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INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR FOR 1996

The Director has the honor to present the Interim Financial Report of the Director for 1996 (*Official Document 282*, distributed separately). The Report contains the details of the financial transactions of the Pan American Health Organization for the period 1 January 1996 to 31 December 1996 and statements depicting the financial position of the Organization as of 31 December 1996. It also includes financial statements for the Caribbean Epidemiology Center (CAREC), the Caribbean Food and Nutrition Institute (CFNI), and the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama (INCAP).

The financial positions of the Pan American Health Organization and INCAP remain sound. Both CAREC and CFNI have improved their financial positions. Although the Director expresses his satisfaction with the efforts of the countries to pay their quota assessments, he strongly encourages all participating countries to remit their assessed contributions in a timely manner.