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### 80th Session of the Executive Committee

#### RESOLUTIONS

**CE80.R1** The Executive Committee,

Considering that the Director has proposed the dates 25 September–6 October 1978 for the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXX Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, to be held at St. George's, Grenada;

Having noted that these dates have been proposed after consultation with the Government of Grenada; and

Bearing in mind Article 7.A of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization,

#### **Resolves:**

To endorse the proposal of the Director to convoke the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXX Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, to meet at St. George's, Grenada, from 25 September to 6 October 1978.

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**CE80.R2** The Executive Committee,

Having studied the provisional agenda (Document CSP20/1) of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXX Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, drawn up by the Director and presented as annex to Document CE80/4; and

In view of Article 7.F of the PAHO Constitution and Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference,

**Resolves:**

To approve the provisional agenda (Document CSP20/1) of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXX Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, with the addition of the following three items:

1. Selection of two Governments, each to designate a person to serve on the Joint Coordinating Board of the Special WHO Program for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases;
2. The implications of dengue fever to the health and economies of the countries of the Region; and
3. Sociocultural obstacles to health service delivery (proposed by the Representative of the Government of Ecuador).

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**CE80.R3** The Executive Committee,

Having considered the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CE80/15 and Add. I);

Noting that, of the three countries with approved payment plans for liquidating their arrears, only one had made a payment by the time of the Executive Committee meeting;

Considering the importance of prompt and full payment of quota contributions to assure the financing of the authorized program and budget and to maintain the Organization in a sound cash position; and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 6.B of the Constitution of PAHO relating to the suspension of voting privileges of Governments failing to meet their financial obligations,

**Resolves:**

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CE80/15 and Add. I).
2. To thank the Governments that have already made payments in 1978 and to urge the other Governments whose legal circumstances so permit to pay their current quotas as early as possible in the year they are due so that the work of the Organization can continue and the financial burden of its program can be spread fairly among all Members.
3. To direct the attention of Governments once again to the provisions of Article V, paragraph 5.4, of the Financial Regulations of PAHO, which reads:  
"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 request the Director to continue to inform the Governments of any balances due and to report to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference on the status of the collection of quota contributions.

*June–July 1978 OD 159, 22*

**CE80.R4** The Executive Committee,

Having examined the Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for fiscal year 1977 (Official Document 153);

Bearing in mind the comments made during the discussions in relation to the remarks of the External Auditor (paragraphs 3 and 4 on page 65); and

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

**Resolves:**

1. To take note of the Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for fiscal year 1977 (Official Document 153) and to transmit them to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference.
2. To request the Director to report to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference on the measures taken in connection with the points raised by the External Auditor in his Report.
3. To commend the Director for having maintained a sound financial situation and to thank the External Auditor for the report presented.

*June–July 1978 OD 159, 23*

**CE80.R5** The Executive Committee,

Having been informed that the administration of funds provided in grants for activities under the program of the Organization entails costs for the defraying of which no appropriation is made in the Regular Budget of the Organization,

**Resolves:**

1. To request the Director to present to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference a complete study of the costs that administration of the funds of grants from extrabudgetary sources may entail for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
2. To recommend to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference that it authorize the Director, whenever feasible, to charge against the amount of funds provided in grants for activities under the program of the Organization whatever percentage may be required in each case to defray the costs of administering those funds.

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**CE80.R6** The Executive Committee,

Considering that cardiovascular diseases are the leading cause of death in most of the countries in the Region;

Believing that proper control of arterial hypertension can considerably reduce the mortality from these causes;

Bearing in mind that, under the strategies and programs of primary health care and extension of the coverage of health services, early detection of cases of hypertension and their follow-up and control may be carried out to some extent by technical and auxiliary personnel;

Considering that one of the urgent concerns of the countries in this field is to test and implement administrative systems that will make possible such early detection, follow-up and control; and

Having been informed that the Organization, in compliance with Resolution XXIV approved by the Directing Council in its XXIII Meeting in 1975, has put into operation a limited program along these lines, which ought to be strengthened and expanded,

**Resolves:**

1. To recommend to the Director that he considerably strengthen the programs and activities of the Organization conducive to the early detection and proper control of cases of hypertension in communities, and that he stimulate the Member Governments to undertake similar actions in their countries.
2. To request the Director to intensify in 1979, to the extent allowed by budgetary constraints, the activities referred to in the foregoing paragraph and that, to this end, he take the necessary steps to augment the funds for these purposes in the Proposed Program and Budget for 1980 and 1981.
3. To request the Director to pursue the appropriate efforts to obtain additional extrabudgetary funds with which to strengthen this program further.

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**CE80.R7** The Executive Committee,

Bearing in mind that the Directing Council at its XXV Meeting recognized that the provisional draft of the program and budget estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1979 (Official Document 148) had been formulated in cooperation with national authorities;

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

Having carefully examined the proposed program and budget estimates of PAHO for 1979 (Official Document 154); 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 XX Pan American Sanitary Conference that it approve the proposed program and budget estimates of PAHO for 1979 by adopting the appropriation and assessment resolutions appearing in Official Document 154.

*July–July 1978 OD 159, 25*

**CE80.R8** The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report of the Director on the proposed biennial program and budget cycle for the Pan American Health Organization (Document CE80/13, Rev. 1);

Taking cognizance of the disadvantages identified, but acknowledging the advantages of introducing biennial budgeting as an integral part of biennial programming in PAHO;

Recognizing the desirability of conforming with the decisions taken by the Thirtieth World Health Assembly in WHA30.R20 of introducing a biennial program budget at WHO beginning with the 1980–1981 biennium;

Noting that the first biennium for which biennial budgeting could become effective is the 1980–1981 biennium;

Considering that it is necessary to amend Article 4, paragraph G, Article 6, paragraph B, and Article 9, paragraph D, of the Constitution of PAHO to enable the Organization to adopt a biennial budget cycle; and

Further considering that it is necessary to amend the Financial Regulations, the Financial Rules, the Agreement between OAS and PAHO, and the Agreement between WHO and PAHO in order to adopt a biennial budget cycle at PAHO,

**Resolves:**

1. To recommend to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference that it decide that the program and budget of PAHO shall cover a two-year period beginning with the biennium 1980–1981, and shall be reviewed and approved by the Directing Council on a two-year basis.
2. To further recommend to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference that it instruct the Director of PASB of submit the first biennial program and budget during the Directing Council meeting of 1979, and every two years thereafter.
3. To request the Director to prepare the necessary amendment to a) the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules; and b) the Agreements between the OAS and PAHO and WHO and PAHO, and to submit them, where required, to the Governing Bodies for the necessary approval, in order to facilitate the implementation of a biennial budget cycle.
4. That all prior resolutions and decisions of the Executive Committee shall be construed as conforming to this resolution.

*June–July 1978 OD 159, 25*

Having been informed of the resignation of Mr. Lars Lindmark as the External Auditor of the Pan American Health Organization,

**Resolves:**

To recommend to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference that it approve a resolution along the following lines: "The XX Pan American Sanitary Conference.

Having been informed of the resignation of Mr. Lars Lindmark as the External Auditor of the Pan American Health Organization; and

In consideration of the valuable services rendered to the Organization by the External Auditor in the exercise of his functions,

**Resolves:**

1. To note with regret the resignation of Mr. Lars Lindmark as the External Auditor of the Organization.
2. To express appreciation to Mr. Lindmark for the dedication he brought to the performance of his functions as the External Auditor of the Organization, and for his counsel in regard to the financial procedures of the Organization."

*June–July 1978 OD 159, 26*

**CE80.R10** The Executive Committee,

Having examined in detail Official Document 154 submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, containing 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 1980–1981, to be considered by the 82nd Meeting of the Executive Committee and by the XXVI Meeting of the Directing Council; and

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



**Resolves:**

To recommend to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference that it approve a resolution along the following lines: "The XX Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined Official Document 154 submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, containing 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 1980–1981, to be considered by the 82nd Meeting of the Executive Committee and by the XXVI Meeting of the Directing Council; and

Recognizing that the provisional draft of the proposed program and budget estimates contains programs 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 1980–1981 (Official Document 154).
2. To request the Director to use the provisional draft as a basis for preparation of the proposed program and budget estimates for 1980–1981, after further consultation 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 at its 82nd Meeting to make a detailed examination of the revised program and budget estimates for 1980–1981, to be presented by the Director after further consultation with the Governments, and to submit its recommendations thereon to the XXVI Meeting of the Directing Council."

*June–July 1978 OD 159, 27*

Having considered in detail Official Document 154 submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which contains the provisional draft of the program budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1980–1981; and

Bearing in mind that the provisional draft of the program budget is to be submitted to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXX Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, for review and transmittal to the Director-General of that Organization so that he might take it into account in preparing the proposed program budget of WHO for 1980–1981,

**Resolves:**

To recommend to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXX Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, that it approve a resolution along the following lines:

THE XX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered Official Document 154 submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which contains the provisional draft of the program budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1980-1981;

Bearing in mind that the provisional draft of the program budget is submitted to the Conference 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 it into account in preparing the program budget of WHO for 1980-1981; and

Noting the recommendations made by the 80th Meeting of the Executive Committee,

**RESOLVES:**

To approve the provisional draft of the program budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1980-1981 appearing in Official Document 154, and to request the Regional Director to transmit it to the Director-General of that Organization so that he may take it into account in preparing the proposed program budget of WHO for 1980-1981.

*June–July 1978 OD 159, 28*

**CE80.R12** The Executive Committee,

Having considered Document CE80/5 presented by the Director; and

Bearing in mind Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee,

**Resolves:**

1. To designate Mr. Michel Careau (Canada) and Dr. Laurence J. Charles, Sr. (Bahamas) to attend the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXX Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, together with the Chairman, as Representatives of the Executive Committee.
2. To designate Dr. Hugo Corral (Ecuador) and Dr. Abel Dueñas Padrón (Colombia) as alternates.

*June–July 1978 OD 159, 29*

**CE80.R13** The Executive Committee,

Bearing in mind Article 6.2 of the Financial Regulations, which provides that the Working Capital Fund shall be established in an amount and for the purposes to be determined from time to time by the Directing Council;

Recognizing the need for maintaining the Working Capital Fund at a level sufficient to provide resources for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to carry on its operations until the annual quota payments of the Member Governments in any one year are received;

Having taken note of the status of the Working Capital Fund from 1949 to 1977;

Bearing in mind the change in the pattern of quota payments by the largest contributor;

Considering that the 1978 program and budget, approved by Resolution XVII of the XXV Meeting of the Directing Council, includes a budgetary increase of \$500,000 in the Working Capital Fund;

Recalling that Resolution XXVII of the XXV Meeting of the Directing Council authorized the Director to establish a Revolving Fund for the Expanded Program on Immunization; and

Considering the proposals of the Director in paragraph 4 of Document CE80/12 to make the following allocation of excess funds in the Working Capital Fund: i) \$500,000 for the Revolving Fund for the Expanded Program on Immunization; ii) \$250,000 for the Provision for Termination and Repatriation Entitlements; iii) \$50,000 for a Repairs and Renovation Fund; and iv) \$95,777 for other program activities,

**Resolves:**

To recommend to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference that it:

a) establish the Working Capital Fund at a fixed level of \$11,000,000 until such time as the budgetary position of the Organization warrants a change;

b) authorize the Director to utilize the 1978 approved budgetary increase of \$500,000 in the Working Capital Fund as part of the initial capital of the Revolving Fund for the Expanded Program on Immunization;

c) authorize the Director to utilize \$895,777 of the current Working Capital Fund as follows: i) \$500,000 for the Revolving Fund for the Expanded Program on Immunization; ii) \$250,000 for the Provision for Termination and Repatriation Entitlements; iii) \$50,000 for a Repairs and Renovation Fund; and iv) \$95,777 for the Expanded Program on Immunization in the Americas; and

d) instruct the Director to use any excess income over expenditures at the end of any calendar year for the following purposes; i) to replenish any drawings from the Working Capital Fund in order to restore it to the fixed level; and ii) after replenishing the Working Capital Fund to its fixed level, to place any further surplus in a Holding Account until such time as the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference decides on how to utilize the funds.

*June–July 1978 OD 159, 29*

**CE80.R14** The Executive Committee,

Considering that during the discussions on the proposed program and budget estimates for 1979 (Official Document 154) it became apparent that many AMRO and country projects are not mentioned in that document although they are financed with substantial extrabudgetary funds, some provided through WHO and others from different sources; and

Bearing in mind that the Executive Committee must take into account the program and budget of the Organization in its entirety if it is duly to report to the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference, as the case may be,

**Resolves:**

1. To instruct the Director to prepare an annex to the PAHO program and budget enumerating and specifying the technical and financial aspects of those projects that could not be included in the corresponding official budget document, and of those whose extrabudgetary financing was in an advanced stage of negotiation.
2. To request the Director to have this information annex prepared as from this year for presentation to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference, and in each subsequent year.
3. To further request the Director to submit the requested information duly updated to the Governing Bodies of the Organization.

*June–July 1978 OD 159, 30*

**CE80.R15** The Executive Committee,

Having examined Document CE80/6, containing resolutions of the Thirty-first World Health Assembly; 1 and

Having taken note of the information provided by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau concerning the activities being carried out in the various fields,

**Resolves:**

1. To take note of the resolutions of the Thirty-first World Health Assembly (Document CE80/6) which the Director of the Bureau has brought to its attention.
2. To transmit these resolutions to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference for information and any action the Conference deems appropriate.

*June–July 1978 OD 159, 31*

**CE80.R16** The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report of the Award Committee for the PAHO Award for Administration (Document CE80/7, Add.);

Bearing in mind the regulations set forth in the procedure governing the PAHO Award for Administration; and

Taking into consideration the importance of stimulating a higher level of competence in the administration of the health services,

**Resolves:**

1. To take note of the decision of the Award Committee to recommend that the PAHO Award for Administration, 1978, be given to Dr. Oswaldo Egas Cevallos, of Ecuador, for his work in the field of administration of the health services.
2. To take note of the proposals for modification of the procedures and criteria governing the PAHO Award for Administration made by the Award Committee, and to recommend their approval to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference.
3. To transmit the report of the Award Committee for the PAHO Award for Administration (Document CE80/7, Add.) to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference.

*June–July 1978 OD 159, 32*

**CE80.R17** The Executive Committee,

Having considered the Final Report of the XI Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document CE80/10);

Considering the grave threat of zoonoses to human and animal health in the countries of the Americas and their deleterious effect on economic growth and the development of the livestock industry;

Recognizing that animal diseases aggravate the nutritional problems of man;

Mindful of the rising demands of the Member Countries for technical cooperation by the Organization in animal health and veterinary public health; and

Aware that the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Centers are engaged in essential activities in support of the animal-health and veterinary public health programs of those countries.

**Resolves:**

1. To request the Director to transmit the Final Report of the XI Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document CE80/10), to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference.
2. To recommend to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference that it consider the adoption of a resolution along the following lines:

THE XX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered the Final Report of the XI Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document RICAZ11/FR);

Recognizing the rising demand for technical cooperation by the Organization in animal health and veterinary public health from Member Countries carrying on programs for the prevention, control and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease and other zoonoses;

Aware of the importance of the technical cooperation provided by the Organization to the Member Governments through the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Centers for animal health and veterinary public health programs, which are essential for the prevention, control and eradication of diseases of major importance for man and animals; and

Considering that it is essential to maintain the activities of the Centers at their present level in order that the programs for the prevention, control and eradication of zoonoses in the countries may be consolidated,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Final Report of the XI Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document RICAZ11/FR).
2. To thank the Ministers of Agriculture for their efforts toward the prevention, control and eradication of animal diseases, thereby cooperating toward the improvement of the health and the socioeconomic development of the peoples of the Americas.
3. To express their appreciation to the Ministers of Agriculture for the support and contributions they are providing to the above-mentioned Centers.

*June–July 1978 OD 159, 32*

**CE80.R18** The Executive Committee,

Bearing in mind Resolution XXV of the Directing Council at its XXV Meeting on "Control vs. Eradication in Malaria Programs";

Having examined Document CE80/16 presented by the Director and containing an analysis of the comments received from the Member Governments on this subject;



Recognizing that time-limited eradication is not equally attainable in all countries in the Americas because of differences in ecologic, socioeconomic, and operational conditions; and

Being aware of Resolution WHA31.45 4 of the World Health Assembly on "Malaria Control Strategy,"

**Resolves:**

1. To thank the Member Governments for the views they have expressed on the subject.
2. To reaffirm that malaria eradication is the ultimate goal of the malaria program in the Americas and to recognize that control activities are an intermediate stage toward that goal.
3. To urge Member Governments to make firm national commitments against malaria, assign high priority to them in national development plans, and provide adequate resources to improve malaria activities with a view to achieving eradication.
4. To request the Director to strengthen technical cooperation between the Organization and its Member Governments and to intensify support to training and applied research.
5. To recommend to the Director that, with the support of the WHO Special Program for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases, he maintain and strengthen the work being done in the Americas to acquire more epidemiological information and to select the most efficient antimalarial methods.
6. To recommend to the Director that he take appropriate action to obtain from the international institutions and financing agencies renewed assistance to the malaria program with a view to the eradication of the disease in the Region of the Americas.

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Recognizing the important role played by the Faculty of Medicine of the University of the West Indies in meeting the medical manpower requirements of the English-speaking Caribbean area;

Appreciating the material assistance and technical cooperation extended by PAHO from 1971 for strengthening and expanding the functions of the medical faculty, and particularly in support of the Faculty's Department of Social and Preventive Medicine from 1974;

Acknowledging the additional efforts being made by the University authorities to modernize its medical education programs to make them commensurate with the health needs of the people which it serves;

Aware that the most recent PAHO budgeting provisions for medical education in the Caribbean expire during 1978; and

Aware that a comprehensive proposal has been formulated by the authorities of the University of the West Indies for PAHO technical cooperation during the period 1978–1981, which comprises continued support for the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine and new support for medical education programs in general,

**Resolves:**

1. To request the Director, in the light of discussions on the subject at its 80th Meeting, to review the status of funding inscribed in Official Document 154 for medical education in the Caribbean, with the object of making every effort to ensure continuity in PAHO's technical cooperation in this important project.
2. To request the Director further, in revising the provisional draft program and budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1980–1981 (Official Document 154) to assign high priority to increasing the provisions under that project to a level which will assist the University of the West Indies to implement fully its programs in medical education.

*June–July 1978 OD 159, 35*

Considering that, in compliance with Resolution V of the XXV Meeting of the Directing Council, the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau has presented a provisional draft of special regulations for the establishment of official relations with inter-American nongovernmental organizations (Document CE80/14); and

Having examined the said provisional draft,

**Resolves:**

1. To request the Director to include in the document modifications proposed by several members of the Executive Committee.
2. To present the document so modified to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference for appropriate action.

*June–July 1978 OD 159, 36*

**CE80.R21** The Executive Committee,

Having considered the report of the Director on "Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC)" (Document CE80/17), presented in compliance with Resolution XXVIII of the XXV Meeting of the Directing Council; and

Bearing in mind Resolutions XXVIII of the XXV Meeting of the Directing Council and WHA31.41 of the Thirty-first World Health Assembly. 5

**Resolves:**

1. To take note of the report on TCDC activities in the Region of the Americas in which the Organization has cooperated with the countries.
2. To recommend to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference, XXX Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, that it reaffirm the support of the Organization to Member Countries in the development of TCDC in the health field as an important mechanism for fostering and augmenting the capacity of the countries to rely, singly and collectively, on their own resources.

3. To recommend to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference that it request the firm support of the Member Countries and invite them to participate actively in the Technical Discussions of the Thirty-second World Health Assembly on the topic of "Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries in the Health Field."
4. To request the Director of PASB to continue collaborating in the strengthening of TCDC among Member Countries on the intercountry, subregional and regional levels.
5. To request of the Director that the report on coordination among the programs of the Organization and the countries in the TCDC field focus on the analytical study of some health programs going forward in the TCDC context, in order to gauge the scope, results, and obstacles to the progress of this new dimension of international technical cooperation.

*June–July 1978 OD 159, 36*

**CE80.R22** The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report of the Director on the PAHO program of collaboration with the Governments (Document CE80/11), prepared in compliance with Resolution XIV of the XXV Meeting of the Directing Council on the Final Report of the IV Special Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas;

Recognizing that both the strategies of primary health care and community participation, and the activities proposed for implementing that resolution, constitute the basic requirements for attaining the coverage goals set by the countries;

Bearing in mind that health services coverage must be universal, accessible (geographically, economically and culturally) and continuous, and that no single model is applicable in all countries;

Mindful of the importance of taking into consideration intersectoral approaches;

Considering that the experience of the countries thus far seems to indicate that the above strategies are feasible and effective; and

Bearing in mind that, in order to bring about the required extension of coverage, it is necessary:

to identify and analyze systematically the basic problems in the health field in order to formulate appropriate strategies for their solution,

to strengthen administrative development processes that will maximize the productivity of the resources allocated,

to identify the sociocultural barriers that hamper the provision of health services,

to focus attention on the development of primary health services, including referral systems to hospitals, in order to guarantee the population access to all levels of care, and to build up their capacity for meeting the needs of both urban and rural populations,

to promote the capacity of the community to participate in the solution of its own health problems through participation in educational activities,

to identify the priority problem areas for which appropriate technology must be developed, and to devise national mechanisms for doing so, and

to determine the financial and other resources required for the implementation of plans and programs,

### **Resolves:**

1. To urge the Governments to accelerate and intensify their efforts to attain the coverage goals established by following the above strategies and adjusting them to their particular national situations.
2. To request the various international agencies, multinational, bilateral and private, as well as international lending institutions, to cooperate systematically in these national efforts.
3. To recommend to the Director that he give priority to continuing the technical cooperation between the Bureau and requesting Governments and that he submit a progress report on this matter to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference.

*June–July 1978 OD 159, 37*

**CE80.R23** The Executive Committee,

Having considered the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau submitted by the Director in the Annex to Document CE80/8;

Recognizing the need for uniformity of conditions of employment of PASB and WHO staff; and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Staff Rule 030 (new Staff Rule 020).

**Resolves:**

1. To confirm the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau submitted by the Director in the Annex to Document CE80/8, effective 1 January 1978.
2. To request the Director to take account of the editorial changes suggested and comments made during the discussion in preparation of the final version for presentation to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference.

*June–July 1978 OD 159, 38*

**CE80.R24** The Executive Committee,

Having considered the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau submitted by the Director in the Annex to Document CE80/8, Add.;

Recognizing the need for uniformity of conditions of employment of PASB and WHO staff; and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Staff Rule 030 (new Staff Rule 020),

**Resolves:**

To confirm the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau submitted by the Director in the Annex to Document CE80/8, Add., effective 1 July 1978.

*June–July 1978 OD 159, 39*

**CE80.R25** The Executive Committee,

Having examined the progress report on the study of Pan American Centers (Document CE80/18) submitted by the Director in compliance with Resolution XXXI of the XXV Meeting of the Directing Council; and

Bearing in mind the importance of an analysis of the Pan American Centers,

**Resolves:**

1. To thank the Director for the progress report on the study of the Pan American Centers (Document CE80/18).
2. To request the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference to review in detail the final report on the subject with a view to providing guidance to the Organization for the development of appropriate guidelines and standards for Pan American Centers.

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**CE80.R26** The Executive Committee,

Bearing in mind Resolution IV of the XXV Meeting of the Directing Council clarifying the topic of the Technical Discussions to be held at the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference in 1978 and adopting the title: "The Impact of Drugs on Health Costs: National and International Problems"; and

Having examined the report on the preparation for the Technical Discussions (Document CE80/9) presented by the Director.

**Resolves:**

To take note of the report on the preparation of the working document for the Technical Discussions to be held at the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference.

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**CE80.R27** The Executive Committee,

Having studied the report of the Director concerning the latest developments in the negotiations with the Inter-American Development Bank for a new loan to finance an expanded program for textbooks and instructional materials (Document CE80/19);

Noting with satisfaction that, although the framework of the negotiations has been maintained, the amount of the loan corresponds to the volume of program needs, and the financial conditions with respect to rate of interest and proportion of matching contribution are more favorable; and

Having, at its 77th Meeting, approved the framework of the proposal and authorized the Director to approve the loan plan and to pledge PAHO assets to guarantee the loan, subject to obtaining the concurrence of a majority of the individual members of the Executive Committee after having communicated the plan and terms of the guarantee to them,

**Resolves:**

1. To express its satisfaction that the negotiations with the Inter-American Development Bank appear to be nearing a favorable conclusion for a loan to finance an expanded textbook and instructional materials program.
2. To approve the framework set forth in Document CE80/19 as a basis for concluding negotiations.
3. To reconfirm the authorization to the Director to approve the loan within the framework mentioned above, and to pledge PAHO assets and to take such other steps necessary to guarantee the loan, provided that he has communicated the plan and terms of the guarantee to the individual members of the Executive Committee, and has obtained the concurrence of a majority of them.



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**CE80.R28** The Executive Committee,

Having been informed of the request presented by the Hipólito Unanue Agreement that it be permitted to appoint a representative as Observer to the meetings of the Governing Bodies of the Organization; and

Considering that, pursuant to Article 26, Chapter VII, of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization, it is for the Conference or the Directing Council to take decisions on requests of that nature,

**Resolves:**

1. To transmit to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference the request presented by the Hipólito Unanue Agreement, together with the comments made during the discussion in the Committee.
2. To recommend to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference that it give favorable consideration to the request of the Hipólito Unanue Agreement.

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1. WHO Official Records 247 (1978).
2. PAHO Scientific Publication 374 (1979).
4. WHO Official Records 247 (1978), 32–33.

5. WHO Official Records 247 (1978), 28–29

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