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Topic 17: METHOD OF PRESENTATION OF BUDGETS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AND THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

Background

Chapter IV, Article 12, Paragraph C of the Constitution states that it is the function of the Executive Committee: "To prepare with the cooperation of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau a proposed budget for consideration by the Council."

The present procedure requires the preparation of a complete budget document by the staff of the Bureau for consideration by the Executive Committee. After review by the Executive Committee, a completely new document, incorporating the changes made by the Committee, is prepared for final action by the Directing Council.

In addition to an estimated cost of at least \$5000 in personnel time, paper, translations, postage, etcetera, the preparation of the second document must be done during the same period that the Regional Budgets of the World Health Organization and of the Expanded Program of Technical Assistance for Economic Development must be prepared, which results in an impossible workload for the staff of the Bureau.

In view of the above, the Executive Committee may wish to consider the merit of presenting as their budget to the Directing Council, the budget originally prepared by the Director accompanied by a separate document incorporating the action taken by the Committee.

After final action by the Directing Council, the Director would then prepare a definitive text of the budget incorporating all changes.

If this suggestion receives favorable consideration by the Committee, the following resolution would be in order:

Proposed Resolution

WHEREAS:

It has been brought to the attention of the Committee that the procedure of budget preparation now followed, results in a duplication of effort that is time-consuming and costly,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

RESOLVES:

1. To authorize the Director to submit to the Member Governments, as the official budget of the Executive Committee, the budget prepared by the Director accompanied by a separate document incorporating the action taken by the Executive Committee.

2. To authorize the Director to prepare a final complete budget, as an official record of the Bureau, after the meeting of the Directing Council.