council.
2. To take note of the report of the PASB Study Group on the Prevention of Aedes aegypti-borne Diseases (Addendum I, Document CE64/4), and to express its thanks to the expert and consultant members of the Study Group.

3. To request the Director to submit to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference a report on the present status of the problem of Aedes aegypti-borne diseases in the Continent and a preliminary study on the cost/benefit relationship in programs for the prevention of these diseases.

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CE64.R8 The Executive Committee,

Having noted that the budget cycle of many of the Governments requires the preparation of budget estimates, including the provision for quota contributions to the Pan American Health Organization, much before the date when the budget appropriation and scale of assessments have been approved by the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference; and

Recognizing that the scale of assessments corresponding to the Director's proposed program and budget will serve these Governments for purposes of preparing budget estimates,

Resolves:

To request the Director to inform the Member and Participating Governments, as early as possible in each calendar year, of the scale of assessments corresponding to the level of the Director's proposed program and budget for the following year, recognizing that these figures are tentative pending decision of the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference.

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CE64.R9 The Executive Committee,

Having studied the Final Report of the III Inter-American Meeting at the Ministerial Level on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document CE64/13);

Recognizing the importance and size of these disease problems, the activities in progress, and the projects it is proposed to undertake in the countries in which these diseases are prevalent; and

Noting the programs through which the Organization provides assistance for the conduct of projects in the countries and the bearing of the aforementioned Report on these programs,

Resolves:

1. To request the Director to transmit to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference the aforementioned Final Report.
2. To recommend to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference that it consider approving a resolution along the following lines:

THE XVIII PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered the Final Report of the III Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Other Zoonoses (Document CE64/13);

Bearing in mind that the Report adequately reflects the accomplishments of the meetings of the Ministers of Agriculture that were convened by the Director pursuant to Resolution XIX of the XVII Meeting of the Directing Council;

Recognizing that these achievements are the result of collaboration between the national health services and the Ministers of Agriculture of the Hemisphere, as recommended by the Special Meeting of the Ministers of Health of the Americas (Buenos Aires, Argentina, 14-18 October 1968);

Bearing in mind the importance and magnitude of the programs for the control of foot-and-mouth disease and other animal diseases and the importance of financial aid from international credit institutions for these programs;

Considering the meaningful results obtained by the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center from broadening its activities and raising the level of its assistance to the countries; and

Noting the favorable reception given by the Governments to the Mission designated by the Director to discuss with the authorities of the countries of the Hemisphere the importance of zoonoses control as an integral part of economic

and social development and the support expressed by the Ministries of Agriculture for continuing and expanding the work of the Center,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Final Report of the III Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document CE64/13) held pursuant to Resolution XIX of the XVII Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
2. To express its thanks to the Ministries of Agriculture for their efforts to solve the problems connected with these diseases and to reduce their impact on the socioeconomic development of the countries.
3. To note with satisfaction those resolutions concerning national food and nutrition policies, including food availability and consumption indices, as a significant move towards joint activities by the health education, and agriculture agencies of the countries.
4. To reaffirm its support of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center and the programs it is conducting.
5. To reiterate the importance of supporting the activities of the Pan American Zoonoses Center in order to bring about greater control of the zoonoses in the countries; and to endorse Resolution II of the III Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control concerning the financing of the Center and supporting the proposal to the United Nations Development Program that it extend its financial assistance to the Center (Document CE64/13).
6. To express its thanks to the Governments of Argentina and Brazil for their valuable technical and financial assistance to the Pan American zoonoses Center and the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center.
7. To point out that all the other resolutions of the III Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control contribute to more effective control of animal disease as a preliminary and supportive measure for improving human health in the Hemisphere.
8. To emphasize the need for international organizations to provide the countries with more technical assistance in coordinating their campaigns to control animal diseases.

CE64.R10 The Executive Committee,

Considering that nursing is an essential component of health programs;

Recognizing that in most of the Latin American countries and the English-speaking countries of the Caribbean area there is a great shortage of nursing personnel, who are poorly distributed geographically and insufficiently used; and

Recognizing also that in many countries the health services have a personnel absorption capacity that falls below existing requirements,

Resolves:

1. To recommend to the Governments:

- a) That when examining the health situation they study and determine nursing needs and resources;
- b) That they organize and set up a nursing system in which the number and types of personnel needed are determined in the light of the nursing activities provided for in national health plans;
- c) That they endeavor to adapt the nursing education system to their local needs;
- d) That they promote the participation of nurses in health planning;
- e) That they make provision in national health plans for the necessary funds for nursing programs; and
- f) That they provide scientific and economic incentives that will discourage the emigration of nurses.

2. To request the Director to continue to promote the nursing programs of the Organization and, to that end, to endeavor to obtain additional funds for

expanding them and for increasing the number of fellowships, seminars, and courses for personnel training.

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CE64.R11 The Executive Committee,

Bearing in mind that the Directing Council stated in Resolution III of its XIX Meeting that the provisional draft of the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1971 (Official Document 92) contains soundly conceived and much-needed projects;

Considering that the provisional draft has been the subject of further consultations with and study by the Governments to determine their latest desires and requirements;

Having carefully considered the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1971 (Official Document 98);

Taking into account the recommendation made by the Ministers of Agriculture at their III Meeting held in April 1970 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, appearing in Document CE64/13, that the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference approve for 1971 an additional appropriation of \$300,000 to cover the needs of the Pan American Zoonoses Center, on the understanding that the ministries of agriculture of the Member Governments of the Organization would increase their financial contributions in accordance with the scale of quotas; and

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

Resolves:

To submit to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, with the recommendation that it give it favorable consideration, the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1971 (Official Document 98) in the amount of \$15,537,331, which amount includes the sum of \$15,237,331 proposed in Official Document 98 plus the \$300,000

recommended by the Ministers of Agriculture, as indicated in Document CE64/13.

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CE64.R12 The Executive Committee,

Having considered in detail Official Document 98 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 1972;

Bearing in mind that the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates are to be submitted to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, for review and transmittal to the Director-General of the Organization so that he [may] take them into account in preparing the budget estimates of WHO for 1972; and

Recognizing the importance of maintaining the budgetary allotments for the eradication of malaria at a satisfactory level until such time as the objectives of that program are achieved,

Resolves:

To recommend to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXII 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 1972 appearing in Official Document 98, 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 budget estimates for 1972.

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CE64.R13 The Executive Committee,

After considering in detail Official Document 98 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 of the Pan American Health Organization for 1972, to be considered by the 66th Meeting of the Executive Committee and by the XX Meeting of the Directing Council; and

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

Resolves:

1. To recommend to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference that it take note of the provisional draft of the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1972 appearing in Official Document 98.
2. To recommend to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference that it request the Director to use the provisional draft as a basis for the preparation of the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates for 1972, after further consultations with the Governments to determine their latest desires and requirements in relation to the health priorities of the countries.

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CE64.R14 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau contained in the annex to Document CE64/14 submitted by the Director of the Bureau; and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Staff Rule 030,

Resolves:

To approve the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau submitted by the Director in the annex to Document CE64/14, to be effective as of 1 January 1970.

CE64.R15 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the report of the Director of the Bureau on long-term planning and evaluation of PAHO/WHO assistance to the countries (Document CE64/8, Rev. 1);

Bearing in mind that in this way Resolution XIV of the 61st Meeting of the Executive Committee and Resolution XXVII of the XIX Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization on the subject are being fulfilled, as is Resolution WHA23.59 of the Twenty-Third World Health Assembly on the General Program of Work Covering a Specific Period;

Recognizing that the procedure recommended, namely the joint study and planning of the assistance the Governments need for dealing with their priority health problems, will result in more effective use of PAHO/WHO resources;

Seeing that, if the procedure is to operate satisfactorily, the active collaboration of all the Member Governments is required; and

Bearing in mind that the procedure should be improved in the light of the experience gained and additional studies promoted and conducted by PAHO/WHO,

Resolves:

1. To approve the report of the Director of the Bureau on the steps taken to plan and evaluate PAHO/WHO assistance to the countries, and to urge the Member Governments to continue to use the procedure adopted.
2. To recommend to the Director that the program and budget estimates of the Organization reflect the importance assigned to the critical areas in which priority assistance from PAHO/WHO is needed.
3. To recommend to the Director that the projects for the Region of the Americas that will be included in the Fifth General Program of Work of the World Health Organization for the period 1973–1977 be based on joint programming by the Governments of the Region and the Organization.

4. To recommend to the Member Countries that they continue their efforts to develop and improve health planning as a part of economic and social development planning.

5. To request the Director to submit to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference a report on the planning of PAHO/WHO assistance to the countries, including additional studies designed to improve the procedure.

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CE64.R16 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the report of the Director of the Bureau (Document CE64/12) prepared pursuant to the recommendation dealing with health legislation approved by the Special Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas and Resolution XXVIII of the XIX Meeting of the Directing Council;

Considering that the report describes the most significant aspects of health legislation of the countries of the Americas in the last 20 years and indicates the main areas of concern, the priorities assigned to them, and the trends;

Bearing in mind that this report will be of use to countries that wish to revise their health laws and regulations or bring them up to date;

Considering that in modernizing their legislation the countries should give due attention to the teaching of health legislation in schools of law and schools of health sciences; and

Recognizing that the material available will facilitate an examination and modernization of the Pan American Sanitary Code,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on health legislation in the Americas in the last 20 years and to recommend that, when it has been revised and such additions as are deemed necessary are made to it, including bibliographical references and a list of legislation, it be widely circulated in the Member Countries.

2. To suggest to the Governments that they promote the revision of their health laws and regulations and screen, order, and modernize the present material, and that they send to the Organization copies of all new legal enactments.
3. To recommend to the Member Governments that they encourage universities to give due attention to the teaching of health legislation in law schools, medical schools, and schools of public health.
4. To request the Director to continue, by such means as he deems advisable, the study of the essential aspects to be covered in a health code that the countries could use as a guide, bearing in mind their needs and characteristics.
5. To recommend to the Director that he continue to promote and conduct the necessary studies for the modernization of the Pan American Sanitary Code, and that he submit a report thereon to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference.
6. To request the Director to continue to provide the countries with technical assistance in revising and modernizing their health legislation.
7. To request the Director to promote the meeting of interdisciplinary study groups to discuss legal matters and the unification of the basic principles of health legislation.

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CE64.R17 The Executive Committee,

Considering the provisions of Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee,

Resolves:

To appoint Dr. Orontes Avilés as the alternate representative of the Executive Committee at the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, in the event that Dr. Victorio V. Olguín, the Chairman, is unable to attend.

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CE64.R18 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the provisional agenda (Document CSP18/1) prepared by the Director of the Bureau for the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXII 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 CSP18/1) for the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO 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.

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CE64.R19 The Executive Committee,

Having examined Resolution XXXVII adopted by the Directing Council at its XIX Meeting and the report submitted by the Director (Document CE64/2);

Recognizing the value of multinational centers for dealing with health problems of interest to several countries; and

Desiring to support the Organization in its role of stimulating and coordinating multinational programs by approving general guidelines for the establishment and operation of multinational centers,

Resolves:

1. To submit to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference the following general guidelines for the establishment and operation of multinational centers:
2. To request the Director to submit to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference a report on the program and activities of the existing multinational centers.
3. To request [that] the Director [arrange for] the regular review of multinational centers [to] be carried out in the presence of their directors at the meetings of the Executive Committee when the Organization's Program and Budget Estimates are discussed, and that, to this end, he invite the Director of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center and the Director of the Pan American Zoonoses Center to attend the 66th Meeting of the Committee.

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CE64.R20 The Executive Committee,

Having examined Document CE64/11 and the report of the working group appointed by the Committee to suggest procedures and criteria for the granting of the PAHO Award for Administration,

Resolves:

1. To approve the procedure and the proposed award criteria.
2. To instruct the Director to submit them to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference [for consideration].

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CE64.R21 The Executive Committee,

Having examined Documents CE64/16 and CE64/17 containing the proposals of the Government of Peru with respect to the disaster that occurred in that country on 31 May 1970;

Having taken note of the statement of the Representative of Peru about the extent and the effects of the disaster, in particular the destruction of buildings and facilities for health services;

Having taken note also of the report of the Director concerning the steps taken by the Organization on the occasion of this sad event; and

Bearing in mind the advisability of coordinating the national and international resources that may be available for emergency assistance in such situations,

Resolves:

1. To express to the Government of Peru its sincere regret on the occasion of the disaster affecting that Member Country of the Organization.
2. To transmit Documents CE64/16 and CE64/17 to the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference.

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