

CEL4/23 (Eng.)*
25 September 1951
ORIGINAL: SPANISH

INDEXED

PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION

PRECIS MINUTES
of the
PLENARY SESSIONS
of the
14th MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Washington, D. C.
20 to 24 September 1951

*Incorporates documents CEL4/15, 16, 18, 19, 21 and 22.

PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION
14th Meeting of the Executive Committee

PRECIS MINUTES OF THE PLENARY SESSIONS

SUMMARY

	<u>Page</u>
<u>First Session</u>	
1. Opening of the Meeting	2
2. Election of Officers	2
3. Draft Agenda (Document CEL4/1 - Rev. 2)	3
4. Draft Program of Meetings (Document CEL4/2 - Rev. 1)	3
5. Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1952 (Document CEL4/3)	3
6. Messages sent to the Governments of absent Representatives	4
<u>Second Session</u>	
7. Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1952 (continuation) - Draft resolution concerning the Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1952 submitted by the Drafting Committee appointed at the First Plenary Session of the Committee	6
8. Appointment of Representatives of the Executive Committee who will submit Draft Program and Budget to the Directing Council	6
9. Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1953 (Document CEL4/12)	7
10. Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, for 1953 (Document CEL4/8)	8
11. Means for facilitating payment of quota contributions by Member Governments (Document CEL4/10)	8

	<u>Page</u>
 <u>Third Session</u>	
12. Proposal by the Government of Cuba for an Economic and Social Research Center	11
13. Permanent Headquarters of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CE14/9)	11
14. Special Compensation for Bilingual Staff Members (Document CE14/5)	12
15. Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CE14/6)	12
16. Status of the Contingency Fund (Document CE14/4)	12
17. Vote of Thanks to the Secretariat	13
18. First Inter-American Congress of Public Health (Document CE14/14 and Annex I)	13
19. Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, for 1953	14
20. Field Office for the Southern Region of South America	15
 <u>Fourth Session</u>	
21. Revision of the Pan American Sanitary Code in accordance with the International Sanitary Regulations (Document CE14/7)	17
22. Revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization (Document CE14/13, Addendum 1 and Annexes I and II)	18
23. Appointment of the Assistant Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CE14/17)	19
24. Designation of two Members of the Executive Committee to submit the Budget to the V Meeting of the Directing Council	20

Page

Fifth Session

- | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| 25. Revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization (Document CEL4/13 - Rev. 1, and Annex I) (continuation) | 22 |
| 26. Draft Agenda of the V Meeting of the Directing Council (Document CD5/1 - Rev. 2) | 23 |

Sixth Session

- | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| 27. Approval of the Final Report (Document CEL4/20 - Rev. 1) | 26 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----|

PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Held at Washington, D. C.
Thursday, 20 September 1951, at 10:00 a.m.

<u>Acting Chairman:</u>	Dr. Gerardo Segura	Argentina
<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. H. van Zile Hyde	United States
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Juan Allwood Paredes	El Salvador
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Present:

Members of the Committee:

Dr. Nacianceno Romero	Chile
Dr. Luis F. Thomen	Dominican Republic
Mr. Luis Galván (Adviser)	
Dr. Frederick J. Brady (Alternate)	United States
Mr. Howard B. Calderwood (Alternate)	
Mr. Simon N. Wilson (Adviser)	
Dr. Fred L. Soper (ex-officio)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Absent:

Dr. Luis F. Galich	Guatemala
Dr. Carlos Lazarte	Peru

Observers:

Dr. Almir Castro	Brazil
Dr. Jorge Boshell-Manrique	Colombia
Dr. Félix Hurtado	Cuba
Dr. Pedro Nogueira (Adviser)	
Dr. René Lavoine	France
Mr. Gabriel Rosaz (Adviser)	
Dr. Nicolaas Hendrik Swellengrebel	Netherlands
Dr. Leonardo Somarriba	Nicaragua
Mr. Paul R. Kelbaugh	Organization of American States

Pan American Sanitary Bureau:

Dr. Paulo C. A. Antunes, Assistant Director; Mr. Harry A. Hinderer,
Dr. Abraham Horwitz, Mr. Harry Mitchell, Mr. Benjamin Margolin, and
Dr. Oswaldo da Costa, Advisers.

SUMMARY

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Election of Officers
3. Draft Agenda (Document CEL4/1 - Rev. 2)
4. Draft Program of Meetings (Document CEL4/2 - Rev. 1)
5. Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1952 (Document CEL4/3)
6. Messages sent to the Governments of Absent Representatives

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

In the absence of the Chairman, Dr. Luis F. Galich (Guatemala), Dr. Gerardo Segura (Argentina), Vice-Chairman of the 13th Meeting of the Executive Committee, opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Meeting proceeded to elect the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee in accordance with Article 3 of the Rules of Procedure.

The Representative of El Salvador nominated Dr. H. van Zile Hyde, Representative of the United States, as Chairman of the 14th Meeting of the Executive Committee.

The Representative of the Dominican Republic nominated Dr. Juan Allwood Paredes, Representative of El Salvador, as Vice-Chairman.

DECISIONS TAKEN

1. Dr. H. van Zile Hyde (United States) was unanimously elected Chairman.

2. Dr. Juan Allwood Paredes (El Salvador) was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.

3. DRAFT AGENDA (Document CEL4/1 - Rev. 2)

DECISIONS TAKEN

1. The Agenda of the Meeting as it appears in Document CEL4/1 (Rev. 2) was unanimously adopted.

2. At the request of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, the following topic was added to the Agenda: Approval of the Appointment of Dr. Paulo C. A. Antunes as Assistant Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

4. DRAFT PROGRAM OF MEETINGS (Document CEL4/2 - Rev. 1)

DECISION TAKEN

1. The program of meetings as it appears in Document CEL4/2 (Rev. 1) was unanimously approved.

5. PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1952
(Document CEL4/3)

The Representatives of Argentina, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador and the United States, the Observer from Cuba, the Director and Assistant Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau took part in the discussion.

The Representative of the Dominican Republic suggested that the proposed resolution be amended so as to express the opinion of the Executive Committee.

The Observer from Cuba presented two solutions: 1) that the Executive Committee work on the budget until it was approved; 2) that the budget be submitted to the Directing Council with reservations, inasmuch as it was the Council that will definitively approved it.

The Representative of Argentina was not in accord with the foregoing suggestions because he deemed that a budget acceptable to the entire Executive Committee should be submitted to the Directing Council.

The Representative of El Salvador moved that the budget be submitted to the Directing Council with the explanation that, owing to special circumstances, this proposed budget had been adjusted to the financial condition of other organizations that are developing public health programs in the Americas.

The Representative of Argentina moved that a Subcommittee composed of the Chairman and the Representatives of the Dominican Republic and El Salvador be appointed to draft the resolution.

DECISIONS TAKEN

1. The motion of the Representative of El Salvador was unanimously approved.

2. The appointment of the Subcommittee to draft the Resolution was unanimously approved.

6. MESSAGES SENT TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF ABSENT REPRESENTATIVES

The Representative of El Salvador called attention to the absence of two of the Representatives (Guatemala and Peru) and proposed that messages be sent to the respective Governments.

The Secretary read the message that had been sent to the Government of Peru and also announced that the Representative of Guatemala would arrive that evening at 9:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

PRECIS MINUTES OF THE SECOND PLENARY SESSION

Held at Washington, D. C.
Thursday, 20 September 1951, at 2:55 p.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. H. van Zile Hyde	United States
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Juan Allwood Paredes	El Salvador
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Present:

Members of the Committee:

Dr. Gerardo Segura	Argentina
Dr. Nacianceno Romero	Chile
Dr. Luis F. Thomen	Dominican Republic
Dr. Fred L. Soper (ex-officio)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Absent:

Dr. Luis F. Galich	Guatemala
Dr. Carlos Lazarte	Peru

Observers:

Dr. Almir Castro	Brazil
Dr. Jorge Boshell-Manrique	Colombia
Dr. Félix Hurtado	Cuba
Dr. Pedro Nogueira (Adviser)	
Dr. René Lavoine	France
Mr. Gabriel Rosaz (Adviser)	
Dr. Nicolaas Hendrik Swellengrebel	Netherlands
Dr. Leonardo Somarriba	Nicaragua
Mr. Paul R. Kelbaugh	Organization of Amer- ican States

Pan American Sanitary Bureau:

Dr. Paulo C. A. Antunes, Assistant Director; Dr. Abraham Horwitz,
Mr. H. A. Hinderer, Dr. Oswaldo Lopes da Costa, Mr. Harry Mitchell,
and Mr. Benjamin Margolin, Advisers.

SUMMARY

7. Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1952 (continuation) - Draft Resolution concerning the Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1952 submitted by the Drafting Committee appointed at the First Plenary Session of the Committee
8. Appointment of Representatives of the Executive Committee who will submit Draft Program and Budget to the Directing Council
9. Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1953 (Document CEL4/12)
10. Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, for 1953 (Document CEL4/8)
11. Means for facilitating payment of quota contributions by Member Governments (Document CEL4/10)

7. PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1952
(Continuation)

DRAFT RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1952 SUBMITTED BY THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE APPOINTED AT THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE

The draft resolution was read.

Dr. Soper pointed out that in order to explain the action taken by the Director, the first paragraph of the resolution should be re-worded. He added that the only changes and amendments that had been made in the draft program and budget were the ones suggested and approved at the 13th Meeting of the Executive Committee in April 1951.

DECISION TAKEN

The resolution was unanimously approved with amendments to the first paragraph suggested by the Director.^{1/}

8. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHO WILL SUBMIT DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET TO THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

The Representative of El Salvador suggested that no special committee of the Executive Committee be appointed to submit the Proposed Program and Budget to the Directing Council because he considered it unnecessary.

^{1/} See Resolution I, Final Report, 14th Meeting of the Executive Committee, Document CEL4/20 (Rev. 2) (Eng.)

The Representatives of Argentina, Chile, the Dominican Republic and the United States, the Chairman and the Director also took part in the discussion.

DECISION TAKEN

As a result of the discussion, and following a vote, it was decided to appoint a committee composed of two members of the Executive Committee who would be designated at a subsequent session.

9. PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1953 (Document CEL4/12)

The Chairman summarized and explained Document CEL4/12.

The Director stated that it would be advisable to ascertain the total amount available for the 1953 budget in order to prepare the Proposed Program and Budget for 1953 to be submitted to the Executive Committee for consideration at its meeting in April 1952.

The Representative of Argentina stated that he did not have instructions from his Government on the matter, and that since the suggested figure involved an increase in the budget and in the quota allotted to Argentina, he deemed it advisable to defer a decision and that the representatives inform their respective governments as to the reasons advanced for such increase.

The Chairman requested the opinion of the members of the Committee as to the advisability of submitting the preliminary proposed Program and Budget for 1953 to the Directing Council for its information.

The Representatives of Argentina, Chile, the Dominican Republic and the United States, the Chairman, the Director and the Secretary of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, took part in the discussion.

DECISION TAKEN

The Committee decided to submit the preliminary proposed Program and Budget for 1953 (Document CEL4/12) to the Directing Council, for which purpose a proposed resolution was to be drafted, embodying the intent of the discussion and the opinions expressed.^{2/}

2/ See Resolution IV, ibid.

10. PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, FOR 1953 (Document CEL4/8)

The Chairman summarized the document, and Dr. Antunes, at the suggestion of the Director, explained the scope thereof.

The Director stated that he had received a request from the Director-General of the World Health Organization to include the sum of \$25,000 in the Budget for a Symposium on Nutrition and another \$18,000 for a project to assist cripples through the preparation and training of personnel, and set forth the possibilities of carrying out this request.

The session recessed at 4:40 p.m. and was resumed at 5:00 p.m.

The Representative of the Dominican Republic suggested deletion of the words "in detail" in the preamble of the proposed resolution in Document CEL4/8 and that the operative part of the resolution read as follows:

"To transmit to the Directing Council, acting in its capacity as Regional Committee, the Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, for 1953, which the Committee finds satisfactory, so that the Council may give appropriate instructions to the Regional Director."

DECISION TAKEN

The Resolution, with amendments as suggested by the Representative of the Dominican Republic, was approved.^{3/}

11. MEANS FOR FACILITATING PAYMENT OF QUOTA CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS (Document CEL4/10)

The Director reported that consultations had been held with the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development in order to obtain facilities for the Member Governments for paying their quotas, but that it had been impossible to reach any satisfactory solution. He pointed out the advisability of Member Governments meeting their quotas promptly.

The Representative of Argentina announced that his Government would send its quota for 1948 and 1949 very shortly. He also indicated that it would be impossible for Argentina to transfer its voluntary contribution of a million and a half pesos outside the country. However, since the

^{3/} See Resolution V, ibid.

Pan American Sanitary Bureau had committed itself to establish a Zone Office in Buenos Aires, there was a possibility of utilizing this amount.

The Director pointed out the advisability of having local currency available in Argentina to help defray the expenses of the Buenos Aires Zone Office.

The Chairman requested that the Director submit in writing a proposal on the utilization of those funds for the consideration of the Executive Committee.

DECISION TAKEN

The Committee approved the Chairman's suggestion.

The Representative of El Salvador remarked that paragraph 4 of the operative part of the resolution in Document CEL4/10 was redundant and unnecessary; he therefore proposed its deletion.

DECISION TAKEN

The resolution contained in the aforementioned document was approved with the suggested deletion.^{4/}

The Subcommittee on Revision of the Constitution was appointed to meet at 9:00 a.m., and the Third Plenary Session was convened for 10:00 a.m., Friday, 21 September.

The Secretary announced the transportation arrangements that had been made for the Delegates, and the session was then adjourned.

^{4/} See Resolution VI, ibid.

PRECIS MINUTES OF THE THIRD PLENARY SESSION

Held at Washington, D. C.
Friday, 21 September 1951, at 10:10 a.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. H. van Zile Hyde	United States
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Juan Allwood Paredes	El Salvador
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Present:Members of the Committee:

Dr. Gerardo Segura	Argentina
Dr. Nacianceno Romero	Chile
Mr. Alberto Díaz Alemañy (Adviser)	
Dr. Luis F. Thomen	Dominican Republic
Mr. Luis Galván (Adviser)	
Dr. Luis F. Galich	Guatemala
Dr. Frederick J. Brady (Alternate)	United States
Mr. Howard B. Calderwood (Alternate)	
Mr. Simon N. Wilson (Adviser)	
Dr. Fred L. Soper (ex-officio)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Absent:

Dr. Carlos Lazarte	Peru
--------------------	------

Observers:

Dr. Almir Castro	Brazil
Dr. Jorge Boshell-Manrique	Colombia
Dr. Félix Hurtado	Cuba
Dr. Pedro Nogueira (Adviser)	
Dr. René Lavoine	France
Mr. Gabriel Rosaz (Adviser)	
Dr. Nicolaas Hendrik Swellengrebel	Netherlands
Dr. Leonardo Somarriba	Nicaragua
Mr. Paul R. Kelbaugh	Organization of Amer- ican States

Pan American Sanitary Bureau:

Dr. Paulo C. A. Antunes, Assistant Director; Mr. Harry A. Hinderer,
Dr. Abraham Horwitz, Mr. Harry Mitchell, Mr. Benjamin Margolin, and
Dr. Oswaldo da Costa, Advisers.

SUMMARY

12. Proposal by the Government of Cuba for an Economic and Social Research Center
13. Permanent Headquarters of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CEL4/9)
14. Special Compensation for Bilingual Staff Members (Document CEL4/5)
15. Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CEL4/6)
16. Status of the Contingency Fund (Document CEL4/4)
17. Vote of Thanks to the Secretariat
18. First Inter-American Congress of Public Health (Document CEL4/14 and Annex I)
19. Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, for 1953
20. Field Office for the Southern Region of South America

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

DECISION TAKEN

At the request of the Government of Cuba, Topic 14, relative to the Economic and Social Research Center, was withdrawn from the Order of the Day.

13. PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU (Document CEL4/9)

The Secretary read Document CEL4/9.

The Representative of Guatemala suggested that, before adopting a resolution, the members of the Executive Committee visit the property offered by the United States Government.

The Representative of Chile moved that the visit be postponed until the meeting of the Directing Council, so that all the Representatives could inspect the property together and reach a decision.

DECISION TAKEN

It was unanimously decided to refer Document CEL4/9 to the Directing Council with the recommendation that the Council include the visit to the property at Bethesda, Md., in its program of meetings.^{1/}

14. SPECIAL COMPENSATION FOR BILINGUAL STAFF MEMBERS (Document CEL4/5)

The Chairman submitted Document CEL4/5 for discussion.

The Director of the Bureau stated that the present plan had been adjusted to conform to that adopted by the World Health Organization.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposed resolution was unanimously approved.^{2/}

15. STAFF RULES OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU (Document CEL4/6)

The Chairman submitted Document CEL4/6 for discussion.

The Representative of El Salvador, the Observer from Cuba and the Director took part in the discussion.

The Director suggested that a subcommittee be appointed to study the salary scale applicable to the three staff members of the Bureau who were not classified in the Staff Rules.

The Chairman proposed appointment of the Representatives of Chile and Guatemala to this subcommittee, and that they be assisted in their work by the Director of the Bureau.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal was unanimously approved.^{3/}

16. STATUS OF THE CONTINGENCY FUND (Document CEL4/4)

The Chairman submitted Document CEL4/4 for discussion. He moved that the word "five" in paragraph 2 of the proposed resolution be deleted so as to make the resolution more general in scope.

^{1/} See Resolution VII, ibid.

^{2/} See Resolution IX, ibid.

^{3/} See Resolution X, ibid.

The Representative of El Salvador requested that the Executive Committee be given the names of the five persons who remained under the Pan American Union Pension Plan, and that these be recorded in the minutes of the present session.

The names were the following: Kennie Bletz, Rafael Martínez, Libertad Moore, Ruth Reed and Janeiro Schmid.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposed resolution in Document CEL4/4, with the amendment proposed by the Chairman, was unanimously approved.^{4/}

17. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE SECRETARIAT

The Chairman congratulated the Secretariat on the efficient presentation of the documents.

The Representative of the Dominican Republic moved that the Executive Committee include in its Final Report a vote of thanks for the excellent organization of the Meeting.

DECISION TAKEN

The motion was unanimously approved.

18. FIRST INTER-AMERICAN CONGRESS OF PUBLIC HEALTH (Document CEL4/14 and Annex I)

Document CEL4/14 and Annex I were submitted for discussion.

The Observer from Cuba read the report presented by his Government, which stated that the Ministry of Public Health of Cuba had selected the topic "Rural Sanitation" and requested the Executive Committee to select, without reservation, the other two subjects needed to complete the three official topics of the Congress. He also invited Dr. Fred L. Soper to take part in the Round Table on Yellow Fever.

The Representative of Argentina suggested that the Executive Committee should be the one to select the two countries that were to be invited to appoint experts to develop the two remaining official topics.

The Representatives of Chile, El Salvador, Guatemala, and the United States took part in the discussion.

^{4/} See Resolution VIII, ibid.

The Representative of the United States suggested the following topics: 1) Activities of the National Public Health Services in the Control of Communicable Diseases; 2) Resources and Needs of the Americas in Public Health Training; and 3) Recent Developments in Disease Treatment and Control.

The Director of the Bureau suggested the following topics: 1) Organization and Integration of Public Health Services; 2) Professional Training in Public Health; 3) Recognition of the Public Health Career; and 4) Full-time Employment and Adequate Remuneration in the Public Health Career.

The Representative of El Salvador suggested that the Director should be the one to select those who are to present the topics and that he issue the necessary invitation on behalf of the Congress.

The Chairman moved that the list of topics be left open in order to permit inclusion of subjects suggested by all members of the Executive Committee, and he congratulated the Government of Cuba, and especially the Observer from Cuba, on their active work in this respect.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Chairman was approved, and it was agreed to leave the list of topics open until the end of the session scheduled for that afternoon. It was also decided to request the Directing Council to choose the two topics preferred.^{5/}

19. PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR 1953

The Director stated that he had recently received a communication from the Director-General of the World Health Organization relative to the inclusion of two additional allocations for the proposed program of the Region in 1953, one for a Symposium on Nutrition, and the other for education and training in connection with rehabilitation of cripples.

DECISION TAKEN

Approval was given for inclusion of the two allocations and for adjustment of the proposed regional budget that was to be submitted to the Directing Council, so as to include the allocations, without fundamentally altering the document.

^{5/} See Resolution XIV, ibid.

20. FIELD OFFICE FOR THE SOUTHERN REGION OF SOUTH AMERICA

The Director read a proposed resolution on the transfer of funds to cover operation of the Field Office for the Southern Region of South America.

The Chairman, the Representatives of Argentina, the Dominican Republic, and the United States, and the Director took part in the discussion.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Director was approved.^{6/}

The session was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

^{6/} See Resolution III, ibid.

PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

Held at Washington, D. C.
Friday, 21 September 1951, at 3:10 p.m.

Acting Chairman: Dr. Juan Allwood Paredes El Salvador
Secretary: Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante Pan American Sanitary
Bureau
Present:

Members of the Committee:

Dr. Gerardo Segura	Argentina
Dr. Nacianceno Romero	Chile
Mr. Alberto Díaz Alemany (Adviser)	
Mr. Luis Galván (Adviser)	Dominican Republic
Dr. Luis F. Galich	Guatemala
Dr. Frederick J. Brady (Alternate)	United States
Mr. Howard B. Calderwood (Alternate)	
Mr. Simon N. Wilson (Adviser)	
Dr. Fred L. Soper (ex-officio)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Absent:

Dr. Carlos Lazarte	Peru
--------------------	------

Observers:

Dr. Almir Castro	Brazil
Dr. Jorge Boshell-Manrique	Colombia
Dr. Félix Hurtado	Cuba
Dr. Pedro Nogueira (Adviser)	
Dr. René Lavoine	France
Mr. Gabriel Rosaz (Adviser)	
Dr. Nicolaas Hendrik Swellengrebel	Netherlands
Dr. J. W. P. Harkness	United Kingdom
Dr. J. P. O'Mahony (Adviser)	
Mr. Paul R. Kelbaugh	Organization of Amer- ican States

Pan American Sanitary Bureau:

Dr. Paulo C. A. Antunes, Assistant Director; Mr. Harry A. Hinderer,
Dr. Abraham Horwitz, Mr. Benjamin Margolin, Dr. Oswaldo da Costa,
Advisers.

SUMMARY

21. Revision of the Pan American Sanitary Code in accordance with the International Sanitary Regulations (Document CEL4/7)
22. Revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization (Document CEL4/13, Addendum 1 and Annexes I and II)
23. Appointment of the Assistant Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CEL4/17)
24. Designation of Two Members of the Executive Committee to submit the Budget to the V Meeting of the Directing Council

21. REVISION OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CODE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SANITARY REGULATIONS (Document CEL4/7).

The Representative of Argentina stated that under instructions of his Government, he wished to comment on WHO Regulations No. 2 (International Sanitary Regulations), with which an attempt was being made to reconcile the Pan American Sanitary Code. He stated that in submitting these observations to the Executive Committee, he wished to ascertain the views of the other Representatives and to learn whether the Executive Committee desired to refer the document containing these observations to the Directing Council, in order to enable the latter, in turn, to refer them to the World Health Organization in Geneva. He added that in the event the Executive Committee did not adopt these observations, the Argentine Government would submit them directly to the World Health Organization.

This motion gave rise to a discussion in which the following took part: the Representatives of Argentina, Guatemala, and the United States, the Observer from Cuba, the United States Adviser, the Chairman, and the Director of the Bureau.

Since the Executive Committee did not agree to make joint presentation to the Directing Council of observations on WHO Regulations No. 2 (International Sanitary Regulations), the Representative of Argentina announced that his Government would present its viewpoint directly to Geneva.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposed resolution contained in Document CEL4/7 was approved, with the operative part of the resolution modified as follows:

"RESOLVES:

"To refer to the V Meeting of the Directing Council the documents on the revision of the Pan American Sanitary Code in accordance with the

International Sanitary Regulations, submitted to the Committee by the Director, so that the Council may adopt the resolution it deems appropriate." 1/

The Representative of Chile seconded the recommendation of the Observer from Cuba, and formally proposed that the Executive Committee congratulate Dr. Alfredo Norberto Bica on his effective efforts during the special meetings of the World Health Organization, to have the Pan American Sanitary Code maintained in force.

DECISION TAKEN

The motion was unanimously approved.

22. REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION (Document CE14/13, Addendum 1 and Annexes I and II)

The Representative of Chile, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, stated that the Report of the Subcommittee, including a draft resolution on participation of non-Member States in meetings of the Directing Council together with proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure, contained all the necessary information, and he requested that the Secretary read Document CE14/13, Addendum 1 and Annexes I and II.

The Secretary read the above-mentioned documents.

The proposals of the Subcommittee were then discussed. The Representatives of Chile, the Dominican Republic, and the United States seconded the Report, while the Representative of Argentina maintained the opinion of his Government that for the time being it was inadvisable to introduce any amendments to the Constitution.

The Observer from Cuba stated that his Government favored granting functional participation in Pan American Sanitary Organization activities to territories in the Americas that were administered by nations outside the Western Hemisphere. While he admitted that the Constitution was not clear on this point, he opposed any change in the Constitution and suggested the establishment of a functional regulation to define the manner in which non-self-governing territories might participate in the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization.

The United States Adviser stated that, in its Report, the Subcommittee had limited itself to complying with the decision of the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference and the resolutions of the Directing Council.

1/ See Resolution XI, ibid.

He also said that approval of the Report would in no way imply final approval of the amendments to the Constitution; that such amendments would have to be considered by the Directing Council, on which all Member States of the Pan American Sanitary Organization were represented; and that the Member States might either accept or reject the amendments in question.

The Representative of Argentina proposed that the Executive Committee refrain from taking a decision on this subject and submit all the documents to the Directing Council to permit the latter to continue study thereof, with the participation of representatives of all Member Countries of the Organization.

The Representative of Guatemala agreed with this point of view.

The Representatives of Chile, the Dominican Republic and the United States proposed various changes in the wording of Annexes I and II of the Subcommittee Report. These modifications were approved.

The Chairman then called a vote on the draft report, as modified, and suggested the final report be reviewed by the Drafting Committee.

DECISION TAKEN

The draft resolution and the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council were approved.^{2/}

23. APPOINTMENT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU (Document CEL4/17)

The Chairman invited the Executive Committee to consider Document CEL4/17: Approval of the Appointment of Dr. Paulo C. A. Antunes as Assistant Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

DECISION TAKEN

The appointment of Dr. Paulo C. A. Antunes as Assistant Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, beginning 1 July 1951, was unanimously approved.^{3/}

At the request of the Representative of Chile, the Executive Committee agreed that the Director of the Bureau would extend a welcome to Dr. Antunes, who was not present at that time.

^{2/} See Resolution XV, ibid.

^{3/} See Resolution XII, ibid.

24. DESIGNATION OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO SUBMIT THE BUDGET TO THE V MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

The Representative of Argentina moved that the Representatives of Chile and the United States be designated for this purpose.

DECISION TAKEN

This motion was approved.

The Representative of Chile stated that he wished to nominate the Representatives of Argentina and the United States, and he requested a vote on this latter motion. The Chairman stated that the vote taken in favor of Chile and the United States was valid.⁴

The session was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The Closing Session of the 14th Meeting of the Executive Committee was convened for 5 p.m., Saturday, September 22.

PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FIFTH PLENARY SESSION

Held at Washington, D. C.
Saturday, 22 September 1951, at 5:00 p.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. H. van Zile Hyde	United States
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Juan Allwood Paredes	El Salvador
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Present:

Members of the Committee:

Dr. Gerardo Segura	Argentina
Dr. Nacianceno Romero	Chile
Sr. Alberto Díaz Alemayy (Adviser)	
Dr. Luis F. Thomen	Dominican Republic
Dr. Luis F. Galich	Guatemala
Mr. Simon N. Wilson (Adviser)	United States
Dr. Fred L. Soper (ex-officio)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Observers:

Dr. Félix Hurtado	Cuba
Dr. Pedro Nogueira (Adviser)	
Mr. Gabriel Rosaz (Adviser)	France
Dr. Nicolaas Hendrik Swellengrebel	Netherlands

Pan American Sanitary Bureau:

Dr. Paulo C. A. Antunes, Assistant Director; Dr. Abraham Horwitz and Dr. Emilio Budnik, Advisers.

SUMMARY

25. Revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization (Document CEL4/13 - Rev. 1, and Annex I) (continuation)
26. Draft Agenda of the V Meeting of the Directing Council (Document CD5/1 - Rev. 2)

25. REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION (Document CEL4/13 - Rev. 1, and Annex I) (continuation)

The Chairman reintroduced this subject because he felt that some members of the Committee were in doubt as to the decision taken at the Fourth Plenary Session; he asked whether the Report of the Subcommittee appointed to study this document should be put to a vote as a whole or paragraph by paragraph.

The Representative of Argentina requested that each paragraph of the Report be put to a roll call vote; this was agreed upon.

The Representative of the Dominican Republic made the suggestion that the vote on paragraph 1 be postponed until all other paragraphs had been voted upon, which was approved.

The Chairman put paragraph 2 to the vote.

RESULT OF THE VOTE

Five votes in favor and one abstention.

The Chairman submitted paragraph 3 to the vote.

RESULT OF THE VOTE

Four votes in favor and two abstentions.

The Chairman put to the vote the first part of paragraph 4.

RESULT OF THE VOTE

Four votes in favor and two abstentions.

The Chairman asked the members of the Committee whether they wished to give any instructions on specific points to the Committee on Constitutional Revision that was to be appointed in accordance with the recommendation approved in the first part of paragraph 4.

The Representative of Guatemala suggested that the Report submitted to the Directing Council by the Executive Committee should contain two parts: an explanatory part and the resolutions. The first or explanatory part should set forth the work done by the Subcommittee and would include the specific points that the members of the Subcommittee felt should be modified, inasmuch as this represented their opinion. The resolutions would specify that the Executive Committee considered it inadvisable to modify the Constitution for the

time being, although the Committee did recognize that certain developments had taken place to warrant its revision. The second part of the Report would contain a recommendation to the Directing Council that the Committee continue the study it had undertaken, for which purpose a new Subcommittee would be appointed in the event the present one could not continue the study owing to changes in its membership.

The proposal of the Representative of Guatemala was seconded by the Representative of the Dominican Republic, and was then approved. The Representative of the Dominican Republic suggested that, to implement the proposal, the Report be re-drafted. The Chairman appointed the Representatives of Chile and Guatemala to make this draft.

The Chairman put to the vote paragraph 5 and Annex I.

RESULT OF THE VOTE

Four votes in favor and two abstentions.

The Chairman stated that it was necessary to draft a resolution submitting the Subcommittee Report to the Directing Council. He appointed the Representative of El Salvador and the Adviser of the United States to draft the text of a resolution. The new group drafted the text of a resolution, which was based on the instructions given to the aforesaid group composed of the Representatives of Chile and Guatemala.

The Chairman put to the vote the Draft Resolution of the Executive Committee, regarding the Report of the Subcommittee on Constitutional Revision contained in Document CEL4/13, Addendum 1, Annexes I and II.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposed Resolution was approved by a vote of five in favor and one against.^{1/}

The Executive Committee decided to postpone approval of its Final Report until Monday morning, 24 September 1951.

26. DRAFT AGENDA OF THE V MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL (Document CD5/1 - Rev. 2)

It was pointed out that, in view of the foregoing, it would be necessary for the Executive Committee to give final approval to the Resolution on the Draft Agenda of the V Meeting of the Directing Council.

^{1/} See Resolution XV, ibid.

The Chairman put to the vote Resolution XIII of Document
CEL4/20 (Rev. 1).

DECISION TAKEN

The Resolution was unanimously approved.^{2/}

The session was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

^{2/} See Resolution XIII, ibid.

PRECIS MINUTES OF THE SIXTH PLENARY SESSION

Held at Washington, D. C.
Monday, 24 September 1951, at 9:30 a.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. H. van Zile Hyde	United States
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Juan Allwood Paredes	El Salvador
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Present:

Members of the Committee:

Dr. Gerardo Segura	Argentina
Dr. Nacianceno Romero	Chile
Mr. Alberto Díaz Alemayy (Adviser)	
Dr. Luis F. Thomen	Dominican Republic
Dr. Luis F. Galich	Guatemala
Mr. Simon N. Wilson (Adviser)	United States
Dr. Fred L. Soper (ex-officio)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Absent:

Dr. Carlos Lazarte	Peru
--------------------	------

Observer:

Dr. Félix Hurtado	Cuba
-------------------	------

Pan American Sanitary Bureau:

Dr. Paulo C. A. Antunes, Assistant Director

SUMMARY

27. Approval of the Final Report (Document CEL4/20 - Rev. 1)

27. APPROVAL OF THE FINAL REPORT (Document CEL4/20 - Rev. 1)

The Chairman stated that the provisional text of the Final Report contained the resolutions adopted at the Fifth Plenary Session, and inquired whether there were any modifications to be made.

The Representative of El Salvador suggested that a more adequate wording be given to the third and fourth paragraphs of the preamble of Resolution XI (Revision of the Pan American Sanitary Code in accordance with the International Sanitary Regulations).

The Chairman stated that the English text of these clauses appeared to be satisfactory and that the Spanish text should be modified in order to reconcile it to the English wording.^{1/}

DECISION TAKEN

It was decided to approve the text of the Final Report, and to request the Secretariat to make the necessary drafting changes in accordance with the observations made.

The Chairman announced that he would call the Representatives to sign the Final Report sometime during the period of the Directing Council meetings.

The session was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

^{1/} See Resolution XI, ibid.