



PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



**4th DIRECTING COUNCIL**  
2nd SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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***RESOLUTION***

***CD4.R21***

**USE OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**

*THE 4<sup>th</sup> DIRECTING COUNCIL,*

Considering that the Pan American Bureau is an inter-American organization in which four working languages are recognized;

Considering that the ability to speak and utilize two or more of these languages would expedite and simplify Bureau operations; and

Considering that the development of a bilingual or multilingual staff would facilitate the inter-American objectives of the Bureau,

***RECOMMENDS***

1. That the Director, in establishing salary levels for officials and employees of the Bureau, take into consideration, in addition to other qualifications, their ability to speak two or more languages.

2. That the Pan American Sanitary Bureau have on its staff a corps of secretaries whose native tongue is one of the four official languages, who are able to work equally well in English as in one of the respective native languages, and [who] also have a good knowledge of a third language.

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