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PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAHO PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR 1971

The Executive Committee at its 66th Meeting reviewed in detail the application of the Government of Canada for admission to the Pan American Health Organization, the amount of its contribution for 1971, and the effect of that contribution on the program and budget of the Organization for 1971. Following its review it adopted the following:

RESOLUTION III

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAHO BUDGET  
FOR 1971

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

In view of the supplemental appropriation for the budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1971, proposed by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in Official Document No. 107; and

Having noted the statement of the Ambassador of Canada that his country wishes to be admitted to membership of PAHO as soon as possible during the course of the current year but has available only sufficient funds to contribute half of the yearly quota,

RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm the wish that Canada becomes a Member of the Pan American Health Organization in 1971, in accordance with Resolution I of this Executive Committee.

2. To recommend to the Directing Council to accept Canadian membership under the financial circumstances described by the Canadian Ambassador.

3. To request the Government of Canada to restudy the possibility of contributing a full quota for 1971, in view of the importance of the health programs for which it is intended.

4. To request the Director to revise the proposed amendments to the 1971 supplemental program and budget, in keeping with paragraph 3 above, for consideration and approval by the Directing Council, should such revisions be necessary.

A copy of this resolution was transmitted to the Government of Canada as follows:

AM/670

28 July 1971

Dear Sir:

I have the pleasure to transmit for your information and consideration two resolutions directly affecting your Government, approved by the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization at its 66th Meeting. As you know, the countries of the Americas are ready to give a warm welcome to the entry of Canada into PAHO.

Resolution I expresses the deep satisfaction of the Committee with the application, and recommends to the Directing Council that it accept Canada to membership. Resolution III deals with program and financial aspects of Canada's membership. In anticipation of the entry of Canada, the Executive Committee had under consideration a supplemental appropriation in the amount explained in my letter to you of 23 February. The Committee also had before it the Program and Budget, Official Document No. 107, which contained much needed additional programs for 1971 in the same amount.

In the discussion of the agenda item on the supplemental appropriation, the Executive Committee took into consideration the situation explained by the Ambassador of Canada to the United States, Mr. Marcel Cadieux, and recommended to the Directing Council to accept Canadian membership on the basis he proposed. Bearing in mind the importance of the health programs involved, however, the Committee appealed to the Government of Canada to

restudy the possibility of contributing a full quota. Recognizing the generosity of your Government, and being fully aware of the program needs, I would like to join in expressing the hope that additional funds may become available.

At your convenience, I would be most happy to arrange a visit to your country to consult with appropriate officials concerning the participation of your Government in the program of the Organization, and any other matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

Abraham Horwitz  
Director

... Enclosures

The Honorable Mitchell Sharp  
Secretary of State for External Affairs  
House of Commons  
East Block, Wellington Street  
Ottawa, Ontario  
Canada

The Government of Canada has restudied its proposed contribution to the Organization for 1971 and has come to the decision contained in its letter of 13 August 1971, as follows:

Canadian Embassy

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August 13, 1971

Dear Dr. Horwitz,

The Secretary of State for External Affairs has asked me to reply to your letter to him of July 28, 1971 on the question of Canada's admission to the Pan American Health Organization, with particular reference to Resolutions I and III adopted by the Executive Committee at its 66th Meeting.

I wish to assure you that my Government was most gratified by the adoption of Resolution I by the Executive Committee. With reference to that Resolution, I should like to reiterate the importance the Canadian Government attaches to its publicly declared policy of opening new and stronger links with Latin American countries and with Inter-American institutions. This was stressed by the Canadian Ambassador in his remarks to the Executive Committee on July 6, when he said in part:

"Our interest in joining the Pan American Health Organization is therefore the result of an increased awareness of common interests in many fields where economic, social and cultural advancement is desired in all our societies. Problems of public health are vital in stimulating economic growth, improving the quality of life and achieving social justice. These are problems which are not contained by national boundaries and which can best be solved by common efforts among hemispheric neighbours."

With reference to Resolution III, the Canadian Government was requested by the Executive Committee "to restudy the possibility of contributing a full quota for 1971, in view of the importance of the health programs for which it is intended". As you know, the Canadian Government regards it as an important matter of principle that the date of budgetary responsibility should correspond as closely as possible to the date of entry and of full membership responsibility in an organization. Accordingly, in light both of the Executive Committee's request and that principle, the Canadian authorities have since the July meeting examined the possibility of a special contribution to PAHO health campaigns. It has been decided, however, that to make a special contribution would present problems related to financial appropriations. On balance, therefore, and in view of all the considerations, the Canadian authorities have decided to provide additional funds so that the Canadian contribution to PAHO will be the full assessment for 1971, on the understanding that the additional funds beyond what was originally envisaged as the Canadian assessment for 1971 will be used for programs which the Directing Council considers most exigent. I am today communicating this decision to the member countries of the Executive Committee.

With regard to the final paragraph of your letter, I am informed that Canadian officials would be happy to meet with you in Ottawa to discuss Canadian participation in the Organization

and other matters of mutual interest. May I suggest that your office get in touch with the Embassy in due course concerning the arrangements for a visit?

Yours sincerely,

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The Executive Committee has already recognized the importance of the full health programs which encompass those to be financed from the contribution of the Government of Canada. This is reflected in Resolution III quoted above, which was approved by the Executive Committee after detailed study of the program for 1971 contained in Official Document No. 107.