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The Thirteenth Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Sanitary Organization was held at Washington, D. C., in the Columbus Room of the Pan American Union, from 23 to 30 April 1951, as convoked by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau. The following Members of the Committee and Observers were present:

Members of the Committee:

Dr. Gerardo Segura	ARGENTINA
Dr. Nacianceno Romero	CHILE
Dr. Rafael Espaillet de la Mota	DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
Dr. Juan Allwood Paredes	EL SALVADOR
Dr. Luis F. Galich	GUATEMALA
Dr. Jorge Estrella Ruiz	PERU
Dr. Frederick J. Brady	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Mr. James F. Anderson, Adviser	
Mr. Simon N. Wilson, Adviser	
Dr. Fred L. Soper ( <u>ex-officio</u> )	PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

Observers:

Dr. Félix Hurtado	CUBA
Mr. Gabriel Robert Rosaz	FRANCE
Dr. R. L. Beukenkamp	NETHERLANDS
Dr. Emilio N. Oribe	URUGUAY
Mr. Paul R. Kelbaugh	ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

The following officers of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau were also present: Dr. John R. Murdock, Assistant Director; Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante, Secretary General; Dr. Paulo C. A. Antunes, Chief of the Division of Public Health, and Mr. Harry A. Hinderer, Chief of the Division of Administration.

Preliminary Session

At the preliminary session held on 23 April 1951 under the temporary chairmanship of Dr. Juan Allwood Paredes, Chairman of the 12th Meeting of the Executive Committee, the Committee proceeded to elect its officers pursuant to Article 3 of the Rules of Procedure. Dr. Luis F. Galich (Guatemala) and Dr. Gerardo Segura (Argentina) were unanimously elected Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively.

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante, Secretary General of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, acted as Secretary.

The provisional agenda was approved, and at the request of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau it was agreed to include in the Agenda the topic: "Relations of the Pan American Sanitary Organization with Non-Governmental Organizations Engaged in International Public Health and Preventive Medicine Activities".

The tentative program of the Meeting was unanimously approved.

As provided for in the Rules of Procedure, a Drafting Committee was appointed, composed of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman and the Secretary. The Drafting Committee held four sessions.

#### Budget Working Party

The Representatives of El Salvador, Guatemala and the United States were appointed as a Working Party to study the proposed budget for 1952 submitted by the Director. The Budget Working Party held four sessions.

#### Report of the Director

The Committee approved the report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau covering the period from 1 August 1950 to 31 March 1951.

### Messages

The Committee agreed to send a message to the World Health Organization in Geneva, requesting the Committee of Experts on International Sanitary Regulations to take into account Resolution XVI of the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference.

The Committee also agreed to send a message to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics, stressing the advisability of appointing delegates to the IV World Health Assembly.

### Vote of Thanks

The Committee resolved to place on record its gratitude to the Secretary General of the Organization of American States for the facilities placed at the disposal of the Committee, and to extend its appreciation to the staff of the Pan American Union.

### Plenary Sessions

The Committee held ten plenary sessions, followed by the closing session. As a result of its deliberations, the 13th Meeting of the Executive Committee adopted the following resolutions:

I. PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN  
SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1952

WHEREAS:

The Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1952 necessitates contributions substantially higher than those which the Member Governments are able to assume,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to revise the Proposed Program and Budget of the Bureau for 1952 in accordance with the changes approved by the Executive Committee, and among other changes to include the following:

a) Include the amount of US\$43,000 for the Training and Fellowships Program.

b) From the sum of US\$65,922 allotted for the VI Meeting of the Directing Council, assign the necessary amount to subsidize the celebration of the First Inter-American Congress of Public Health.

c) Approve, as the budget to be prorated among Member Governments in 1952, a total amount equal to that approved for the year 1951.

2. To recommend that the new Proposed Program and Budget be transmitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to the Member Governments thirty days prior to the next meeting of the Directing Council.



II. PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN  
SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1953

WHEREAS:

The Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1953 should reflect the considerations embodied in the Resolution relative to the 1952 Budget,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES:

That Document CE13/8 be referred for study to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and that the Bureau, bearing in mind all of the considered opinions expressed during the discussion of the Proposed Budget for 1952, shall prepare a new Proposed Program and Budget for 1953 to be submitted to the next meeting of the Executive Committee for consideration.

III. PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE REGIONAL OFFICE OF  
THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR 1953

WHEREAS:

The question of the Program and Budget of the World Health Organization represents a major component of public health activities of the Western Hemisphere and because of difficulties involved in the preparation and the review of programs and budgets which make serious inroads on the time of the Directing Council,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, in his capacity as Regional Director, to submit to the consideration of the Executive Committee, at the earliest possible date, the Proposed Program and Budget of the World Health Organization for the year 1953.

2. To review in detail the Proposed Program and Budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas to the end that the Executive Committee shall make specific recommendations to the V Meeting of the Directing Council.

3. To recommend that the Directing Council adopt two resolutions:

A. Approving the Budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas, as modified by the recommendations of the Executive Committee; and

B. Constituting the Executive Committee of the Directing Council when meeting at regular session, to act also as a Working Party on behalf of the Regional Committee of the Americas, for review of all matters concerning administration and finance.

IV. MEANS FOR FACILITATING PAYMENT OF QUOTA  
CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS:

The XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference recognized that delays in the receipt of contributions hampered the development of the public health programs to be undertaken by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and accordingly instructed the Director, in consultation with the Executive Committee, to take action to reduce such delays;

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the procedure whereby monthly notification is sent to the Health Authorities of Member Nations by the Director, and to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs by the Organization of American States, as to the status of quota contributions to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
2. To request the Director to report the results of the budget questionnaire, submitted to Member Nations, at the next meeting of the Executive Committee, if sufficient replies have been received.

3. To instruct the Director to cable the Member Nations, in the name of the Executive Committee, requesting them to make payments of all arrearages or to indicate when their next payments will be made.

4a. To instruct the Director to study the possibility of having the Bureau receive American currencies other than dollars in payment of overdue quotas.

b. Furthermore, to instruct the Director to study the proposal which would provide for annual quotas to be received through the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, after the conclusion of appropriate arrangements with Member Governments.

CE13/R/V

V. PROVISIONAL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

WHEREAS:

The Director, pursuant to the instructions contained in Resolution V of the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, has submitted Provisional Financial Regulations, which have been reviewed in detail,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend that the Directing Council adopt the Provisional Financial Regulations.
2. To introduce the following amendments to the Financial Regulations contained in document CE13/12:
  - (a) To change the text of regulation 3.5 to read:  
"The Director shall transmit the proposed budget of the Executive Committee at least thirty days prior to the meeting of the Directing Council to all Member States."
  - (b) To change the text of regulation 4.3 to read:  
"Appropriations shall remain available for 24 months following the end of the financial year"

to which they relate, to the extent that they are required to discharge the outstanding legal obligations as of 31 December of that year. Any remaining balance of appropriations will revert to the Working Capital Fund."

- (c) To change regulation 4.4 to read:  
"At the end of the twenty-four month period, the remaining balance of any appropriations will revert to the Working Capital Fund. Any unliquidated obligations of the prior 24 months shall at that time be cancelled; where the obligation remains a valid charge, it shall be transferred as an obligation against current appropriations." .
- (d) To add to regulation 5.2 a new item as follows:
- c. The estimated amount of miscellaneous income shall be routinely credited to voted budget appropriations.
- (e) To change the text of regulation 5.4 to read:  
"Contributions shall be considered as due and

payable in full within 30 days of the receipt of the communication of the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States, or as of the first day of the financial year to which they relate, whichever is later. As of January 1 of the following financial year, the unpaid balance of such unpaid contributions and advances shall be considered to be one year in arrears."

- (f) To change the text of regulation 6.9 to read: "The Director with the prior and written concurrence of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee shall have the power to borrow funds."
- (g) To change the text of regulation 11.1, paragraph "b" to read:  
"The status of appropriations, including credits, if any, other than appropriations voted by the Directing Council."
- (h) To change the text of regulation 12.1 to read:  
"The Directing Council shall appoint external auditor(s) of international repute to audit the accounts of the Bureau. Auditor(s) appointed



may be removed only by the Directing Council."

- (i) To change the text of the first paragraph in regulation 12.2 to read:  
"The external auditor(s) shall perform such an audit as he/they may deem necessary to certify:"
- (j) To change the text of regulation 12.3 to read:  
"Subject to the provisions of the financial regulations, the Auditor(s) shall be the sole judge as to the acceptance in whole or in part of the certifications by the other Members of the Bureau and may proceed to such detailed examination and verifications as it chooses of all financial records, including those relating to supplies and equipment."
- (k) To change the text of regulation 12.4 to read:  
"The auditor(s) may affirm by test the reliability of the internal audit, and may make such reports with respect thereto, as he/they may deem necessary to the Directing Council."
- (l) To change the text of regulation 12.8 to read:  
"The auditor(s) shall prepare a report on the

accounts certified, in which he/they should mention the extent and character of his/their examination of any important changes therein, matters affecting the completeness or accuracy of the amounts or other matters which should be brought to the notice of the Directing Council, such as:

- (i) Cases of fraud or presumptive fraud;
- (ii) Wasteful or improper expenditure of organization money or other assets (notwithstanding that the accounting for the transactions may be correct);
- (iii) Expenditure likely to commit the organization to further outlay on a large scale;
- (iv) Any defect in the general system or detailed regulations governing the control of receipts and expenditure, or of supplies and equipment;
- (v) Expenditure not in accordance with the intention of the Directing Council, after making allowance for duly author-

ized transfers within the budget;

(vi) Expenditures in excess of appropriations as amended by duly authorized transfers within the budget;

(vii) Expenditure not in conformity with the authority which governs it."

(m) To change the text of regulation 12.9 to read:  
"The Auditor(s) shall submit his/their report to the Directing Council to be available to the Executive Committee not later than 15 April following the end of the financial year to which the accounts relate. The Director shall forward to the Executive Committee its comments, if any, on the audit report. The Executive Committee shall review the audit report and forward its comments, if any, to the Directing Council.

3. To instruct the Director to present the provisional financial regulations with such amendments thereto as he may deem necessary to the Directing Council at its next meeting.

4. To authorize the Director to implement the Provisional Financial Regulations during the present fiscal year of 1951.

CE13/R/VI

VI. TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN CHAPTERS  
OF THE 1950 BUDGET

WHEREAS:

Explanations for the transfer between chapters of the 1950 budget authorized by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau have been reviewed,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES:

To approve such transfers as have been effected during the year 1950.

VII. COMPOSITION OF THE WORKING CAPITAL  
FUND

WHEREAS:

There exists some confusion as to the composition of the Working Capital Fund adopted by the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, and it is recognized that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau expends funds in many currencies,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES:

To recommend that the Directing Council at its next meeting adopt a resolution including those funds held by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in cruzeiros as part of the Organization's Working Capital Fund.

VIII. STATUS OF WORKING CAPITAL FUND AS OF  
31 DECEMBER 1950

WHEREAS:

The report on the Status of the Working Capital Fund as of 31 December 1950 (CE13/6.1) has been reviewed and demonstrates that the operation of the Fund has been in accordance with the III Resolution of the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES:

To approve the report on the Status of the Working Capital Fund as of 31 December 1950.

**IX. STATUS OF EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT  
REVOLVING FUND**

**WHEREAS:**

Under authority of Resolution II adopted by the Directing Council at its III Meeting, the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau was instructed to set aside and administer \$50,000 as of 1 January 1950 as an Emergency Procurement Revolving Fund;

On authority of the Resolution cited above the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau made purchases of typhoid and paratyphoid vaccine costing \$835.80, on the occasion of an outbreak of typhoid fever in a Member Country, as an emergency measure;

It will be necessary to provide funds in the amount of \$835.80 to bring the total of the Emergency Procurement Revolving Fund back to the authorized level of \$50,000; and

No general unallocated funds of the Bureau exist from which the sum of \$835.80 can be transferred to return the Fund to its authorized level,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES:

1. That the Emergency Procurement Revolving Fund be maintained at the previously authorized level of \$50,000 by restoration of the amount expended.

2. That the expenditure of \$835.80 by the Director be noted and approved.



**X. STATUS OF CONTINGENCY FUND**

**WHEREAS:**

At the time of the present meeting of the Executive Committee, negotiations have not been completed with regard to personnel of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau who are to remain in the Pan American Union Pension Plan.

**THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVES:**

That the Director shall continue negotiations pursuant to Resolution XIII adopted by the Directing Council at its IV Meeting, and report to the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

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XI. AUDIT REPORT FOR 1950

WHEREAS:

The financial statements of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau have been subject to audit and the report of the External Auditor has been reviewed,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the Directing Council at its next meeting, the adoption of a resolution approving the Audit Report.

XII. REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE  
PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CONSIDERING:

That the subject of possible revisions to the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization is of such complexity as to require careful study in the light of the opinions of all interested parties; and that the Executive Committee must comply with Resolution XXII of the IV Meeting of the Directing Council recommending that the Executive Committee propose definite measures to the V Meeting of the Directing Council,

RESOLVES:

1. To appoint a Subcommittee composed of Chile, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador and the United States, which will meet during the present Meeting to prepare a questionnaire to be transmitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to the various governments and international organizations interested in the proposed constitutional revisions, in order to comply with Resolution XXV of the XIII Pan American

Sanitary Conference.

2. To request the Director of the Bureau to obtain and submit to the aforementioned Subcommittee immediately prior to the next meeting of the Executive Committee, the opinions received.

XIII. PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION RELATIONS  
WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED  
IN INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
PREVENTIVE MEDICINE ACTIVITIES

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CONSIDERING:

The proposals of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for inclusion in an agreement with the Inter-American Association of Sanitary Engineering (AIDIS), and bearing in mind the necessity of not burdening the Pan American Sanitary Bureau with additional expenses,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the present relations between the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the Inter-American Association of Sanitary Engineering (AIDIS).

2. To request the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to prepare a draft agreement between the Directing Council and the Inter-American Association of Sanitary Engineering (AIDIS) for submittal to the next meeting of the Directing Council, it being understood that the expenses implied by the agreement must be within the budget of the Organization.

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XIV. STAFF RULES OF THE PAN AMERICAN  
SANITARY BUREAU

## WHEREAS:

It is necessary that the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau conform as closely as possible to those of the World Health Organization; and having studied Document CE13/14 on Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau which embodies the changes introduced in the Staff Rules of the World Health Organization, these in turn having resulted from changes in policy and rules made by the United Nations,

## THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

## RESOLVES:

1. To confirm the approval given by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to the changes in the Staff Rules under the terms of Staff Rule 060, with the following modifications:

- a. That the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, pursuant to the recommendation of the Directing Council, study the possible reclassification of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau staff, taking into consideration the importance of the knowledge of two languages, with a view to properly

renumerating bilingual employees; and that the Director forward the result of his study to the members of the Executive Committee in their respective countries, including specific figures on the positions requiring bilingual personnel and persons occupying such positions.

- b. To delete Staff Rule 113.2, and to recommend that the present Resolution be borne in mind by the Representatives here present who are to be delegates to the World Health Assembly to be held at Geneva in May, 1951.

XV. PARTICIPATION IN UNITED NATIONS JOINT  
STAFF PENSION PLAN

WHEREAS:

The Eleventh Meeting of the Executive Committee requested that the Director conclude negotiations with the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board through the World Health Organization for the admission of Pan American Sanitary Bureau staff members on conditions which were stipulated in its Resolution V;

The Director has carried forward negotiations with the World Health Organization and the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board; and

The Executive Committee desires to effect full admission and participation of the Bureau staff as soon as financially as well as legally possible,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend that the Director complete the arrangements to effect full participation of Pan American Sanitary Bureau staff members in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Plan.
2. To approve 1 January 1951 as the effective date for participation of the staff.



XVI. PURCHASE OF INTERIM HEADQUARTERS  
BUILDINGS FOR THE PAN AMERICAN  
SANITARY BUREAU

WHEREAS:

The Subcommittee on Interim Headquarters, appointed pursuant to a resolution of the 12th Meeting of the Executive Committee, and the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau were granted authority to purchase property to serve as interim headquarters for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;

A report has been submitted outlining the action taken under this authority;

The Rockefeller Foundation and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, both institutions long known for their support of the cause of international public health, have advanced interest-free loans to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau of \$150,000 each to facilitate purchase of property for interim headquarters,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the action taken by the Subcommittee on Interim Headquarters in collaboration with the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

2. To express to the Rockefeller and Kellogg Foundations on behalf of the Pan American Sanitary Organization the most heartfelt thanks for their generous action in facilitating the purchase of interim headquarters buildings.

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XVII. PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

WHEREAS:

It is probable that some difficulty will be encountered in obtaining construction materials, owing to the present world situation;

The problem of a permanent headquarters is no longer such an urgent one,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES:

1. To note the information contained in Document CE13/16.
2. To request the Director to explore further the problem of constructing a permanent headquarters building for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
3. To instruct him to make periodic progress reports to the Executive Committee on this subject.

XVIII. ROTATION EVERY 5 YEARS OF THE SITE OF THE SECTOR  
OFFICES OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

After careful consideration of the topic relating to  
the rotation of the Sector Offices every five years,

DECLARES:

1) That the Sector Offices have, up to the present  
time, represented the application of the principle of decen-  
tralization which inspires the present policy of the Pan Amer-  
ican Sanitary Bureau;

2) That the operation of these Offices constitutes an  
experiment, the results of which cannot yet be judged since no  
special study has been made in this regard;

3) That it considers the request for the rotation of  
Sector Offices every five years as the expression of a genuine  
desire on the part of all countries who are members of the Pan  
American Sanitary Organization to be in a position to receive  
the direct influence of the operations of the Pan American  
Sanitary Bureau;

4) That since field activities in the American Republics are a responsibility of the respective governmental authorities, the participation of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in this regard should be limited to furnishing technical advice, facilitating and promoting the training of specialized personnel and the timely acquisition of essential medical and public health materials, and serving as liaison office with the Governments of the Member Nations in matters relating to international public health;

RESOLVES:

To instruct the Director to make an exhaustive study of the advisability of rotating the Sector Offices every five years, and to submit this study at the Meeting of the Executive Committee in 1952, so that it may be referred to the Directing Council for decision.

XIX. CHANGE OF DATE OF THE V MEETING OF  
THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

WHEREAS:

The Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, Regional Committee of the World Health Organization, at its IV Meeting, resolved to hold its V Meeting at the seat of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau from August 20 to 27, 1951;

If the Meeting of the Directing Council is held on the aforementioned dates, the meetings of the Executive Committee, which regularly precede and follow those of the Council, would automatically be held during the month of August;

The budget of the Regional Office must be considered by the Regional Committee sufficiently in advance to provide for its approval at the following World Health Assembly;

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES:

1. To authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to notify the Member Governments that for

various reasons it has been decided to change the date of the V Meeting of the Directing Council, and that the meetings of the Pan American Sanitary Organization to be held in Washington, D.C., during 1951, are to take place on the following dates:

14th Meeting of the Executive Committee:  
September 20-22, 1951

V Meeting of the Directing Council:  
September 24 - October 2, 1951

15th Meeting of the Executive Committee:  
October 3-4, 1951

2. To authorize the Director to convene these meetings in the usual manner.

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XX. FIRST INTER-AMERICAN CONGRESS OF PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS:

The Government of Cuba has expressed its satisfaction with Resolution XXIV, adopted by the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference at Ciudad Trujillo, by which it was unanimously decided to hold the First Inter-American Congress of Public Health in Havana in 1952 as a celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Pan American Sanitary Organization and that the event shall have, at the same time, the character of a continental homage to Carlos J. Finlay, discoverer of the Yellow Fever vector; and

The necessary arrangements for the celebration of this event should be started, maintaining for the purpose close contact between the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the Public Health authorities of the Government of Cuba, and after hearing the pertinent information presented to the Executive Committee by the Observer of the Republic of Cuba,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES:

1. To celebrate the First Inter-American Congress of Public Health in Havana, Cuba, immediately following the



V Meeting of the Directing Council of the Organization, and that this Congress shall have a duration of three days.

2. That the Congress shall discuss three official papers on subjects of present Public Health importance, selected by the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Cuba, which will designate a Cuban public health expert to present one of them and will invite two experts of other countries of the Continent to develop the other two subjects.

In addition to the plenary sessions for the presentation of the three officially selected subjects, a session will be devoted to the presentation of other subjects. Also, there will be a round table discussion of sanitation problems of practical application.

3. In order to take care of the details of this program, Dr. Félix Hurtado, of Cuba, is suggested as liaison officer between the Bureau and the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Cuba. A joint report by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and Dr. Hurtado on the progress made in organizing this program will be presented to the Executive Committee at its next meeting in September 1951.

CE13/R/XXI

XXI. PROPOSAL BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA FOR AN  
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH CENTER

WHEREAS:

The Observer for the Republic of Cuba has advised that, in regard to Resolution XXVI adopted by the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference, the Government of his country reaffirms the desirability of carrying forward the proposal for an Economic and Social Research Center, but that owing to its importance and far-reaching effects the Ministry of Public Health is carefully considering the best way to put the proposal into effect, in accordance with the recommendations of a Committee of Experts appointed to study the matter,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES:

To await the technical report referred to by the Ministry of Public Health of the Republic of Cuba, and to instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to the effect that when this report is received it be circulated among the Member Governments and brought to the attention of the Executive Committee.

XXII. MAINTAINING PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF  
INSECTICIDES, ANTIBIOTICS AND RELATED SUPPLIES  
AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED IN PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS

WHEREAS:

Nation-wide measures to control and eradicate certain communicable diseases by means of new and effective weapons have been adopted by the Governments of the Americas;

The diseases involved constitute major public health problems, representing serious obstacles to agricultural and industrial development;

To ensure security against insect-borne diseases which are now being controlled by the use of chlorine-based insecticides, continued and sustained use of these insecticides over a period of years is required;

The communicable diseases which respond to the use of antibiotics, which if used efficiently and in proper amounts prevent the spread of such diseases, require that a constantly increasing supply of such drugs be available to the health departments of the countries of the Americas to ensure continuity of their programs; and

The present world situation has already tended to reduce the exportation of chlorine-based insecticides and antibiotics, with strong likelihood that this situation will be disruptive of the health programs which are dependent upon these products, with the danger that a great increase in diseases which are now being controlled may result,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES:

1. To express its grave concern over any curtailment in the production and export of insecticides, antibiotics and related supplies and equipment required in public health programs of Member Governments.
2. To support the efforts of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and of the Director General of the World Health Organization to gain recognition on the part of officials charged with production, *distribution*, and export policies, of the medical supply requirements of the health agencies of Member Governments.
3. To urge upon producing Governments the adoption of production and export policies designed to ensure an adequate

flow of medical supplies and equipment which will enable Public Health authorities to meet in full their responsibilities to the people of the Americas.

4. To request American Republics whose legislation does not provide for restriction of speculation in insecticides, antibiotics and supplies and equipment required in public health programs, to adopt measures tending to prevent such speculation.

5. To request the Director to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Member Governments, through established channels, for further distribution to the competent authorities within their countries.

XXIII. DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS IN THE  
AMERICAS

WHEREAS:

Up to the present time, the Pan American Sanitary Bureau has been unable to make a study of dental public health needs in the Americas; and the budgetary limitations of the Bureau should be borne in mind,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES:

To approve the recommendation of the Director that no action be taken on this matter at the present time in view of budgetary limitations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Members of the Committee and the Secretary sign the present Final Report in the Spanish and English languages, each text being equally authentic.

DONE in the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, this thirtieth day of April 1951. The Secretary shall deposit the original texts in the archives of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and shall transmit copies thereof to the Member Governments.

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Representative of Argentina

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Representative of the United  
States of America

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Director of the Pan American San-  
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of the Executive Committee

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Secretary General of the Pan  
American Sanitary Bureau,  
Secretary of the Executive  
Committee