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FINAL REPORT

Opening of the Meeting

The single plenary session of the 119th Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Headquarters of the Pan American Health Organization on 27 September 1996. The meeting was attended by representatives of the nine members of the Executive Committee: Bahamas, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Panama, Paraguay, Saint Kitts and Nevis, and United States of America. Also present were observers for Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, and Venezuela.

Dr. George A. O. Alleyne, Director of PAHO, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants, extending a special welcome to the new members of the Committee, Colombia, Panama, and Paraguay. He also expressed the hope that former members and other Member States of the Organization would continue to attend Committee meetings as observers.

Procedural Matters

Officers

The Committee elected the following officers:

<i>Chair:</i>	Costa Rica	Dr. Hermán Weinstok
<i>Vice Chair:</i>	United States of America	Ms. Linda Vogel
<i>Rapporteur:</i>	Chile	Dr. Manuel Inostroza

Dr. George Alleyne served as Secretary ex officio, and Dr. David Brandling-Bennett, Deputy Director of PAHO, served as Technical Secretary.

Adoption of the Agenda (Document CE119/1)

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda (Decision CE119(D1)).

Election of Members to Committees and Subcommittees of the Executive Committee

Election of Three Members to the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming

Bahamas, Colombia, and Panama were elected to serve on the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming on the expiration of the terms of office of Bolivia, Canada, and Uruguay on the Executive Committee (Decision CE119(D2)).

Election of One Member to the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations

Paraguay was elected to serve on the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations on the expiration of the term of office of Bolivia on the Executive Committee (Decision CE119(D3)).

Election of Three Members to the Special Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development

Bahamas, Chile, and Costa Rica were elected to serve on the Special Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development on the expiration of the terms of office of Bolivia, Canada, and Uruguay on the Executive Committee (Decision CE119(D4)).

Meetings of the Governing Bodies

Analysis of the Process and Content of the XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council, XLVIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas

The Committee expressed general satisfaction with the meeting of the Directing Council and with the resolutions adopted. The quality of the documents and the work done by the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming and the Executive Committee prior to the Council's meeting were considered key factors in its successful outcome. Nevertheless, it was pointed out that discussion on some of the technical agenda items had been extremely long, mainly because many delegates had given detailed accounts of experiences or initiatives under way in their countries. While such exchanges of experience were certainly useful, it should be borne in mind that the primary function of the Directing Council is to provide guidance and set policies for the work of the Organization. It was also pointed out that prior review of all substantive items by the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming and the Executive Committee, coupled with inclusion in the working documents of specific information regarding the policy issues in question and the action requested from the Directing Council, should facilitate and expedite the Council's consideration of those items. It was also considered important to

limit the number of substantive items on the Council's agenda in order to allow sufficient time to thoroughly examine those items within the planned time frame for the meeting.

The Director said that the Secretariat would endeavor to specify, in documents submitted to the Council, the policy issues that required its attention. In addition, an attempt would be made to set a time limit for delegates' interventions during the meetings. In order to limit the number of items on the Council's agenda, he would propose that certain items examined by the Subcommittee and the Executive Committee not be sent forward to the Directing Council if it was considered that they had already been adequately dealt with and therefore did not require any action by the Council.

It was not considered necessary to adopt any resolution on this item.

Resolutions of the XXXIX Meeting of the Directing Council, XLVIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, of Interest to the Executive Committee

Dr. David Brandling-Bennett (Deputy Director, PAHO) briefly reviewed the 12 resolutions adopted by Directing Council. He drew the Committee's attention, in particular, to Resolution CD39.R1, which concerned the collection of quota contributions and provided that the Executive Committee would be advised of Member Governments' payment of quota contributions at the times of its meetings. He also noted that Resolution CD39.R11, on *Aedes aegypti*, called for presentation to the Directing Council, at the earliest opportunity, of an assessment of the epidemiological situation of dengue, dengue hemorrhagic fever, and yellow fever, as well a progress report on implementation of the hemispheric plan to combat and eventually eradicate *Aedes aegypti* from the Americas.

The Committee did not consider it necessary to adopt any resolution on this item.

Dates and Proposed Topics for the 27th and 28th Meetings of the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming

The Committee decided that the 27th Meeting of the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming would be held from 4 to 6 December 1996 and that the 28th Meeting would be held from 2 to 4 April 1997.

In regard to the possible topics to be examined by the Subcommittee at those two meetings, the Committee highlighted the importance of ongoing discussion of health sector reform and strengthening of the leadership of ministries of health in that process, the need to prioritize the issues to be considered by the Subcommittee, the interrelatedness of all health problems and issues, and the need to focus mainly on strategic and policy-related, not technical, aspects of the matters discussed. It was

decided that the Secretariat would draw up the agendas for the meetings, choosing from among the topics proposed by the Director and by members of the Committee at the 119th Meeting and prior meetings. Those topics included, in addition to those mentioned above, nutrition, core epidemiological data, oral health, the strategic and programmatic orientations for PAHO in the next quadrennium, indigenous health, mental health, incentives for advance quota payments, reform of the WHO Constitution, health of adolescents, the role of the health sector with regard to environmental issues and the impact of the environment on health, and noncommunicable diseases in general.

The Committee adopted Decision CE119(D5) on this item.

Terms of Reference of the Special Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development and Dates of the 17th Meeting (Document CE119/2)

Dr. Pamela Hartigan, Coordinator of the Program on Women, Health, and Development recalled that, at the Executive Committee's 118th Meeting in June 1996, the Director had proposed that the time had come to rethink the functioning of the Special Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development. Inasmuch as the Program on Women, Health, and Development had become a full-fledged regional program of technical cooperation, its activities could be reviewed in the same manner as other programs were reviewed by the Governing Bodies. It was perhaps no longer necessary to have a special subcommittee to provide oversight in this area.

The Executive Committee had accepted the validity of the Director's proposal but had agreed that the Subcommittee should be consulted and that the Director should report to the 119th Meeting of the Executive Committee. Accordingly, the Director had met with the members of the Subcommittee, and it had been decided that the Subcommittee should meet in 1997, at which time it would review its functioning, future, and the possibility of adjusting its terms of reference in light of the progress made by the regional program. It had also been agreed that the Subcommittee would report on its deliberations and present its recommendations to the Executive Committee at its 120th Meeting in June 1997.

The Committee took note of Dr. Hartigan's report and, at the request of the Director, decided to allow the Secretariat to set the dates of the Subcommittee's 17th Meeting after the members of that body had been consulted (Decision CE119(D6)).

Dates of the 120th Meeting of the Executive Committee

The Committee decided that its 120th Meeting would be held from 23 to 27 June 1997 (Decision CE119(D6)).

Dates of the XL Meeting of the Directing Council, XLIX Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas

The Committee accepted the Director's suggestion that the XL Meeting of the Directing Council be held from 22 to 26 September 1996 (Resolution CE119.R1).

Other Matters

In response to a question from one of the members, the Director informed the Committee that it was expected that a meeting of the International Coordinating Council of the Pan American Institute for Food Protection and Zoonoses (INPPAZ) would take place during 1996.

Resolutions and Decisions

In the course of the 119th Meeting, the Executive Committee adopted the following resolutions and decisions.

Resolutions

CE119.R1 Dates of the XL Meeting of the Directing Council, XLIX Meeting of the WHO Regional Committee for the Americas

THE 119th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Considering that the Director has proposed the dates 22 to 26 September 1997 for the XL Meeting of the PAHO Directing Council, XLIX 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 XL Meeting of the PAHO Directing Council, XLIX Meeting of the WHO Regional Committee for the Americas, to meet at the Headquarters building in Washington, D.C., from 22 to 26 September 1997.

(Single plenary session, 27 September 1996)

Decisions

CE119(D1) Adoption of the Agenda

Pursuant to Article 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee, the Committee adopted the agenda submitted by the Director (Document CE119/1).

(Single plenary session, 27 September 1996)

CE119(D2) Election of Three Members to the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming

Bahamas, Colombia, and Panama were elected to serve on the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming on the expiration of the terms of office of Bolivia, Canada, and Uruguay on the Executive Committee.

(Single plenary session, 27 September 1996)

CE119(D3) Election of One Member to the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations

Paraguay was elected to serve on the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations on the expiration of the term of office of Bolivia on the Executive Committee.

(Single plenary session, 27 September 1996)

CE119(D4) Election of Three Members to the Special Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development

Bahamas, Chile, and Costa Rica were elected to serve on the Special Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development on the expiration of the terms of office of Bolivia, Canada, and Uruguay on the Executive Committee.

(Single plenary session, 27 September 1996)

CE119(D5) Dates and Agendas for the 27th and 28th Meetings of the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming

The 27th Meeting of the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming will be held at PAHO Headquarters from 4 to 6 December 1996; the 28th Meeting will be held at PAHO Headquarters from 2 to 4 April 1997. The Secretariat will draw up the

agendas for these meetings, choosing from among the items proposed by the Director and those proposed by members of the Executive Committee at the 119th Meeting and prior meetings.

(Single plenary session, 27 September 1996)

CE119(D6) Dates of the 120th Meeting of the Executive Committee

The 120th Meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at PAHO Headquarters from 23 to 27 June 1997.

(Single plenary session, 27 September 1996)

CE119(D7) Dates of the 17th Meeting of the Special Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development

The Secretariat will set the dates for the 17th Meeting of the Special Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development after consulting with the members of the Subcommittee.

(Single plenary session, 27 September 1996)

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 twenty-seventh day of September, nineteen hundred and ninety-six. The Secretary shall deposit the original texts in the archives of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and shall send copies thereof to the Member States of the Organization.

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