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FINAL REPORT

The 117th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization was held at the Headquarters building in Washington, D.C., on 30 September 1995, as convened by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB).

Participants

The accredited delegations of the members of the Executive Committee, observers, and PASB officers present at the Meeting were as follows:

Members of the Executive Committee

Bahamas	Ms. Theresa Moxey-Ingraham Dr. Vernell T. Allen Ms. Hannah Gray
Bolivia	Dr. Joaquín Monasterio Pinckert Mr. Erwin Ortiz
Canada	Dr. Guy Nantel
Chile	Mr. Carlos Massad Mr. Francisco Bayo Dr. Manuel Inostroza Mr. Mariano Ruiz-Esquide Dr. Rosa Tapia Mr. Isidoro Tohá
Costa Rica	Dr. Herman Weinstok
El Salvador	Dr. Ana María Alfaro de Gamero
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Mr. Ian Hodge

Participants (cont.)

Members of the Executive Committee (cont.)

United States
of America

Ms. Linda A. Vogel
Mr. Neil A. Boyer
Ms. Mary Lou Valdez

Uruguay

Dr. Angel Grillo
Dr. Alejandro Gherardi

Observers

Member Governments of PAHO

Argentina

Dr. Argentino Luis Pico

Belize

Hon. Ruben Campos

Brazil

Mr. Ernesto Rubarth

Secretariat

Secretary ex officio of the Executive Committee

Sir George Alleyne
Director, PASB

Advisers to the Director of PASB

Dr. David Brandling-Bennett
Deputy Director

Dr. Mirta Roses
Assistant Director

Mr. Thomas Tracy
Chief of Administration

Secretariat (cont.)

Advisers to the Director of PASB (cont.)

Dr. Stephen J. Corber
Director, Division of Disease Prevention and Control

Mr. Horst Otterstetter
Director, Division of Health and Environment

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

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

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

Dr. Ciro de Quadros
Director, Special Program on Vaccines and Immunization

Dr. Irene Klinger
Chief, Office of External Relations

Dr. Juan Manuel Sotelo
Chief, Office of Analysis and Strategic Planning

Chief, Department of Conference and General Services

Mr. César A. Portocarrero

Chief, Conference and Secretariat Services

Ms. Janice A. Barahona

Opening of the Meeting

The outgoing Chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. Argentino Luis Pico (Argentina), declared the 117th Meeting open and welcomed the Representatives of the Bahamas, Chile, and Costa Rica, elected to the Committee on the expiration of the terms of office of Argentina, Belize, and Mexico.

Officers

The following representatives were elected as Officers:

<i>Chairman:</i>	Bolivia	Dr. Joaquín Monasterio Pinckert
<i>Vice Chairman:</i>	Costa Rica	Dr. Herman Weinstok
<i>Rapporteur:</i>	Canada	Dr. Guy Nantel

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Sir George Alleyne, acted as Secretary *ex officio* of the Executive Committee.

Agenda

The provisional agenda was adopted (Document CE117/1).

Decisions

CE117(D1) Composition of the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming

El Salvador and Uruguay were elected to serve on the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming on the expiration of the terms of office of Belize and Mexico on the Executive Committee.

CE117(D2) Composition of the Standing Subcommittee on Nongovernmental Organizations

Chile and Saint Kitts and Nevis were elected to serve on the Standing Subcommittee on Nongovernmental Organizations on the expiration of the terms of office of Argentina and Belize on the Executive Committee.

CE117(D3) Dates and Agendas of the 25th and 26th Meetings of the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming

The Subcommittee on Planning and Programming will hold its 25th Meeting at the Headquarters of PAHO from 30 November to 1 December 1995, and its 26th Meeting, from 25 to 27 March 1996.

The items that will be addressed in the two meetings are the following: evaluation of the Latin American and Caribbean Center on Health Sciences Information (BIREME); evaluation of the technical cooperation program with Bolivia; veterinary public health, especially the role of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center (PANAFTOSA) and relations between the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) and PAHO; information management in PAHO; the regional food and nutrition program; renewal of the strategy of health for all; evaluation of the Strategic and Programmatic Orientations of PAHO, 1995-1998; violence and health; report on the progress made by the Regional Plan for Investment in the Environment and Health (PIAS); research on health systems and services; and monitoring of activities in health sector reform.

CE117(D4) Dates of the 16th Meeting of the Special Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development

The Special Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development will hold its 16th Meeting at Headquarters from 27 to 29 March 1996.

CE117(D5) Dates of the 118th Meeting of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee will hold its 118th Meeting at Headquarters from 24 to 28 June 1996.

CE117(D6) Elimination of the Summary Records of the Meetings of the Executive Committee

In order to reduce expenditures, it was agreed to dispense with the preparation of summary records of the meetings of the Executive Committee. In place of the summary records, a more extensive final report will be prepared.

Administrative Matters

The Secretariat informed the Executive Committee that it had reached an agreement concerning payment of the actuarial costs owed by PAHO to the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund with regard to the former staff members of the Pan

American Zoonoses Center (CEPANZO). As result of this agreement, the Organization will pay \$2,806,000 instead of \$4,750,000 as initially calculated.

Other Topics Addressed

Analysis of the Process and Content of the XXXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XLVII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas

The members of the Committee expressed general satisfaction with the meeting of the Directing Council. However, some improvements were suggested for future meetings. It was proposed that the order of items in the agenda follow the sequence in which the meeting will take up the items to better enable participants to prepare for the discussions. Concerning the budget, it was suggested that, in the future, the document include not only the projections but the expenditures in order to provide better orientation for the discussions and decisions in this regard. With respect to the Special Meeting on Health Sector Reform, the key role of PAHO in monitoring and coordinating the process was emphasized; the unfortunate absence on this occasion of the ministers of the treasury, finance, and economy of the countries was mentioned, although the possibility of securing their participation in a follow-up meeting on this topic was suggested. It was also pointed out that, in the future, it would be better if this type of meeting were held outside the agenda of the Directing Council meeting. It was also proposed that the PAHO/WHO Representative Offices in the countries provide timely information to the ministries of health and provide support to them in the areas to be addressed in the meetings of the Governing Bodies; this will enable delegations to be better informed and participate more fruitfully in the discussions.

Resolutions Adopted by the XXXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XLVII Meeting of the WHO Regional Committee for the Americas, of Interest to the Executive Committee

Fourteen resolutions were adopted by the Directing Council. The most important, because of their relation to the program budget, were CD38.R3 and CD38.R4, on the appropriations for PAHO and the assessments of the Member Governments corresponding to 1996-1997, respectively. The Council adopted six resolutions on topics that had not been dealt with previously by the Executive Committee in its 115th and 116th Meetings, and six resolutions proposed by the Committee in its 116th Meeting.

Resolutions

One resolution was adopted by the Committee:

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THE 117th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Considering that the Director has proposed the dates 23 to 28 September 1996 for the XXXIX Meeting of the PAHO Directing Council, XLVIII Meeting of the WHO Regional Committee for the Americas; and

Bearing in mind Articles 12.A and 14.A of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council,

RESOLVES:

To authorize the Director to convoke the XXXIX Meeting of the PAHO Directing Council, XLVIII Meeting of the WHO Regional Committee for the Americas, to meet at the Headquarters building in Washington, D.C., from 23 to 28 September 1996.

*(Adopted at the single plenary session,
30 September 1995)*

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, on this thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred and ninety-five. The Secretary shall deposit the original texts in the archives of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and shall send copies thereof to the Member Governments of the Organization.

Joaquín Monasterio Pinckert
Chairman of the 117th Meeting
of the Executive Committee
Representative of Bolivia

Sir George Alleyne
Secretary *ex officio* of the 117th Meeting
of the Executive Committee
Director of the
Pan American Sanitary Bureau