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FINAL REPORT

The 113th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization was held at the Headquarters building in Washington, D.C., from 27 to 30 June 1994, as convened by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

Participants

The following were the accredited delegations of Executive Committee members, observers in attendance, and officers of the Bureau:

Members of the Executive Committee

Dr. Argentino Luis Pico Dr. Julio Calcagno Ms. Silvina Calcagno Mr. Fabián Oddone	Argentina
Hon. Ruben Campos	Belize
Dr. Luis Guillermo Seoane	Bolivia
Mr. Edward M. Aiston Dr. Guy Nantel Ms. Lise Gravel	Canada
Dr. Virginia de Espinoza	Honduras
Dr. Federico Chávez Peón	Mexico
Dr. Augusto Meloni Navarro	Peru
Mrs. Ivonne Francis-Gibson Mr. Carl Browne Dr. Harold Rampersaud	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Dr. Angel Grillo	Uruguay

Observers

Member and Participating Governments of PAHO

Mr. Julio César Fontes Larajeira	Brazil
Dr. Ramón Prado Peraza	Cuba
Dr. Ramón Prado Rodríguez	
Dr. Ana María Alfaro de Gamero	El Salvador
Mr. Antoine Blanca	France
Mr. Alain de Keghel	
Ms. Linda A. Vogel	United States
Ms. Ann S. Blackwood	of America
Mr. Neil A. Boyer	
Ms. Marlyn Kefauver	
Dr. Glenn Post	
Dr. Richard Walling	
Dr. Elbano Pieruzzi Sánchez	Venezuela

Associate Members of PAHO

Dr. Rafael Burgos Calderón	Puerto Rico
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Observer Governments of PAHO

Dr. Arturo Pérez Martínez	Spain
Ms. Carmen de Amezua	

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Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Dr. Jorge Ossanai
Mr. Roberto Badía

World Bank

Ms. Karen Elise Lashman

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Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

Mr. Rolando Franco
Mr. Francisco León Delgado

Hipólito Unanue Agreement

Dr. Carlos Bazán Zender

Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)

Dr. David Black

Organization of American States

Mr. Michel Alleyne
Ms. Caroline Murfitt-Eller

Nongovernmental Organizations

Latin American Federation of Clinical Biochemistry

Ms. María Luisa Castillo de Sánchez
Ms. María Eugenia Fonseca
Dr. Norberto Cabutti

Latin American Union against Sexually Transmitted Diseases (ULACETS)

Dr. Juan Carlos Flichman
Dr. Carmen Carrington

Secretariat

Dr. Carlyle Guerra de Macedo
Director

Dr. Robert F. Knouss
Deputy Director

Sir George Alleyne
Assistant Director

Secretariat (cont.)

Mr. Thomas Tracy
Chief of Administration

Dr. David Brandling-Bennett
Director, Division of Communicable Disease Prevention and Control

Mr. Horst Otterstetter
Director, Division of Health and Environment

Dr. José M. Paganini
Director, Division of Health Systems and Services

Dr. Helena Restrepo
Director, Division of Health Promotion and Protection

Dr. José R. Teruel
Director, Division of Health and Development

Mr. César A. Portocarrero
Chief, Conference and General Services

Ms. Janice Barahona
Chief, Conference and Secretariat Services

Officers

The Officers for the meeting were:¹

Chairman:	Dr. Argentino Luis Pico	Argentina
Vice Chairman:	Mr. Edward M. Aiston	Canada
Rapporteur:	Hon. Ruben Campos	Belize
Secretary <i>ex officio</i> :	Dr. Carlyle Guerra de Macedo	Director, Pan American Sanitary Bureau

¹ Pursuant to Rules 10 and 11 of the Rules of Procedure, Dr. Federico Chávez Peón, of Mexico, was elected to serve as Rapporteur *pro tempore* (first plenary session) and Chairman *pro tempore* (sixth plenary session) in substitution of the incumbents during brief absences.

Agenda

Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure, the Executive Committee adopted, in its first plenary session, the provisional agenda (Document CE113/1, Rev. 2) submitted by the Director.

Decisions

CE113(D1) Representation of the Executive Committee at the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference, XLVI Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas

Pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, it was decided to designate the Chairman, Dr. Argentino Luis Pico (Argentina), and Dr. Virginia de Espinoza (Honduras), to represent the Executive Committee at the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference, XLVI Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas. As alternates to these representatives, the Committee designated Dr. Federico Chávez Peón (Mexico) and the Hon. Ruben Campos (Belize), respectively.

(First plenary session, 27 June 1994)

CE113(D2) Reports on Meetings of Subcommittees

The Executive Committee reviewed and took note of the Report of the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming (on its 21st and 22nd Meetings) and of the Report of the Special Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development (on its 14th Meeting).

(First plenary session, 27 June 1994)

CE113(D3) Financial Report of the Director for 1992-1993

The Executive Committee reviewed the Director's preliminary financial report for 1992-1993, which had not yet been submitted for examination to the External Auditor. The Secretariat explained that that was due to delays encountered with the Organization's new financial system but that the audit would be completed within the next 30 days. Accordingly, the Executive Committee agreed to meet in a special session to consider the Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for 1992-1993. The meeting was set for Sunday, 25 September, at 3:30 p.m, one day prior to the opening of the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference.

(First plenary session, 27 June 1994)

***CE113(D4) Provisional Agenda of the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,
XLVI Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas***

The Executive Committee considered and approved the provisional agenda of the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference, XLVI Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, to be held in September 1994.

(Eighth plenary session, 30 June 1994)

Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration

The Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration, consisting of Dr. Virginia de Espinoza (Honduras), the Hon. Ruben Campos (Belize), and Dr. Angel Grillo (Uruguay), met on 29 June 1994 and presented its report at the seventh plenary session (see Resolution CE113.R11).

Permanent Subcommittee on Inter-American Nongovernmental Organizations in Official Relations with PAHO

The Permanent Subcommittee on Inter-American Nongovernmental Organizations in Official Relations with PAHO, constituted by Dr. Argentino Luis Pico (Argentina), the Hon. Ruben Campos (Belize), and Dr. Luis Guillermo Seoane (Bolivia), met on 28 June 1994 and presented its report at the eighth plenary session (see Resolution CE113.R18).

Additional Topics Addressed

In addition to the matters reflected in the aforementioned decisions and in the resolutions reproduced in their entirety in this document, the following topics were addressed:

Reports

In the seventh plenary session, reports on the following topics were submitted to the Executive Committee:

PAHO/WHO Staff Association
New PAHO Headquarters building
PAHO field office buildings
Resolutions and other actions of the Forty-seventh World Health Assembly of interest to the PAHO Executive Committee.

Other Matters

In the eighth plenary session, under the heading "Other Matters," the Secretariat briefly reported to the Executive Committee on the following topics:

The current state of the reforms being undertaken within the World Health Organization

The fourth Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and of Government, held recently in Cartagena, Colombia, which renewed its support for the Regional Plan for Investment in the Environment and Health (PIAS)

The Inter-American Conference on Society, Violence and Health, to be held 16 and 17 November at PAHO Headquarters, with the joint sponsorship of this and other agencies

Sessions

The Executive Committee held eight plenary sessions.

Resolutions

During the meeting, the Executive Committee adopted the following 20 resolutions:

CE113.R1 Collection of Quota Contributions

THE 113th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CE113/21 and Add. I) and the report provided on Member Governments in arrears in the payment of their quota contributions to the extent that they can be subject to the application of Article 6.B of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization;

Noting the provisions of Article 6.B of the PAHO Constitution relating to the suspension of voting privileges of Member Governments that fail to meet their financial obligations and the potential application of these provisions to nine Member Governments; and

Noting with concern that there are 25 Member Governments that have not made any payments towards their 1994 quota assessments and that amounts collected for 1994 assessments amount to only 7% of total assessments,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CE113/21 and Add. I).
2. To thank the Member Governments that have already made payments for 1994 and to urge the other Member Governments to pay their outstanding quota contributions as soon as possible.
3. To recommend to the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference that the voting restrictions contained in Article 6.B of the PAHO Constitution be strictly applied to those Member Governments that by the opening of that meeting have not made additional and substantial payments towards their payment commitments.
4. To request the Director to continue to inform the Member Governments of any balances due and to report to the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference on the status of the collection of quota contributions.

*(Adopted at the fifth plenary session,
29 June 1994)*

CE113.R2 Strategic Orientations and Program Priorities for the Pan American Health Organization in the Quadrennium 1991-1994

THE 113th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having seen Document CE113/9, Part A, which reports on progress made toward achievement of the targets set forth in the Strategic Orientations and Program Priorities (SOPPs) for the Pan American Health Organization during the Quadrennium 1991-1994,

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference the adoption of a resolution along the following lines:

THE XXIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having seen Document CSP24/__, "Progress Report on the Quadrennial Targets for the Strategic Orientations and Program Priorities (SOPP), 1991-1994";

Bearing in mind Resolution CE107.R3 of the 107th Meeting of the Executive Committee (1991), which recommends that the Director use evaluation schemes to review progress made toward achievement of the quadrennial targets; and

Recognizing the need to monitor the execution and outcomes of actions taken by the Organization in terms of benefit for the population in the countries of the Region,

RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm the importance of the Strategic Orientations and Program Priorities as mechanisms for guiding the work of the Organization, and to encourage the Member States and the Secretariat to draw upon the lessons learned from this exercise and apply them to the SOPPs process in the future.

2. To request the Member States to provide the Bureau with the information that will enable it to monitor achievement of the quadrennial targets, and to take the necessary measures, as appropriate, to ensure that these goals are fulfilled.

3. To ask the Director to coordinate with the countries on the establishment of mechanisms that will make it possible to monitor achievement of the quadrennial targets as part of the development of information systems.

*(Adopted at the fifth plenary session,
29 June 1994)*

CE113.R3 Provisional Draft of the Program Budget Proposal of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for the Biennium 1996-1997

THE 113th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered Document CE113/10, which contains a tentative request for US\$ 79,794,000 without cost increases from the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for the biennium 1996-1997; and

Noting that the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming has reviewed the program budget in general terms,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming for its review.
2. To recommend to the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference, XLVI Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, that it approve the 1996-1997 proposal of \$79,794,000 without cost increases by adopting a resolution along the following lines:

THE XXIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered Document CSP24/___ and the tentative request to the World Health Organization for US\$ 79,794,000 without cost increases for the Region of the Americas for the biennium 1996-1997; and

Noting the recommendation of the 113th Meeting of the Executive Committee,

RESOLVES:

To request the Director to transmit to the Director-General of WHO the request for \$79,794,000 without cost increases for the Region of the Americas for the biennium 1996-1997, for consideration by the WHO Executive Board and the World Health Assembly in 1995.

*(Adopted at the fifth plenary session,
29 June 1994)*

CE113.R4 Strategic Orientations and Program Priorities for the Pan American Health Organization in the Quadrennium 1995-1998

THE 113th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having seen Document CE113/9, Part B, which proposes strategic orientations and program priorities for the Pan American Health Organization in the quadrennium 1995-1998,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to revise the document entitled "Strategic Orientations and Program Priorities for the Pan American Health Organization, 1995-1998" taking

into account the comments made by the Executive Committee, prior to presentation to the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference.

2. To recommend to the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference the adoption of a resolution along the following lines:

THE XXIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having seen Document CSP24/__, "Strategic Orientations and Program Priorities for the Pan American Health Organization, 1995-1998";

Bearing in mind that it is the constitutional function of the Pan American Sanitary Conference to determine the general policies of the Organization; and

Recognizing that the Member States and the Secretariat need to channel their efforts and resources into undertakings that will improve access to health services and help to ensure that the health needs of the population in the Region are effectively met,

RESOLVES:

1. To adopt the document "Strategic Orientations and Program Priorities for the Pan American Health Organization, 1995-1998" as a basic frame of reference for the strategic planning of the Organization.

2. To request the Member States to bear in mind the strategic orientations and program priorities for the Organization during 1995-1998 as they formulate their national health policies.

3. To request the Director:

- (a) To apply the strategic orientations and program priorities contained in the aforementioned document to the biennial and annual operating program budgets of the Organization throughout the 1995-1998 quadrennium;
- (b) To disseminate the document "Strategic Orientations and Program Priorities for the Pan American Health Organization, 1995-1998" to the Member States and transmit it to the Director-General of WHO for his consideration;
- (c) To transmit the document to multilateral organizations and donor country technical cooperation agencies that participate in health sector activities in the Member States.

4. To request the Director, in developing the next quadrennial strategic orientations and program priorities:

- (a) To link the strategic orientations and program priorities to the basic indicators of *Health Conditions in the Americas*;
- (b) To take into account the capacities and responsibilities of the Pan American Health Organization in defining its program of technical cooperation;
- (c) To assure that the priority areas of the strategic orientations and program priorities are reflected in the Organization's program budgets and in the definition of the categories used for programming the Organization's work during the quadrennium.

*(Adopted at the sixth plenary session,
29 June 1994)*

CE113.R5 Expanded Program on Immunization

THE 113th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the progress report presented by the Director on the Expanded Program on Immunization (Document CE113/11 and Add. I)

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference the adoption of a resolution along the following lines:

THE XXIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered the progress report presented by the Director (Document CSP24/__) on implementation of the Expanded Program on Immunization and the Plan of Action for the Eradication of Wild Poliovirus from the Americas;

Noting with great pride that transmission of wild poliovirus appears to have been interrupted in the Region of the Americas, inasmuch as no cases have been reported in the past three years, since the detection of a case in Junín, Peru, on 23 August 1991;

Further noting that national and multinational initiatives to eliminate measles are having a major impact in the incidence of this disease, that at the end of 1993 the Region of the Americas reported the lowest number of cases in its history, and that transmission may have been interrupted in several countries or areas (e.g., Chile, Cuba, and the English-speaking Caribbean countries);

Considering that efforts to eliminate neonatal tetanus have been very successful and that the Region has reached the goal set by the World Summit for Children of less than one case per 1,000 live births at the regional level;

Realizing that immunization coverage levels have continued to increase in most of the countries, reaching a regional level of 80% in the last two years for all the vaccines being administered (DPT, polio, measles, BCG, and TT);

Considering that strategies are being developed for controlling hepatitis B and rubella, and that the possibility of introducing new vaccines—for example, a vaccine against *Hemophilus influenzae b*—in national immunization programs is now being considered by several of the Member States;

Noting that these developments have contributed enormously to the overall strengthening of the health infrastructure in all countries; and

Recognizing that it will be a major challenge in the future to maintain and further increase immunization coverage in order to reach the goal of 95% by the year 2000, and that the introduction of new vaccines will have to be preceded by major shifts in health policies toward more preventive activities,

RESOLVES:

1. To congratulate all the Member States, their health authorities, their health workers, and the communities themselves on their continuing commitment and efforts toward attainment of the historical accomplishment represented by the eradication of poliomyelitis from the Western Hemisphere, as well as other major advances in their immunization programs.

2. To thank the agencies involved in this effort, particularly the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Rotary International, and the Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA), as well as many other national organizations, for their support, without which it would have been impossible to achieve these goals, and to request that they maintain and increase their contributions to the

program in order to ensure that efforts to meet the new challenges are similarly successful.

3. To thank the Governments of Argentina, Brazil, France, and Sweden for their support of national efforts to control and eliminate measles.

4. To call on all the Member States to continue to give high priority to this program in order to ensure that the human and financial resources needed for implementing the actions outlined in the progress report, in particular funds for the purchase of vaccines, are made available in their national budgets and are allocated especially to those areas or populations at greatest risk for the target diseases, and in this respect, it is of the utmost importance that:

- (a) National commissions for the certification of poliomyelitis eradication continue to monitor the poliomyelitis surveillance indicators in their own countries until the world is certified polio-free;
- (b) The acute flaccid paralysis surveillance system now in place be expanded to cover illnesses with fever and rash, including laboratory support, as part of the efforts to increase the possibility of the elimination of measles;
- (c) Vaccination of women of child-bearing age in areas identified to be at risk for the disease be accelerated in order to ensure that every child is born to an immune mother and will not be at risk of contracting neonatal tetanus;
- (d) Careful consideration be given to both the epidemiological and financial implications before any other vaccines—for example, yellow fever, hepatitis B, rubella, mumps, *Hemophilus influenzae b*, or meningococcal meningitis—are used in, or added to, national immunization programs.

5. To request the Director:

- (a) To continue monitoring the maintenance of poliomyelitis eradication from the Americas until the world is certified polio-free;
- (b) To search for additional resources to increase the funds assigned to the Measles Elimination Fund established by the XXXVII Meeting of the Directing Council in 1993, in order to ensure that the national initiatives under way in several of the countries will have the support needed in order to consolidate present gains toward the elimination of this disease;

- (c) To stimulate increased participation by the collaborating agencies through the work of national interagency coordinating committees and the monitoring of national plans of action.

*(Adopted at the sixth plenary session,
29 June 1994)*

CE113.R6 Proposal for Convening a Pan American Conference on Health and the Environment in Sustainable Development

THE 113th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having seen the proposal for convening a Pan American Conference on Health and the Environment in Sustainable Development, to be held in 1995 (Document CE113/12), which examines the desirability and feasibility of holding such a conference and presents a corresponding agenda and development plan,

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference the adoption of a resolution along the following lines:

THE XXIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having seen the proposal for convening a Pan American Conference on Health and the Environment in Sustainable Development, to be held in 1995 (Document CSP24/___);

Noting the follow-up actions recommended in Agenda 21 of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), held in 1992, which considers health as it relates to the environment and development, as well as the recommendation that the countries prepare national plans for sustainable development and that such plans incorporate the components of health in general and environmental health in particular;

Bearing in mind Resolution CD36.R13 of the XXXVI Meeting of the Directing Council (1992), which requested the Director to study the feasibility of convening such a conference; and

Considering that it is urgent that the health sector have a consistent policy at the regional level which recognizes the close relationship that exists between health, the environment, and development and which facilitates the sector's active participation from

the outset in the preparation of national plans for sustainable development and in the discussion, follow-up, and execution of UNCED's Agenda 21 at the national and international level,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Member States:
 - (a) To incorporate the components of health and environment in their national plans for sustainable development;
 - (b) To continue to strengthen institutional capacity for the management of environmental health at all levels, including the strengthening or establishment of a high-level commission for coordinating activities for the effective implementation of actions in the areas of health and the environment;
 - (c) To participate actively in the various preparatory stages of the Pan American Conference on Health and the Environment in Sustainable Development, to be held in 1995, especially in the national phase.
2. To request the Director:
 - (a) To ensure that the Pan American Conference on Health and the Environment in Sustainable Development will be held on 21-23 August 1995, pursuant to securing the necessary funding and acceptance by the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming of the development plan that has been proposed;
 - (b) To carry forward his negotiations with the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank to ensure their full cooperation in holding the conference, and also to encourage other regional, bilateral, and nongovernmental organizations concerned with the subject to participate in the conference and incorporate health and environmental considerations in their development programs;
 - (c) To continue his efforts on behalf of the countries, as requested in Resolution CD36.R13 of the XXXVI Meeting of the Directing Council, to see that their needs are met in the area of health and the environment, especially in terms of the mobilization of resources.

*(Adopted at the sixth plenary session,
29 June 1994)*

CE113.R7 International Basic Safety Standards for Protection Against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources

THE 113th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having seen Document CE113/13, "International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources,"

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference that it adopt a resolution along the following lines:

THE XXIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having seen Document CSP24/___, "International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources";

Aware of the increasing use of ionizing radiation in medical applications and its potentially deleterious effects on health;

Emphasizing the importance of international harmonization in the field of radiation safety;

Acknowledging the coordinating role of the Inter-Agency Committee on Radiation Safety (IACRS)—which comprises the Commission of the European Communities, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the International Labor Organization (ILO), the Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, and the World Health Organization (WHO), as well as the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)—in preparing the aforementioned International Basic Safety Standards in light, inter alia, of the 1991 recommendations of the International Commission on Radiological Protection; and

Recognizing that, within the framework of IACRS, a joint secretariat of FAO, IAEA, ILO, NEA, WHO and PAHO was established to prepare the International Basic Safety Standards,

RESOLVES:

1. To endorse the International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources.
2. To urge the Member States to draw on the guidance provided by the International Basic Safety Standards when establishing regulations and operational criteria in the field of radiation safety.
3. To ask the Director, in accordance with the availability of resources from the Organization, to continue to cooperate with the Member States in the development and implementation of national plans on radiation safety.

*(Adopted at the sixth plenary session,
29 June 1994)*

CE113.R8 Health and Peace for Development and Democracy in Central America

THE 113th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having seen the report contained in Document CE113/14, "Health and Peace for Development and Democracy in Central America,"

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference the adoption of a resolution along the following lines:

THE XXIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having seen Document CSP24/__, "Health and Peace for Development and Democracy in Central America"; and

Considering the progress that has been achieved in terms of the quest for harmony and peace in Central America, in which efforts in the field of health have played an important role,

RESOLVES:

1. To support the efforts under way to accelerate development and consolidate democracy in the Central American countries through actions in the field of public health.

2. To urge the Member States of Central America to formulate and implement a common health agenda in order to take maximum advantage of opportunities for improving the living conditions of the population within the framework of Central American social integration and greater equity and efficiency in the delivery of health services.

3. To request the Director, within the limits of available resources, to continue to support the Central American countries in the social integration process, the formulation and implementation of a subregional health agenda, and the corresponding mobilization of resources.

*(Adopted at the sixth plenary session,
29 June 1994)*

CE113.R9 Regional Plan of Action for Health Promotion in the Americas

THE 113th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having seen Document CE113/15, "Regional Plan of Action for Health Promotion in the Americas," presented by the Director in fulfillment of Resolution CD36.R14 of the XXXVII Meeting of the Directing Council;

Noting that the aforementioned document endorses a broad concept of health, reaffirms the role that health plays in the well-being and development of society, emphasizes the formulation of public policies conducive to the creation of healthful options for the population, and proposes a set of concrete actions to this end; and

Recognizing that health promotion has not yet reached the optimum stage of development in most of the countries of the Region, and that the Regional Plan of Action which has been proposed may serve as an incentive for the development of health promotion and at the same time provide fertile ground for technical cooperation,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the Regional Plan of Action presented in the document.
2. To urge the Member States:
 - (a) To give due priority to health promotion and make specific provision for it in their development policies and plans;

- (b) To prepare and implement national plans for health promotion which are tailored to the situation in each country and are consonant with the principles set forth in the Regional Plan of Action;
- (c) To facilitate integration of these programs in the various related social sectors, especially education, housing, labor, justice, urban development, sports, and family protection and welfare;
- (d) To allocate sufficient human and material resources for implementation of the Plan;
- (e) To promote the programming and execution of actions at the local level with the political support of municipal administrations and the participation of community members and the local health systems;
- (f) To give special recognition to the adverse effects of the use of tobacco, drugs, and alcohol on the health of individuals and to their impact on health system expenditures.

3. To request the Director, within the limits of available resources, including extrabudgetary funds:

- (a) To encourage coordination of the various programs within the Organization with a view to achieving the adoption of health promotion as a common strategy for all technical cooperation;
- (b) To promote, at the country level, the exchange and dissemination of knowledge and successful experiences and initiatives in the area of health promotion while at the same time promoting research and encouraging incorporation of the subject in the health sciences curricula.

*(Adopted at the seventh plenary session,
30 June 1994)*

CE113.R10 Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in the Americas

THE 113th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having reviewed the report on acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) in the Americas (Document CE113/16 and Add. I) and Annexes II-A and II-B,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to consult with the Regional Directors of relevant United Nations agencies, with the executive heads of agencies of the inter-American system, and with other interested bilateral agencies on the establishment of an appropriate coordinating mechanism to ensure the proper implementation and coordination of the new joint and cosponsored United Nations Program on AIDS in the Americas.

2. To recommend to the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference the adoption of a resolution along the following lines:

THE XXIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having reviewed the report on acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) in the Americas (Document CSP24/___);

Recalling Resolution WHA46.37 of May 1993 and its subsequent follow-up in May 1994, in which the World Health Assembly proposed and endorsed, respectively, the establishment of a joint, cosponsored United Nations Program on AIDS;

Considering that HIV transmission and the AIDS pandemic continue to grow globally and in the countries of the Region of the Americas, and that this situation requires a more intensive, long-term, effective, and sustainable intersectoral response;

Reaffirming that dealing with the intersectoral implications of AIDS is primarily a national responsibility in which all sectors must play their respective roles with the appropriate leadership of the health sector; and

Recognizing the continued need for joint, coordinated efforts involving all relevant sectors of society, as well as multilateral and bilateral technical and financial cooperation agencies, in the prevention of HIV, AIDS, and other sexually transmitted diseases at the national, Regional, and global levels,

RESOLVES:

1. To endorse the implementation of the new joint, cosponsored United Nations Program on AIDS in the Region of the Americas, taking advantage of the existing regional structures of the participating agencies.

2. To urge the Member States to support, establish, or reinforce mechanisms to ensure effective national coordination of all national, multilateral, and bilateral efforts

to fight HIV infection, AIDS, and sexually transmitted diseases in the countries of the Americas.

3. To request the Director:
 - (a) To continue to support efforts to prevent and control HIV infection, AIDS, and sexually transmitted diseases in the Region of the Americas;
 - (b) To continue to consult with the other agencies participating in the new joint cosponsored United Nations Program on AIDS and to develop with them a mutually acceptable means of implementing that program in the Americas Region, including the establishment of a coordinating mechanism that will assure the participation of other inter-American institutions and partners in the Region.

*(Adopted at the seventh plenary session,
30 June 1994)*

CE113.R11 PAHO Award for Administration, 1994

THE 113th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the report of the Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration, 1994 (Document CE113/8, Add. I); and

Bearing in mind the provisions of the Procedure and Guidelines for conferring the PAHO Award for Administration as approved by the XVIII Pan American Sanitary Conference (1970) and amended by the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference (1978) and by the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council (1980),

RESOLVES:

1. To note the decision of the Award Committee to confer the PAHO Award for Administration, 1994, on Dr. Zilda Arns Neumann, Director of the Division of Maternal and Child Health in the Ministry of Health of Brazil, for her outstanding work in the administration of programs in a variety of public fields, particularly maternal and child health—both in nongovernmental and governmental organizations and at state and national levels.

2. To transmit the report of the Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration, 1994 (Document CE113/8, Add. I) to the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference.

*(Adopted at the seventh plenary session,
30 June 1994)*

CE113R.12 PAHO Building Fund and Maintenance and Repair of PAHO-owned Buildings

THE 113th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having reviewed Document CE113/23 which reports on actions taken by the Secretariat in relation to the approved projects financed by the PAHO Building Fund and describes additional project requirements,

RESOLVES:

To approve the proposal to remodel the electrical system in the Peru building at an estimated cost of US\$ 42,000.

*(Adopted at the seventh plenary session,
30 June 1994)*

CE113.R13 Regional System for Vaccines in Latin America and the Caribbean

THE 113th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having seen and examined the report of the Director containing the Regional Plan of Action for organization of the Regional System for Vaccines (SIREVA) (Document CE113/17),

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference the adoption of a resolution along the following lines:

THE XXIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having seen Document CSP24/____ on the Regional System for Vaccines (SIREVA);

Considering that vaccines are fundamental instruments for the implementation of programs to control and eradicate diseases preventable by immunization;

Bearing in mind that research for the technological development of new vaccines is the responsibility of the scientific community and national institutions;

Convinced that the development of new vaccines can stimulate biotechnology as part of the technologic development process; and

Considering that only through technical cooperation among countries, based on joint efforts that bring together the technical and scientific experience, capacity, and potential of their institutions through a collaborative program for development within the Regional System for Vaccines, will it be feasible to produce the needed new vaccines and to make those that are already available more safe and efficacious,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Member States:
 - (a) To define and give priority to a policy for the development of a regional system covering the development, production, quality control, and evaluation of vaccines of importance for public health;
 - (b) To revise and adjust the targets, strategies, and principal actions relating to epidemiological research on diseases preventable by vaccination; development, production, and quality control; and evaluation of new and improved vaccines;
 - (c) To promote policies and legislation that will commit national resources, mobilize investments, and foster technical, scientific, and financial cooperation among the countries of the Region in order to finance the work programmed for SIREVA.
2. To authorize the Director to enter into negotiations and agreements with public and private institutions in order to promote the development, production, and marketing of vaccines in the Region in response to expressions of interest by the Member Governments.

3. To request the Director:

- (a) To support, within the limits of available resources, the basic activities of coordination and technical and scientific cooperation among the countries in the area of research and in the development, production, and evaluation of vaccines of high priority for the control of diseases preventable by immunization;
- (b) To assist in implementing research pursuant to the guidelines contained in the master plans formulated and approved by the PAHO/WHO Expert Committee on SIREVA, or for the development of specific immunizing agents;
- (c) To promote a system for encouraging participation in research on vaccine development by as many official and private institutions as possible in the countries of the Region;
- (d) To provide affiliated laboratories with access to scientific and technical knowledge developed within the Regional System for Vaccines relating to the production of vaccines, as long as the laboratories have facilities and a production infrastructure that meet international requirements, and as long as they assume responsibility for the quality and proper use of the vaccines, pursuant to the guidelines of the PAHO/WHO Expert Committee on SIREVA;
- (e) To discuss and come to an agreement on the transfer of technology among the participating parties, for which purpose PAHO/WHO will convene representatives of the Member States and the Expert Committee on SIREVA.

*(Adopted at the eighth plenary session,
30 June 1994)*

CE113.R14 Joint PAHO/Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) Report on Health, Social Equity, and Changing Production Patterns in Latin America and the Caribbean

THE 113th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having seen the joint PAHO/ECLAC report presented in Document CE113/18, "Health, Social Equity, and Changing Production Patterns in Latin America and the Caribbean,"

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to introduce further refinements in Document CE113/18 taking into consideration the discussion by the Committee.
2. To recommend to the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference that it adopt a resolution along the following lines:

THE XXIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having seen the PAHO/ECLAC report presented in Document CSP24/____, "Health, Social Equity, and Changing Production Patterns in Latin America and the Caribbean";

Recognizing the mutually reinforcing relationship between health, health care, and the socioeconomic and political development of the American countries; and

Taking into consideration the resolution adopted on this subject by the XXV Session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean at Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, on 27 April 1994, which recommended to PAHO and ECLAC that this report be submitted to a Special Meeting of Ministers of Economy and Health to be held during the forthcoming XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Member States:
 - (a) To disseminate this report and promote debate thereon among representatives of government agencies, parliaments, universities, and civil society in general with a view to strengthening national commitment to the attainment of equity in health and development;
 - (b) To incorporate the basic elements of the PAHO/ECLAC proposal in agendas and policies on national development, so that health will be incorporated as both a focus and a condition for development with equity.
2. To encourage ongoing collaboration by the PAHO and ECLAC secretariats in the dissemination, refinement, and implementation of this proposal, particularly insofar as it refers to the monitoring, evaluation, and formulation of policy, and that efforts be made to extend this collaboration to other bilateral and multilateral organizations.

3. To ask the Director, within the limits of available resources, to support the implementation of this proposal by the Member States.

*(Adopted at the eighth plenary session,
30 June 1994)*

CE113.R15 Study of the Market for Services of the Pan American Institute for Food Protection and Zoonoses

THE 113th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having seen Document CE113/19, which presents the results from a survey of the market for the services of the Pan American Institute for Food Protection and Zoonoses (INPPAZ);

Bearing in mind Document CD37/15, "Financial Study of INPPAZ"; and

Having been informed of the discussions in the most recent meetings held by the International Coordination Council and the Technical and Scientific Committee, the advisory bodies of the Institute,

RESOLVES:

1. To adopt Document CE113/19, "Study of the Market for Services of the Pan American Institute for Food Protection and Zoonoses," together with the recommendations of the Technical and Scientific Committee and the International Coordination Council of INPPAZ, as well as Document CD37/15, "Financial Study of INPPAZ," as orientation for determining the focus of technical cooperation activities of the Institute.

2. To request the Director of PAHO to continue to refine the performance of INPPAZ so that it will be increasingly aligned with the basic needs of the countries, bearing in mind the Institute's existing capacity to respond.

*(Adopted at the eighth plenary session,
30 June 1994)*

CE113.R16 Monitoring and Evaluation of the Strategies of Health for All by the Year 2000

THE 113th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having seen the progress report presented by the Secretariat on the third monitoring of progress in the implementation of the Strategies of Health for All by the Year 2000 (Document CE113/20); and

Bearing in mind the commitments assumed by the Member States of WHO at its Forty-Fifth World Health Assembly (Resolution WHA45.4, 1992) with regard to the presentation of national reports, according to which a regional report is to be drafted for consideration by the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference, to be held in September 1994, and, subsequently, by the Executive Board and the World Health Assembly,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Member States:
 - (a) To renew their commitment to the Strategies of Health for All by the Year 2000 and to primary health care as a framework within which to address the epidemiological, socioeconomic, and financial situation in the area of health through the end of the twentieth century;
 - (b) To intensify their efforts to ensure that the national reports not yet received by the Secretariat will be submitted as soon as possible.
2. To request the Director:
 - (a) To support the review of the common framework and format currently in use, as well as the procedures for the monitoring and evaluation exercises, in order to maximize the value of the responses prepared by the countries;
 - (b) To continue to work on the preparation of the regional report corresponding to the third monitoring exercise, and to ensure that this report will be presented for consideration by the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference, XLVI Meeting of the WHO Regional Committee for the Americas.

*(Adopted at the eighth plenary session,
30 June 1994)*

CE113.R17 Modifications to the Procedures and Guidelines for Conferring the PAHO Award for Administration

THE 113th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having reviewed Document CE113/8 containing, among other things, a proposal to modify to the existing procedures and guidelines for conferring the PAHO Award for Administration,

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference the adoption of a resolution along the following lines:

THE XXIV PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having reviewed Document CSP24/____, containing, among other things, a proposal for modification to the existing procedures and guidelines for conferring the PAHO Award for Administration;

Noting that the last revision of the procedures and guidelines took place in 1980, and that recent experience suggests that they should be updated; and

Considering that the Director has proposed and that the 113th Meeting of the Executive Committee has analyzed revisions to the current procedures and guidelines for conferring the Award,

RESOLVES:

1. To adopt the modifications to the procedures and guidelines for conferring the PAHO Award for Administration contained in Document CSP24/____.
2. To request the Director to communicate the revised procedures and guidelines to the Member States.

*(Adopted at the eighth plenary session,
30 June 1994)*

CE113.R18 Review of Inter-American Nongovernmental Organizations in Official Relations with PAHO

THE 113th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having studied the report presented by the Standing Subcommittee of the Executive Committee charged with reviewing the list of nongovernmental organizations in official relations with PAHO; and

Mindful of the provisions of paragraph 1.9 of Resolution CSP20.R20 of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend the updating of the current criteria regarding the establishment and maintenance of official relations between PAHO and inter-American NGOs and to that end, to request the Director to prepare a proposal to be submitted for the consideration of the Executive Committee at its meeting in June 1995, and subsequently transmitted to the XXXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council for approval.

2. To continue relations with the Latin American Federation of Hospitals, the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools, the Latin American Union against Sexually Transmitted Diseases, the Inter-American College of Radiology, the Latin American Confederation of Clinical Biochemistry, and the Pan American Federation of Nursing Professionals until the new criteria are approved.

3. To request the three NGOs in official relations with PAHO that did not submit their information on time to do so within 90 days, to enable the Standing Subcommittee on Inter-American Nongovernmental Organizations in Official Relations with PAHO to recommend whether to continue or suspend relations.

4. To request the Director:

- (a) To continue developing dynamic working relations with inter-American NGOs of interest to the Organization in areas which fall within the program priorities that the Governing Bodies have adopted for PAHO;
- (b) To assess the relevance of the relationship with inter-American NGOs working officially with PAHO, encouraging more participation and collaboration;
- (c) To continue fostering relationships between the Member Governments and NGOs in health;

- (d) To encourage NGOs to provide their technical cooperation within the framework of national health policies and with the awareness of the pertinent country authorities.

*(Adopted at the eighth plenary session,
30 June 1994)*

CE113.R19 Amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

THE 113th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau submitted by the Director in the Annex to Document CE113/26; and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Staff Rule 020,

RESOLVES:

1. Confirm the following amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau submitted by the Director in the Annex to Document CE113/26:

- (a) With effect from 1 March 1993, concerning the abolition of the meritorious within-grade increase scheme for newly appointed staff and the introduction of a long-service step for staff in the general service category who joined the Organization on or after 1 March 1993;
- (b) With effect from 1 January 1994, concerning an editorial change in the definition of pensionable remuneration, the introduction of a language incentive scheme for staff in the professional and higher categories, and the procedures applicable to secondment from government service;
- (c) With effect from 1 February 1994, in respect of transitional arrangements for the phasing out of meritorious within-grade increases for serving staff;
- (d) With effect from 1 March 1994, concerning the salary applicable to staff in the professional category and directors' posts and the rates of staff assessment for staff in the professional and higher categories.

2. To amend paragraph 440.4 proposed for addition to the PASB Staff Rules (Document CE113/26, Annex), to read as follows:

- "440.4 For staff seconded from government service the offer of appointment, notice of acceptance and supporting documentation of the terms and conditions of secondment, as agreed by the Bureau, the government and the staff member concerned, shall constitute evidence of the existence and validity of secondment from government service to the Bureau for the period stated in the offer of appointment. Any extension of appointment that continues the secondment status shall be subject to agreement by all parties concerned."

*(Adopted at the eighth plenary session,
30 June 1994)*

CE113.R20 Salaries for Ungraded Posts

THE 113th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Considering the revision made to the base/floor salary scale for the professional and higher categories, effective 1 March 1994;

Taking into account the recommendation of the Ninety-third Session of the WHO Executive Board to the Forty-seventh World Health Assembly relating to the remuneration of the Regional Directors, the Deputy Director-General, and the Director-General; and

Bearing in mind Staff Regulation 3.1 of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and Resolution CD20.R20 of the XX Meeting of the Directing Council,

RESOLVES:

1. Effective 1 March 1994, to:
 - (a) Establish the annual net salary of the Deputy Director at US\$ 82,586 at dependency rate and \$74,721 at single rate;
 - (b) Establish the annual net salary of the Assistant Director at \$81,586 at dependency rate and \$73,721 at single rate.
2. To recommend to the XXIV Pan American Sanitary Conference that it establish the annual net salary of the Director at \$90,043 at dependency rate and \$80,922 at single rate, effective 1 March 1994.

*(Adopted at the eighth plenary session,
30 June 1994)*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Secretary *ex officio*, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, sign the present Final Report in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE in Washington, D.C., United States of America, this thirtieth day of June nineteen hundred and ninety-four. The Secretary shall deposit the original texts in the archives of the Pan American Health Organization and shall send copies thereof to the Member Governments of the Organization.

Argentino Luis Pico
Chairman of the 113th Meeting
of the Executive Committee
Representative of Argentina

Carlyle Guerra de Macedo
Secretary *ex officio* of the
113th Meeting of the Executive Committee
Director of the
Pan American Sanitary Bureau