



PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



41st DIRECTING COUNCIL

51st SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

San Juan, Puerto Rico, 27 September-1 October 1999

RESOLUTION

CD41.R8

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

THE 41ST DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having reviewed Document CD41/3, "Proposal to Amend the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization in relation to the Term of Office of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau";

Noting the action of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization to amend Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the Board to provide that the appointment of a Regional Director shall be for five years and he or she will be eligible for reappointment once only, and its request that the Pan American Health Organization consider an amendment to its Constitution to establish the same rules for the appointment of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;

Bearing in mind that the Secretary General of the Organization of American States is also elected for a five-year term and may not be reelected more than once;

Taking into consideration the importance to the Organization of the Pan American Sanitary Conference being held in the 100th anniversary year of the Pan American Health Organization, that is, in 2002; and

Aware of the provisions for amending the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization,

RESOLVES

1. To amend Articles 7.A and 21.A of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization to read as follows:

"Article 7.A. The Conference shall meet every five years at the Headquarters of the Organization on a date fixed by the Director of the Bureau in consultation with the Executive Committee."

"Article 21.A. The Bureau shall have a Director elected at the Conference by the vote of a majority of the Governments of the Organization. The Director shall hold office for a period of five years, and may not be reelected more than once. In the event that the successor to the Director has not been elected prior to the expiration of the Director's term of office, the Director shall continue to serve until the successor takes office. In the event of the resignation, incapacity, or death of the Director, the Deputy Director shall assume the duties of the Director until the next meeting of the Council. The Council shall then elect a Director ad interim by a majority vote of the Governments present and voting."

2. To establish the effective date of the amendments as the opening date of the 26th Pan American Sanitary Conference in 2002.

3. To determine that the amendments not apply to the incumbent Director.

(Seventh meeting, 30 September 1999)