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RESOLUTIONS

CE84.R1 The Executive Committee,

Considering that the Director has proposed the dates 22 September–3 October 1980 for the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXXII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas; and

Bearing in mind Articles 12.A and 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 XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXXII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, to meet at the Headquarters building in Washington, D.C., from 22 September to 3 October 1980.

June 1980 OD 172, 29

CE84.R2 The Executive Committee,

Having studied the provisional agenda (Document CD27/1, Rev. 1) of the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXXII Meeting of the Regional

Committee of WHO for the Americas, drawn up by the Director and presented as annex to Document CE84/9, Rev. 1;

Taking account of the proposal of the Representative of Canada for the inclusion of an additional item, "Proposed Five-Year Plan and Resources for the Program on Emergency Preparedness and Role of the Organization in the Immediate Aftermath of Disasters"; and

In view of Article 12.C of the PAHO Constitution and Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council,

Resolves:

To approve the provisional agenda (Document CD27/1, Rev. 1) of the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXXII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, including the additional topic proposed by the Representative of Canada.

June 1980 OD 172, 30

CE84.R3 The Executive Committee,

Having reviewed the Director's report on implementation of the Diarrheal Disease Control Program for the Americas (Document CE84/15),

Resolves:

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

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind the recommendations of the International Conference on Primary Health Care held in Alma Ata, USSR, from 6 to 12 September 1978, Resolution WHA31.44 of the Thirty-first World Health Assembly, and Resolution XXXVIII of the XXVI Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO;

Having reviewed the Director 's report on implementation of the Diarrheal Diseases Control Program for the Americas; and

Realizing that child mortality from acute diarrheal diseases can be rapidly reduced throughout the Region by the use of oral rehydration, and that immediate application of other strategies of the Program will gradually reduce diarrheal morbidity in children,

RESOLVES:

1. To commend the Director for his speedy implementation of the activities of the Diarrheal Diseases Control Program for the Americas.

2. To endorse in its entirety the Director's report on the implementation of the Diarrheal Diseases Control Program for the Americas, which highlights activities to date and identifies the Program's needs.

3. To recommend to the Director that continued emphasis be placed on the Diarrheal Diseases Control Program as an integrated component of primary health care.

(Approved at the fourth plenary session,
24 June 1980)

June 1980 OD 172, 30

CE84.R4 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the progress report on the hemispheric plan for the promotion and support of malaria programs (Document CE84/17),

Resolves:

To recommend to the Directing Council that in its XXVII Meeting it approve a resolution along the following lines:

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind Resolution XXX of the XXVI Meeting of the Directing Council, which requested PAHO/WHO to prepare a hemispheric plan for the promotion and support of malaria programs;

Mindful that the guidelines for this plan were formulated in the III Meeting of Directors of National Malaria Eradication Services, held in March 1979; and

Considering that several countries have already completed their revision of the basic strategies for conducting comprehensive control programs and for intensifying their operations against the disease, as provided in Resolution XVIII of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference, which declared 1980 as the "Year of Frontal Struggle with Malaria in the Americas,"

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Director's report on the progress made in preparing the hemispheric malaria control plan in which eradication is the ultimate goal.

2. To suggest to the Governments that have not yet completed the review of their national malaria control plans that they proceed to evaluate the strategies used in their programs in relation to the general guidelines of the hemispheric plan and in the frame of reference of the goal of health for all by the year 2000.

3. To again request the Governments to assign high priority and appropriate technical and administrative support to the execution of national malaria control plans.

4. To request the Governments and the Director to promote and support the development of the components of the hemispheric malaria control plan, particularly the education and training of program personnel, in conjunction with those components aimed at the extension of coverage and at research in malaria control problems.

5. To request the Director to continue the effort to channel extrabudgetary funds to the support of malaria control in the Hemisphere.

(Approved at the fourth plenary session,
24 June 1980)

June 1980 OD 172, 31

CE84.R5 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the report of the Director on the Non-communicable Disease Control Program. (Document CE84/12),

Resolves:

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

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind Resolution XX.IV of the XXIII Meeting of the Directing Council and Resolution XVIII of the XXVI Meeting of the Directing Council;

Having considered the report of the Director on the Noncommunicable Diseases Control Program;

Recognizing that the problem of chronic noncommunicable diseases is becoming increasingly important in the countries of the Region and is thus entailing major changes in the morbidity and mortality structure and in the demand for services; and

Noting that the program presented emphasizes disease prevention and health promotion in the context of the general health services and identifies the priority areas on the basis of the magnitude of the problem and the availability of effective control methods,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Member Countries to identify in their national health plans, programs and strategies for achieving health for all by the year 2000, actions aimed at the prevention of chronic noncommunicable diseases and intervention in the risk factors that are causing an increase in morbidity and mortality related to these diseases.

2. To recommend to the countries that, in accordance with their priorities, they promote activities for the control of these diseases integrated into those of the general health services, special attention being given to those diseases for which

there are effective methods of control, such as hypertension, rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease, diabetes mellitus, and cancer of the cervix.

3. To commend the Director for the strategy he is developing for orientation and support of the programs for the control of noncommunicable diseases in the countries of the Region.

4. To request the Director to continue to support the programs for the control of noncommunicable diseases in the Member Countries, as well as cooperative activities among the countries, in order to encourage an exchange of knowledge and technology.

5. To request the Director to continue his efforts to obtain extrabudgetary resources for supporting these programs.

(Approved at the fifth plenary session,
25 June 1980)

June 1980 OD 172, 32

CE84.R6 The Executive Committee,

Taking account of Resolutions CSP15.13, CSP16.15, CD16.21, and CD26.17 which relate entirely or in part to the effects of malnutrition and other adverse environmental factors on mental development;

Having examined the document presented by the Director on this subject (Document CE84/18);

Considering the high frequency of situations such as nutritional deficiency, incorrect child-rearing practices, and insufficient education of the family and of broad sectors of the population; and

Mindful of the grave consequences of malnutrition in early life for mental development, and of the burden they can impose on the countries,

Resolves:

1. To thank the Director for the information provided.
2. To request the Director that the aforementioned document be published by the Organization and distributed as widely as possible in the countries.
3. To request the Director to transmit the document to the Organization's Advisory Committee on Medical Research for appropriate consideration.

June 1980 OD 172, 33

CE84.R7 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the Director's progress report on the work done by the Governments and the Secretariat of the Organization to evaluate the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas and to formulate strategies for attaining the goal of health for all by the year 2000 (Document CE84/20);

Considering that, according to the plan of work approved at the 82nd Meeting of the Executive Committee, the Member Governments must jointly adopt the regional strategies that are to constitute the contribution of the Americas to the global strategies of WHO;

Considering that the Secretariat is preparing, on the basis of information furnished by the countries, a reference document of hemispheric scope to provide the Governments with the background and other information they need for the formulation of their regional strategy proposals;

Cognizant that the national and regional strategies must be developed into national plans and programs and that these will serve as guideposts for the regional plans and programs; and

Bearing in mind that the national and regional strategies to be adopted by the Governments individually and collectively will determine the policies and priorities of PAHO's technical cooperation program,

Resolves:

1. To request the Governments to analyze the hemispheric proposals submitted for their consideration in the reference material, and to formulate their regional strategy proposals in the setting of their own national situation.
2. To suggest to the Governments that they consider the possibility of adopting regional strategies in three categories: those common to the countries of the Region, those involving the participation of several countries, and those in support of national and regional efforts through the technical cooperation program.
3. To recommend to the Member Governments that these regional strategy proposals be examined and discussed during the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council so that the Governing Body may adopt the strategies of the Region of the Americas for attaining the goal of health for all by the year 2000.
4. To urge Governments that have not yet done so to formulate their national strategies and forward them to the Director for inclusion in the working documents of the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council.
5. To request the Director to have the draft of the reference document prepared by the Secretariat examined by the Subcommittee on Long-Term Planning and Programming of the Executive Committee, and subsequently transmitted, at the appropriate time, to the Member Governments.
6. To request the Director to continue to provide the cooperation which the Governments may require at this stage in the process.

June 1980 OD 172, 34

CE84.R8 The Executive Committee,

Bearing in mind Resolution XXXIII approved at the XXIV Meeting of the Directing Council on the priority that Member Governments and PAHO should assign to the needs of youth;

Having examined the information on the subject provided by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CE84/14);

Recognizing the need for an interdisciplinary and multisectoral approach to the problems facing young people in the context of development and the complexity of the related factors: and

Aware of the progress made by Member Governments in the conduct of integrated activities for promoting the health of adolescents and young people,

Resolves:

1. To urge the Governments to carry on comprehensive programs for meeting the health needs of adolescents and young people which are consistent with their policies, strategies, and priorities.
2. To urge the Governments to use the vast human resources of their countries' youth, especially in new strategies like community participation, to achieve the goal of health for all by the year 2000.
3. To thank the Director for the information provided, which reveals the interest of the authorities and the population in learning more about the health problems of the adolescent and the young person so that proper solutions can be applied.
4. To request the Director to continue cooperating, together with other international agencies and organizations, with Member Governments and national institutions in the conduct of activities of comprehensive health care for adolescents and young people.

June 1980 OD 172, 35

CE84.R9 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the report on the I Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Animal Health (Document CE84/22); and

Aware of the repercussions of animal diseases on the health and economy of the countries of the Hemisphere,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the I Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Animal Health (Document CE84/22), and to transmit it to the Directing Council at its XXVII Meeting.

2. To commend the Ministers of Agriculture for their efforts to improve the health of the peoples of the Americas through the control and prevention of animal diseases that affect the health and economy of the countries of the Hemisphere.

June 1980 OD 172, 36

CE84.R10 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the Director's progress report on the Expanded Program on Immunization in the Americas,

Resolves:

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

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having noted that immunization coverage in the Region remains low, particularly for children under one year of age and pregnant women, and of the limitations of the information systems necessary for the surveillance of the diseases included in this Program;

Recognizing that good quality vaccine is of fundamental importance for the success of the Program;

Having taken note of the progress accomplished in the development of regional strategies for the implementation of this Program, particularly the approach utilized for the strengthening of managerial capabilities through the EPI training courses and the efforts to integrate these activities within the context of primary health care;

Taking note of the rapid establishment of the Regional Cold Chain Development Center recommended by Resolution XXI of the XXVI Meeting of the Directing Council;

Having considered the still limited capitalization of the EPI Revolving Fund and aware that the feasibility studies for the establishment of this Fund approved by the XXV Meeting of the Directing Council, and subsequently by the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference, showed that a level of US\$4,000,000 would be necessary for its smooth operations; and

Having in mind that the achievement of the goals of the EPI by 1990 will be a milestone vis-à-vis the attainment of health for all by the year 2000,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the training strategies being implemented and to urge Member Governments to formulate specific plans to multi-ply the EPI national training workshops at the primary health care level.

2. To recommend to Member Governments that vaccination activities be geared towards the high-risk group of children under one year of age and pregnant woman.

3. To emphasize to Governments that within their epidemiological surveillance system it is of high priority to reinforce the surveillance of the diseases included in this Program through guidelines that can be applicable to all levels of the health system, in order to measure the real impact of the EPI in disease reduction.

4. To recommend that countries which are involved in the production of DPT and BCG vaccines, and which have installations equipped to perform tests and titrations on attenuated live virus vaccines, make every effort to comply with the requirements laid down by WHO for control of these products and provide support for strengthening national quality control services.

5. To commend the Director for his efforts in promoting the rapid development of the EPI in the Americas.

6. To recommend that the Director make efforts to include the EPI training materials in all PAHO-sponsored training of primary health care workers.

7. To request the Director to support the consolidation and operations of the Regional Cold Chain Development Center.

8. To ask the Director to study and present to the XXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council, in conjunction with this present progress report, the alternatives for full capitalization of the EPI Revolving Fund to the needed level of US\$4,000,000, including restoration of the level of the Revolving Fund by timely reimbursements.

(Approved at the sixth plenary session,
25 June 1980)

June 1980 OD 172, 37

CE84.R11 The Executive Committee,

Taking into account Resolution WHA33.27 of the Thirty-third World Health Assembly concerning greater attention to drug abuse in WHO programs,

Resolves:

1. To call the attention of the members of the Directing Council to this resolution and to the relevancy of the problems associated with drug abuse in this Region.
2. To urge Member Governments to utilize the momentum achieved at the World Health Assembly by defining opportunities to incorporate drug abuse components in their national strategies for health for all and in their biennial PAHO programs.
3. To request the Director to prepare a progress report for the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council summarizing the status of drug abuse in the Region, the current activities of PAHO relating to drug abuse, sources of funding (both regular and extrabudgetary), and new approaches that Member Countries might consider for addressing this increasing health problem in their national strategies and their PAHO country program proposals.

4. To include this item on the agenda of the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council so Member Countries might become better acquainted with the program possibilities in this field.

June 1980 OD 172, 38

CE84.R12 The Executive Committee,

Having examined Document CE84/24 containing selected resolutions of the Thirty-third World Health Assembly; and

In light of the information provided by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on their implications for the Region of the Americas,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the resolutions of the Thirty-third World Health Assembly (Document CE84/24) that the Director of the Bureau has brought to its attention.
2. To transmit these resolutions to the Directing Council at its XXVII Meeting for information and any action the Council deems appropriate.

June 1980 OD 172, 39

CE84.R13 The Executive Committee,

Whereas in its XXVI Meeting the Directing Council adopted Resolution VII approving a new budget with PAHO/WHO regular funds for the Government of National Reconstruction of Nicaragua for the biennium 1980–1981;

Mindful that the same resolution instructed the Executive Committee to examine the progress of the program of technical cooperation with Nicaragua and to make proposals as appropriate and necessary to the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council;

Considering that the Director of the Organization has presented a detailed progress report on the technical cooperation program, including activities financed with extrabudgetary funds (Document CE84/13); and

Having further noted that the Organization is performing its functions in the coordination of external cooperation, promotional activities, the transfer of technologies and information, and is collaborating with the Government of Nicaragua toward its purpose of conducting its programs and activities in the setting of technical cooperation among developing countries,

Resolves:

1. To commend the Director for the compliance given to Resolution VII approved by the XXVI Meeting of the Directing Council for the full and prompt provision of the technical cooperation requirements stated by the health authorities of the Government of National Reconstruction of Nicaragua.
2. To request the Director to continue offering the Organization's technical cooperation to the national authorities in both the preparation and the periodic evaluation of their programs in the light of the country's political and social evolution.
3. To continue its analysis of the progress of the program of technical cooperation with Nicaragua, to study it in its 86th Meeting, and to make proposals as appropriate and necessary to the XXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council.

June 1980 OD 172, 39

CE84.R14 The Executive Committee,

Having considered in detail at its 82nd Meeting Official Document 161 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 1982–1983 amounting to \$45,071,900;

Having considered Document CE84/5 and Add. I, which contains adjustments to that program budget amounting to \$1,059,900 in order to reduce the budget to the

allocation of \$44,012,000 from the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for the biennium 1982–1983; and

Bearing in mind that the provisional draft of the program budget, together with the adjustments, is to be submitted to the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council, XXXII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, for review and transmittal to the Director-General of the World Health Organization,

To recommend to the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council, XXXII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, that it approve a resolution along the following lines:

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered Official Document 161 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 1982-1983, amounting to \$45,071,900;

Having considered the proposed adjustments to that program budget, contained in Document CE84/5 and ADD. I of the 84th Meeting of the Executive Committee, amounting to \$1,059,900 in order to reduce the budget to the allocation of \$44,012,000 from the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for the biennium 1982-1983;

Bearing in mind that the provisional draft of the program budget, as adjusted, is 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 the World Health Organization; and

Noting the recommendations made by the 84th 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 1982-1983 appearing in Official Document 161 and adjusted in Document CE84/5 and ADD. I of the 84th Meeting of the Executive Committee, and to request the Regional Director to transmit it to the Director-General.

(Approved at the seventh plenary session,
26 June 1980)

June 1980 OD 172, 40

CE84.R15 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CE84/3 and Add. I);

Noting that, of the three countries with approved payment plans for liquidating their arrears, 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 financial 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 CE84/3 and Add. I).
2. To thank the Governments that have already made payments in 1980, and to urge the other Governments 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 request the Director to continue to inform the Governments of any balances due, and to report to the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council on the status of the collection of quota contributions.

June 1980 OD 172, 41

CE84.R16 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 CE84/4;

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

Bearing in mind the provisions of 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 CE84/4, effective 1 January 1980.

June 1980 OD 172, 42

CE84.R17 The Executive Committee,

Taking into account the discussions at the Thirty-third World Health Assembly on the Study of the Organization's Structures in the Light of Its Functions, as well as Resolution WHA33.17 on this item; and

Noting the desire of the Assembly that the regional structures and functions of WHO be strengthened in ways that will appropriately foster the achievement of WHO's goals,

Resolves:

1. To urge the Directing Council to have a full debate at its XXVII Meeting on the various opportunities to strengthen the Regional Committee and its efforts in pursuit of WHO global and regional policies and programs.

2. To urge members of the Council:

- a) To consider ways that its actions can advance decisions and policies of the World Health Assembly, as well as ways that the Council itself can have more direct input to the decisions and policy deliberations of the Assembly; and
 - b) To ensure that the regional strategies for attaining the goal of "health for all" is appropriately linked to the effort to strengthen the structures of WHO and its Regional Committees.
3. To request the working group appointed by the Executive Committee and the Secretariat to continue its analysis of the issues raised by the study on structures and functions, and to present to the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council:
- a) Results of its deliberations regarding the ways in which the PAHO planning process might relate more closely to the WHO planning process, including elaboration of the broad goal of "health for all by the year 2000" (covering the next 20 years), the medium-term General Programs of Work (covering 6-year periods), and the biennial programs and budgets of both WHO and PAHO (covering 2-year periods),
 - b) Proposals of ways that the Organization can strengthen its planning, monitoring, and evaluation functions to ensure that its country and regional programs both contribute to and appropriately reflect the health policies established by the World Health Assembly; and
 - c) Other specific proposals for implementation of the components of Resolution WHA33.17 and for strengthening the structures and functions of WHO and of the Regional Committee for the Americas.

June 1980 OD 172, 43

CE84.R18 The Executive Committee,

Taking into account the action at the Thirty-third World Health Assembly concerning the periodicity of World Health Assemblies,

Resolves:

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

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Noting the discussions at the Thirty-third World Health Assembly in 1980 concerning the periodicity of World Health Assemblies,

RESOLVES:

1. To endorse Resolution WHA33.19 relating to the possible shift from annual to biennial assemblies.
2. To urge Member Governments of the Region to support the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the World Health Organization on this subject when presented for a vote at the Thirty-fourth World Health Assembly in 1981.
3. To request the Director to transmit this resolution to the Director General of the World Health Organization and to the Regional Directors of the other WHO Regions for submission to their own Regional Committees.

(Approved at the eighth plenary session,
26 June 1980)

June 1980 OD 172, 44

CE84.R19 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for fiscal year 1979 (Official Document 168);

Bearing in mind the comments made during the discussions in relation to the remarks of the External Auditor; 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 1979 (Official Document 168) and to transmit them to the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council.
2. To commend the Director for having maintained a sound financial situation and to thank the External Auditor for the report presented.

June 1980 OD 172, 44

CE84.R20 The Executive Committee,

Having considered the recommendations set forth in Document CE84/7, presented by the Director, and noted Resolution XXIII of the 82nd Meeting of the Executive Committee,

Resolves:

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

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Recalling Resolution CSP14.28 of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference, which set forth the criteria to be observed by the Pan American Health Organization in establishing official relations with international and inter-American organizations;

Considering that procedures are needed for application of the criteria set forth in Resolution CSP14.28 and to establish the status of the observers of regional and subregional intergovernmental organizations; and

Having considered the recommendations set forth in Document CE 84/7, presented by the Director, having noted Resolution XXIII of the 82nd Meeting of the Executive Committee, and following the recommendation of the Executive Committee at its 84th Meeting,

RESOLVES:

1. To observe the criteria adopted by the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference in Resolution CSP14.28 for the establishment of official relations with regional and subregional intergovernmental organizations.

2. To establish the rule that the approval of two thirds of the Directing Council or Pan American Sanitary Conference is required for the establishment of official relations between the Pan American Health Organization and a regional or subregional intergovernmental organization.

3. To establish that a regional and subregional intergovernmental organization with which the Organization maintains relations may:

3.1 Be invited to attend the meetings of the Executive Committee, Directing Council, and the Pan American Sanitary Conference, to which end it may designate a representative to act as an observer;

3.2 Collaborate on request, in the programming and execution of joint activities;

3.3 Submit to PAHO its views and observations on programs under way in areas of mutual interest;

3.4 Request joint participation with PAHO in conferences, seminars, or working groups;

3.5 Participate, in accordance with the applicable Rules of Procedure, but with no vote, in the open sessions of the Governing Bodies of PAHO in the terms of the invitation issued by the Secretariat.

(Approved at the eighth plenary session,
26 June 1980)

June 1980 OD 172, 45

Having examined the progress report of the external Evaluation Team for the Pan American Zoonoses and Foot-and-Mouth Disease Centers (Document CE84/21 and Add. I) and Resolution XXVII of the XXVI Meeting of the Directing Council;

Noting that the Evaluation Team recognized the important contribution of these Centers to the agricultural and economic sectors, in addition to the health sector, and that the justification for the establishment, present operations, and future development of PANAFTOSA and CEPANZO rests on the degree of improvement in human health and economic savings derived by Member Countries;

Recognizing the importance of the immediate collection of economic impact data to provide a sound basis for requesting financial and other support from outside the health sector and that additional information is currently being gathered prior to the completion of a final report by the Evaluation Team for submission to the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council;

Acknowledging the favorable view of the XXVI Meeting of the Directing Council, stated in Resolution XXVI, to keep the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center attached to PAHO, and the recommendation of the Evaluation Team that the term "veterinary public health" is a more appropriate title than "animal health" in describing the overall PAHO program in this field;

Considering the priorities developed by the Team for CEPANZO and PANAFTOSA, in the context of the health priorities of the total PAHO program;

Bearing in mind that the aforementioned progress report does not provide a sufficient basis for recommending a budgetary supplement to the regular quota assessment for 1981; and

Considering that a final evaluation report will be presented to the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council,

Resolves:

1. To recommend to the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council that it urge the participating Governments to assume a larger share of the operating costs of the Centers in order to maintain their operations at present levels.
2. To recommend to the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council that, during its deliberations regarding the two Centers, special attention be given to the

conditions at CEPANZO which may require a temporary stoppage of work with virulent strains of microbes.

3. To thank the Director for the progress report on the Pan American Zoonoses Center and the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center.
4. To request the Director to consult with participating Governments on the reorientation of the programs of the Centers, so that they will redefine their respective priorities during the necessary transition period of budgetary restraint.
5. To request the Director to assist the host Governments in seeking alternate sources of funding for relocation, construction, and maintenance.
6. To suggest to the Director that he consider whether the term "veterinary public health" is a more appropriate title than "animal health" in describing the overall PAHO program in this field.

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CE84.R22 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the progress report on the status of the evaluation of the Pan American Centers (Document CE84/19, Annexes I, II, and III);

Taking account of the provisions of Resolution XXXI of the XXVI Meeting of the Directing Council;

Bearing in mind that the Director has begun the evaluation of the Caribbean Epidemiology Center (CAREC), the Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute (CFNI), and the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama (INCAP);

Noting also that the Director is having more detailed reports on the individual Pan American Centers prepared for presentation to the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council;

Taking into account the comments by various delegations requesting that the final reports give specific, detailed recommendations based on available information, for example, the summary of the perceptions of the individual countries by INCAP; and

Guided by the trends that appear to be emerging from the ongoing evaluations of the five Centers that point to program consolidation on the basis of the priorities of the countries served; need for strengthening program management; responsibilities of the countries being served by the Centers in assuming a growing role in their programmatic and financial activities; recognition that, over time, the fundamental function of the Organization should be coordination and management functions related to the Centers and not a directly operational role,

Resolves:

1. To note that the final versions of these reports require additional information requested from the Governments and the Centers, and must contain specific conclusions and recommendations, and to ask the Director to encourage responses from these Governments and Centers so that the reports can be finalized prior to the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council.
2. To thank the Director for the various evaluation reports on the Centers.
3. To commend the Director for the progress made in shortening the schedule for these evaluations.
4. To request the Director to enlist the cooperation of participating Governments, in particular the host Governments, in the solution of problems associated with the development of program priorities, program consolidation, housing, staffing, and stable financial support for services to countries and PAHO management and direction.
5. To request the Director to assist Member Countries in seeking and obtaining extrabudgetary funding, while ensuring that their use in no way jeopardizes the stability of the Centers.

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CE84.R23 The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report of the Award Committee, PAHO Award for Administration (Document CE84/6, Add. I);

Having in mind the provisions of the Procedure and Guidelines for conferring the PAHO Award for Administration, and the need to improve them; and

Considering the importance of encouraging a higher level of competence in the administration of health services,

Resolves:

1. To note the decision of the Award Committee to confer the PAHO Award for Administration, 1980, on Dr. Jair de Oliveira Soares, of Brazil, for his work in the administration of health services.
2. To transmit the report of the Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration (Document CE84/6, Add. I) to the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council.
3. To recommend to the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council that it approve the following amendments to the Rules for conferring the PAHO Award for Administration:
 - a) the addition at the end of paragraph 3, heading II, on page 246 of Official Document 159, of the following text:

"When there are candidates from the countries represented by members of the Award Committee, those members shall be replaced by representatives of other Member Countries of the Executive Committee, who shall be designated by the Chairman of the Executive Committee to sit on the Award Committee for that occasion only."
 - b) the addition of a subparagraph "i" under paragraph 1, heading III, on page 248 of Official Document 159:

"i. participation in teaching as a disseminator of knowledge and practical experience in problem areas or disciplines relating to health administration."

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Having considered Document CE84/11 regarding the reimbursement of travel costs, excluding per diem, of representatives to WHO Regional Committees;

Having noted that absenteeism has never been an issue in the Region of the Americas, and

Recognizing that funds needed to reimburse such travel expenses could be better invested in program activities for the countries,

Resolves:

1. To take note of Document CE84/11 concerning the reimbursement of travel costs, excluding per diem, of representatives to WHO Regional Committees, and to transmit it, together with the views and comments expressed by its members when this matter was discussed, to the XXXII Meeting of the Regional Committee.
2. To recommend to the XXXII Meeting of the Regional Committee that the travel expenses of representatives to Regional Committees continue to be borne by the respective Member Governments.
3. To further recommend that the Regional Committee inform the Executive Board of its view that WHO should not finance the travel costs of representatives to Regional Committee meetings.

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