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RESOLUTIONS

CE70.R1 The Executive Committee,

Having considered Document CE70/3 presented by the Director; and

Bearing in mind Article 14.A of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization and Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council,

Resolves:

To authorize the Director to convoke the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXV Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, to meet at the Headquarters building, Washington, D.C., from 8 to 19 October 1973.

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CE70.R2 The Executive Committee,

Having been informed of the resignation of the External Auditor, Mr. Lars Breie, to be effective on completion of the audit for financial year 1973; and

Bearing in mind that it has been the practice of the World Health Organization and the Pan American Health Organization to have the same External Auditor, and that Mr. Lars Lindmark, who has been appointed External Auditor of WHO effective in financial year 1974, has expressed his willingness to serve as the External Auditor of PAHO,

Resolves:

1. To note with regret the resignation of Mr. Lars Breie as External Auditor of PAHO effective upon completion of the audit for financial year 1973.
2. To express its thanks for his conscientious service and his many valuable recommendations on the Organization's financial policy.
3. To recommend to the Directing Council that it appoint Mr. Lars Lindmark as the External Auditor of the Pan American Health Organization to be effective with the financial year 1974.

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CE70.R3 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CE70/8 and Add. I);

Having noted that, in the first six months of 1973, the amount of quotas received was less than the amount received during this period last year;

Noting that of the five countries with approved payment plans for liquidating their arrears, only two made payments by the time of the Executive Committee Meeting; 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 the Organization in a sound financial condition,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CE70/8 and Add. I).
2. To thank the Governments that have already made payments in 1973 and to urge the other Governments to pay their outstanding balances of arrears and current year quotas as soon as possible so that the work of the Organization can continue and the financial burden of its programs be fairly spread among all Members.
3. To again direct the attention of Governments to the provisions of paragraph 5.4 of Article V of the Financial Regulations of PAHO which in part reads as follows: "Contributions shall be considered as due and payable in full...as of the first day of the financial year to which they relate...As of 1 January of the following financial year, the unpaid balance of such unpaid contributions shall be considered to be one year in arrears."
4. To recommend to the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council that it apply the Constitutional provisions of Article 6-B to those Member Governments which have not complied with the approved agreements on financial plans for liquidating their arrears at the time the Council meets.
5. To request the Director to continue to inform the Governments of any balances due and to report to the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council on the status of the collection of quotas.

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CE70.R4 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the proposed agenda prepared by the Director for the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXV Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas (Document CE70/4); and

Considering that Article 12.C of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization 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,"

Resolves:

To approve the proposed agenda prepared by the Director for the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXV Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas (Document CE70/4), with the addition of items on the Status of Smallpox Eradication in the Americas, the Status of *Aedes aegypti* Eradication, and the Form of Presentation of the Program and Budget.

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CE70.R5 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for fiscal year 1972 (Official Document 120);

Noting the modifications in expenditures from amounts originally budgeted for some activities and projects; and

Recognizing that the Organization continues to be in a sound financial condition,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for fiscal year 1972 (Official Document 120) and to transmit it to the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council.
2. To request the Director to provide the Executive Committee with a detailed list of activities budgeted but not implemented, as well as projects implemented but not previously budgeted.
3. To again commend the Director for having achieved and maintained a sound financial condition.

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CE70.R6 The Executive Committee,

Having studied the Final Report of the VI Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document CE70/10); 1

Recognizing the importance assigned by Member Governments to raising the nutritional status of their peoples:

Considering that the Member Governments are establishing national food and nutrition policies to achieve this objective; and

Taking into account the significance of newly emerging animal diseases and the constant threat of those exotic to the Americas,

Resolves:

1. To request the Director to transmit to the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council the Final Report of the VI Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document CE70/10).
2. To recommend to the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council that it consider approving a resolution drafted along the following lines:

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the Final Report of the VI Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document CE70/10);

Bearing in mind the need for improving the quantity and quality of animal vaccines, particularly rabies; and

Considering the serious need for expanding the training of animal health assistants to achieve the goals of animal health programs,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Final Report of the VI Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document CE70/10) submitted by the Director of the Bureau.
2. To express its thanks to the Ministries of Agriculture for their endeavors toward controlling these diseases of human and animal health significance, which also delay the countries' socioeconomic development.
3. To recommend to the Member Governments that they reinforce their surveillance and improve diagnostic capability for detection and control of vesicular diseases, rabies, equine encephalitis, and diseases exotic to the Americas, which could very seriously damage the animal industry.
4. To reaffirm its support of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center and the Pan American Zoonoses Center and the programs they are conducting.
5. To express its thanks to the Ministries of Health and Ministries of Agriculture for their cooperative efforts to improve the nutritional status of the people of their countries, in particular by preventing losses of food of animal origin.

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Having heard the preliminary report of the Director (Document CE70/7) on the steps being taken to implement Resolution XIII of the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization;

Considering that it is primarily the responsibility of the countries to adopt the necessary measures to formulate or revise their health policies for the purpose of achieving the goals of the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas; 2 and

Bearing in mind that the objectives and priorities of the Organization's program must also reflect the goals of the Ten-Year Health Plan so that it can most effectively assist the Governments to meet these objectives,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the preliminary report of the Director (Document CE70/7) on the steps the Organization is taking to implement Resolution XIII of the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO.
2. To urge the countries to review their health policies and adjust them to the goals of the Ten-Year Plan, in the light of the national health situation and the resources available, and in line with the requirements of economic and social development.
3. To request the Director to assist the countries in (a) defining their policies and objectives and in establishing a permanent system and appropriate methodology for evaluating the results; and (b) carrying out studies required for the Ten-Year Plan on income, costs, and financing of health services.
4. To request the Director to report to the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council on the progress achieved in this important matter.

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CE70.R8 The Executive Committee,

Having learned, with great concern, that five health personnel on a mission to the distant rural area of Darien in Panama, have been missing for over two weeks;

Recognizing that this mission represents the response of the Ministry of Health to the great need of delivering primary medical care in the most remote areas of the country in its constant effort to increase the coverage of its programs; and

Bearing in mind that the search for the missing persons continues by land, air, and sea,

Resolves:

To convey to the Ministry of Health and Government of Panama, through their Representative on this Committee, Dr. Everardo González, Director General of Health, its hope that the search will be successful in locating the plane and that its passengers and crew will be rescued unharmed.

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CE70.R9 The Executive Committee,

Having reviewed the program and budget (Official Document 121) at length in relation to project AMRO-6234 entitled "Pan American Health University"; and

Recognizing that there have been distinct differences in the views expressed at the current Executive Committee Meeting concerning the appropriateness of including this project and related activities in the program and budget,

Resolves:

1. To request the Director to forward to the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council a complete record of the debate in the Executive Committee.

2. To request the Directing Council to review this information and reach a definitive conclusion concerning this program.

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CE70.R10 The Executive Committee,

Bearing in mind that the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council recognized that the provisional draft of the program and budget estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1974 (Official Document 114) had been formulated in cooperation with national authorities;

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 PAHO for 1974 (Official Document 121), and bearing in mind Resolution IX on the Development of Educational Institutions; and

Bearing in mind Article 14-C of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization and Article III, paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6. of the PAHO Financial Regulations,

Resolves:

To recommend to the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council that it approve the appropriation and assessment resolutions shown on pages 2 and 3 of Official Document 121.

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CE70.R11 The Executive Committee,

Having considered in detail Official Document 121 submitted by the Director of the Bureau, which contains the proposed program and budget estimates of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1975; and

Bearing in mind that the proposed program and budget estimates are to be submitted to the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council, XXV Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, for review and transmittal to the Director-General of that Organization so that he might take them into account in preparing the program and budget estimates of WHO for 1975,

Resolves:

To recommend to the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council, XXV Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, that it approve a resolution along the following lines:

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered Official Document No. 121 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 1975;

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 the Americas, for review and transmittal to the Director-General of that Organization so that he may take them into account in preparing the proposed budget estimates of WHO for 1975; and

Noting the recommendations made by the 70th Meeting of the Executive Committee,

RESOLVES:

To approve the proposed program and budget estimates of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1975, appearing in Official Document No. 121, and to request the Regional Director to transmit them to the

Director-General of that Organization so that he may take them into account in preparing the WHO budget estimates for 1975.

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CE70.R12 The Executive Committee,

Having examined in detail Official Document 121 submitted by the Director of the 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 1975, to be considered by the 72nd Meeting of the Executive Committee and by the XIX Pan American Sanitary Conference; and

Recognizing that the provisional draft of the proposed program and budget estimates contains projects corresponding to the real needs of the countries, defined in cooperation with the national authorities,

Resolves:

To recommend to the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council that it approve a resolution along the following lines:

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined Official Document No. 121 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 1975, to be considered by the 72nd Meeting of the Executive Committee and by the XIX Pan American Sanitary Conference; and

Recognizing that the provisional draft of the proposed program and budget estimates contains much needed projects formulated in cooperation with the national authorities,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the provisional draft of the proposed program and budget estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1975 appearing in Official Document No. 121.
2. To request the Director to use the provisional draft as a basis for the preparation of the proposed program and budget estimates for 1975, after further consultations with the Governments to determine their latest desires and requirements in relation to the health priorities of the countries.
3. To request the Executive Committee to make a detailed examination of the revised program and budget estimates for 1975 to be presented by the Director, after further consideration with the Governments, and to submit its recommendations thereon to the XIX Pan American Sanitary Conference.

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CE70.R13 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the report submitted by the Director on percentage relationship of contributions to the regular budget (Document CE70/11),

Resolves:

To take note that this report will be included as an annex in future budget documents.

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CE70.R14 The Executive Committee,

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

Resolves:

To appoint the Chairman pro tempore, Dr. Alix Théard (Haiti), as the representative of the Executive Committee at the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXV Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, and Dr. Rigoberto Alvarado (Honduras), Vice-Chairman pro tempore, as the alternate representative.

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CE70.R15 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report of the PAHO Award Committee (Document CE70/12, Add. I); and

Bearing in mind the rules stipulated in the Procedure for the Award of the PAHO Award for Administration,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the unanimous decision of the Committee to award the 1973 PAHO Award for Administration to Mr. Guillermo Istúriz, of Venezuela, for his work in the field of management in the health sector of his country.

2. To transmit the report of the Committee for the PAHO Award for Administration (Document CE70/12, Add. 1) to the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council.

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CE70.R16 The Executive Committee,

Having studied with interest Document CE70/15 and particularly the Report of the Group of Experts for the Study of Supplemental Financing to the Quota Contributions of Member Governments; and

Recognizing the importance of health as a component of social and economic development, and the consequent necessity of obtaining adequate national and international resources for health programs.

Resolves:

1. To express appreciation to the members of the Group of Experts, as well as to the Director, for the study and the report.
2. To request the Director to transmit the report of the Group of Experts to the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council with the suggestion that the recommendations contained in the report be accepted, and to request also that he take the necessary measures to implement them.

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CE70.R17 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the status of the *Aedes aegypti* eradication program in the countries of the Hemisphere;

Bearing in mind that extensive areas of the Hemisphere are still infested by the vector and that these constitute a source of reinfestation for the countries which have already eradicated it, seriously impair the progress achieved, and are jeopardizing the success of the continent-wide campaign;

Considering that the prevention of urban yellow fever, dengue, and other diseases transmitted by *A. aegypti* is a matter of concern to the countries of the Americas; and

Recognizing that the eradication of *A. aegypti* calls for a coordinated hemisphere-wide effort,

Resolves:

1. To urge upon the Government of those countries and territories still infested with *Aedes aegypti* that, pursuant to the resolution adopted at the I Meeting of the Directing Council 1 (Buenos Aires, 1947), and in fulfillment of the commitment entered into by the countries to eradicate the vector from the Hemisphere, which was endorsed by the III Special Meeting of Ministers of Health (Santiago, 1972), 3 they make all necessary efforts to attain this objective in the shortest possible time and also that they accord priority to measures for preventing exportation of the vector to countries free from it.
2. To recommend to those countries which are reinfested that they adopt all necessary measures to achieve the elimination of the vector.
3. To request those countries which have completed eradication to intensify their surveillance activities.
4. To request the Director that the Organization continue providing all necessary support and assistance to the countries and territories of the Hemisphere for the eradication of *Aedes aegypti*.
5. To request the Director to submit to the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council a report on the status of the *Aedes aegypti* eradication program in the Americas.

CE70.R18 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the report of the Director (Document CE70/14, Add.) on the recommendations of an advisory mission which, in pursuance of Resolution EB51.R43 1 of the WHO Executive Board, visited the city of Managua in April 1973; and

Recognizing the urgent need to cooperate with the Government of Nicaragua in the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Managua's health services,

Resolves:

1. To thank the Director for the effective cooperation he has extended and is continuing to extend to the Government of Nicaragua in the reconstruction and rehabilitation of its health services.
2. To request the Director to transmit the report (Document CE70/14, Add.) to the Director-General of the World Health Organization asking him to make a general appeal to all the Member States for voluntary material and financial contributions in order to fulfill the intent of Resolution EB51.R43, and to coordinate such assistance with all other organs of the United Nations System.
3. To request the Director to report thereon to the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council.

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CE70.R19 The Executive Committee,

Having studied the report on buildings and installations submitted by the Director (Document CE70/6);

Having considered the need for the Organization to relocate the PASB/WHO Office in Haiti; and

Noting with appreciation the kind offer of the Government of Haiti to donate a building site,

Resolves:

1. To request the Director to submit detailed information on the project to the Directing Council for its decision.
2. To express its appreciation to the Government of Haiti for its generous offer to donate a building site for the new PASB/WHO Office in Haiti.

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CE70.R20 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report of the Director on buildings and installations (Document CE70/6);

Recalling that in Resolution I the Executive Committee at its 67th Meeting approved the construction plan in its totality for the proposed buildings in Brasília, and by Resolution IX the Executive Committee at its 68th Meeting authorized the Director to negotiate a loan in an amount up to \$200,000 to be used toward financing its construction; and

Noting that construction costs in Brasília have increased so that the cost of the building and equipment will be \$242,000 more than previously estimated,

Resolves:

1. To authorize the Director, in accordance with Article VI, paragraph 6.9, of the Financial Regulations of the Pan American Health Organization, to negotiate a \$200,000 increase in the loan approved by Resolution IX of the 68th Meeting of the Executive Committee, to meet the revised cost estimates for the new Zone V Office building in Brasília.
2. To authorize the Director, relative to obtaining such a loan, to execute such loan agreements, notes, assignments, guaranties, waivers of immunity from suit or judicial process, or other documents as may be necessary or desirable.
3. To request the Director to provide in the regular annual budgets of the Organization the funds necessary to repay the increased loan in annual installments.
4. To authorize the Director to transfer any available budgetary lapses and savings which may occur to the Building Fund as may be required to assist in financing construction of the Zone V Office building.

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CE70.R21 The Executive Committee,

Having studied the report of the Director on the form of presentation of the program and budget for PAHO (Document CE70/16);

Recognizing that the time is opportune to review the classification of programs used in the annual program and budget of the Organization;

Taking into consideration the outlines approved for the General Program of Work of PAHO/WHO, 1973–1977, and the Ten-Year Health Plan, 1971–1980; 4 and

Bearing in mind the new form of presentation of the program and budget of the World Health Organization,

Resolves:

1. To thank the Director for his report (Document CE70/16).
2. To authorize the Director to prepare a new format for the classification of programs for possible use of future presentations of the PAHO program and budget.
3. To recommend to the Director that, when drawing up the new format, he:
 - a) Take into consideration the outlines approved for the General Program of Work of PAHO/WHO, 1973–1977, and the Ten-Year Health Plan, 1971–1980; and
 - b) Bear in mind the need for the format to be compatible with the form of presentation adopted by WHO.
4. To request the Director to submit the proposed program and budget estimates in the new format, as well as in the existing format, to the Executive Committee at its 72nd Meeting in 1974.

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CE70.R22 The Executive Committee,

Having reviewed the projects contained in the PAHO program and budget related to mental health, alcoholism, and drug abuse;

Recognizing the increasing problems faced by the countries of the Region in these areas and the difficulties encountered in adequately dealing with them; and

Being aware that only limited regular PAHO resources are available to support new and expanded efforts in these areas,

Resolves:

1. To thank the Director for his report on the subject.

2. To urge that the Director make every effort to seek and obtain extrabudgetary resources, including funds from the U.N. Fund for Drug Abuse Control.
3. To recommend to the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council that this subject be placed on the agenda of the XIX Pan American Sanitary Conference.

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CE70.R23 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau contained in the Annex to Document CE70/13 submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;

Bearing in mind the provisions of Staff Rule 030; and

Recognizing the need for staff to have access to appeal procedures,

Resolves:

1. To confirm the amendments to Rule 255 of the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on Education Grant submitted by the Director in the Annex to Document CE70/13, to be effective as of 1 January 1973.
2. To request the Director to restudy Staff Rule changes contained in Document CE70/13 with a view to retaining the Zone Boards of Appeal, and to report thereon to the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council.

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CE70.R24 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the amendments to the Financial Regulations of the Pan American Health Organization contained in the Annex to Document CE70/9, presented by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau; and

Considering the need to facilitate joint financial operations with the World Health Organization through adoption of similar financial regulations,

Resolves:

To recommend to the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council that it give favorable consideration to the amendments to the Financial Regulations of the Pan American Health Organization included in the Annex to Document CE70/9.

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1. See PAHO Scientific Publication 281 (1974).
2. PAHO Official Document 118 (1973)
3. WHO Official Records 206 (1973), 30.
4. WPAHO Official Document 118 (1973).

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