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PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION, 1985

The Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration, 1985, met on 25 June during the 95th Meeting of the Executive Committee. After reviewing the documentation submitted by five Member Governments, the Award Committee recommended that the 1985 Award be granted to Dr. Elizabeth Quamina, who has nominated by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago for her outstanding work in health planning, administration, and human resources development at the national, subregional, and international levels.

After hearing the presentation of the Report of the Award Committee (Document CE95/18, ADD. I) (Annex I), the Executive Committee took note of the recommendation and adopted Resolution V (Annex II) transmitting the decision of the Award Committee to the XXXI Meeting of the Directing Council for its information.

Annexes

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PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION, 1985

Report of the Award Committee

The Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration, 1985, consisted of Dr. Lyall Black (Canada), Mrs. Jennifer Astaphan (Dominica) and Dr. Virgilio Macías Murillo (Ecuador). Dr. Lyall Black was elected Chairman; Dr. Ramón Alvarez Gutiérrez (PASB) served as Secretary.

The Award Committee met on 25 June and noted that five candidates had been nominated for the Award in 1985, as follows:

Dr. Carlos A. Alvarado, of Argentina  
Dr. Alberto Aguilar Rivas, of El Salvador  
Dr. Rosa Elvira Jiménez La Rosa, of Peru  
Dr. Adriana Rebaza Flores, of Peru  
Dr. Elizabeth Quamina, of Trinidad and Tobago

This is the sixth consecutive year since the PAHO Award for Administration was instituted in 1969 that five or more candidates have been nominated. This fact reflects on the one hand the work by the PAHO Secretariat to publicize and promote the Award, and on the other hand the renewed and growing interest of the Member Governments of PAHO in giving recognition to those who have contributed to improve the administration of their health systems and services.

The Award Committee kept in mind the guidelines in effect for conferring the Award as set forth in the booklet PAHO Award for Administration, 1985, as well as further decision-making criteria which have been employed by other Award Committees in recent years. These criteria include: a) priority of the specific problem area or discipline (low, intermediate, or high); b) originality of the contribution (an application of existing knowledge or an application of new procedures); c) scope of the accomplishment (local, national or international); d) duration of the effect (short-, medium- or long-term); e) continuity

and consistency of the work in the course of the candidate's professional career (occasional, intermittent or permanent); f) operating level (methods and procedures, program or policy); g) personal traits, particularly in regard to leadership, communication, drive and teamwork; and h) recognition of a long and fruitful career in administration.

The Award Committee examined the documentation presented and was impressed by the excellent qualifications and achievements which were part of each candidate's background. It also felt that Member Governments should once again be urged, when nominating their candidates to PAHO, to stress clearly, succinctly and specifically the extent to which, in the Government's view, the work done by the candidate in the field of health administration has been effective and of major value.

It was the consensus of the Committee to recommend that the PAHO Award for Administration, 1985, be conferred on Dr. Elizabeth Quamina of Trinidad and Tobago for her outstanding work in health planning, administration and human resources development at the national, subregional and international levels.

Dr. Quamina's work, spanning almost three decades at the service of the Ministry of Health and Environment, has included pioneering efforts such as taking steps toward integration of curative and preventive services; laying the foundations for the application of the primary care approach in her country; and formulating the first National Health Plan of Trinidad and Tobago. Her lecturing and teaching activities, particularly at the University of the West Indies, as well as her important contributions while working closely with subregional agencies and organizations of the international system--including PAHO/WHO--constituted additional elements which led the Committee to unanimously award Dr. Quamina the PAHO Award for Administration, 1985.



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## RESOLUTION V

### PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION, 1985

THE 95th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the report of the Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration (Document CE95/18, ADD. I);

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Procedure and Guidelines for conferring the PAHO Award for Administration; and

Considering the importance of encouraging a higher level of administrative and managerial competence throughout the health sector in the Region of the Americas,

#### RESOLVES:

1. To note the decision of the Award Committee to confer the PAHO Award for Administration, 1985, on Dr. Elizabeth Quamina of Trinidad and Tobago.

2. To transmit the report of the Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration (Document CE95/18, ADD. I) to the XXXI Meeting of the Directing Council.

(Approved at the fifth plenary session,  
26 June 1985)