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THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION

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PRECIS MINUTES

PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION
Havana, Cuba
Wednesday, 10 September 1952, at 4:00 p.m.

<u>Provisional Chairman:</u>	Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA	Peru
<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Felipe GARCIA SANCHEZ	Mexico
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Nelson C. ESTRUCH	Dominican Republic
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

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 - A. Report of the Director on Implementation of Resolution XV Adopted by the Executive Committee at its 16th Meeting
 - B. Request for Technical Assistance to the XIV International Congress of Military Medicine and Pharmacy

PRESENT:

Members:

Dr. Nelson C. ESTRUCH	Dominican Republic
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Ecuador
Dr. Felipe GARCIA SANCHEZ	Mexico
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA	Peru
Dr. Frederick J. BRADY	United States
Mr. Simon N. WILSON	
Dr. Fred L. SOPER (<u>ex officio</u>)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

The following Members were absent: CHILE
EL SALVADOR

Other Participants:

Governments:

Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO, Observer	Colombia
Dr. N. H. SWELLENGREBEL, Observer	Netherlands
Dr. F. J. RUTTEN, Observer	Netherlands West Indies

Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB):

Dr. Oswaldo DA COSTA, Division of Public Health

1. TOPIC 1: OPENING BY DR. CESAR GORDILLO ZULETA (PERU) IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE 16TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In the absence of Dr. Nacienceno Romero (Chile), Chairman of the 16th Meeting, the 17th Meeting of the Executive Committee was formally opened by Dr. GORDILLO ZULETA (Peru), the Vice-Chairman of the 16th Meeting of the Committee.

2. TOPIC 2: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Dr. BRADY (United States) nominated the Representatives of Mexico and the Dominican Republic for Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively.

DECISION TAKEN

The nominations were unanimously approved.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) then took the Chair and thanked the Committee in the name of his country. He explained that he would act temporarily as Chairman in the absence of Dr. Gustavo Argil, Chief of the Delegation of Mexico.

3. TOPICS 3 and 4: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Document CE17/1-Rev. 2) and ADOPTION OF THE PROGRAM OF MEETINGS (Document CE17/2)

The SECRETARY gave an explanation concerning the Documents that had been distributed to the Representatives and then read Documents CE17/1-Rev. 2 and CE17/2.

Dr. BRADY (United States) said that, if there was time, he would like to have the Committee take up the subject of research in tropical medicine, and suggested that this topic be added to the Agenda.

DECISION TAKEN

The Agenda, with the addition proposed by the Representative of the United States, and the Program of Meetings were unanimously approved.

4. TOPIC 5: SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE
PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1954
(Document CE17/4)

The SECRETARY commented briefly upon Document CE17/4.

Dr. BRADY (United States) said that, in his opinion, the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau had faithfully carried out the instructions of the Executive Committee. He added that the manner in which the Document had been prepared was praiseworthy and that the procedure of preparing the budgets of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in advance will be most helpful. He proposed that the Executive Committee take note of the Document and transmit it to the Directing Council.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) explained the reasons for the adoption of the present procedure and the advantages thereof: it facilitates coordination of the activities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the World Health Organization. He added that it would be very desirable for the Member Governments to know in 1952 the quotas they shall be called upon to pay in 1954.

The CHAIRMAN, speaking as Representative of Mexico, requested information as to which of the countries had been consulted and had approved a budget of \$2,500,000.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) replied that this particular budget had not been discussed with the countries but that when the draft budget for the year 1953 was sent to the countries in accordance with the instructions of the Directing Council at its V Meeting, six countries approved a budget level of \$2,500,000. As a result of having six countries willing to support a budget of \$2,500,000 for 1953, it was decided that it would not be inappropriate to propose the establishment of a budget in the amount of \$2,500,000 for 1954.

The CHAIRMAN stated that these replies referred to the budget for 1953, but not to that for 1954. He supported the proposal of the Representative of the United States.

DECISION TAKEN

Unanimous approval was given to the proposal of the Representative of the United States to the effect that note be taken of the Summary of Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1954 (Document CE17/4), as presented by the Director, and that it be submitted to the Directing Council for consideration. 1/

1/ See Final Report of the 17th Meeting of the Executive Committee (Document CE17/35), Resolution I.

5. TOPIC 6: PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, FOR 1954
(Document CE17/5)

The SECRETARY noted that, in examining the budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, the Executive Committee is acting as Working Party of the Regional Committee, and the Director of the Bureau, as Regional Director.

Dr. SOPFR (Director, PASB) pointed out that the budget for 1954 could not be started before 1 July 1952; that this document was the initial step toward the preparation of budgets in the Regional Office in consultation with the Zone Offices and the Representatives of the Governments; and that in future years there would be adequate time to discuss all items included in the budget with the Member Governments of the countries in which the projects are shown.

Dr. BRADY (United States) said that the document itself verifies the Director's statement. He believed that both the Director and the staff of the Bureau should be congratulated on the excellent presentation of the budget. He suggested that a schedule be included indicating the amounts assigned to each specific activity as, for example, insect control or tuberculosis, with a separate column for extrabudgetary funds.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) proposed that a working group make a detailed study of this budget and present its report before the budget is transmitted to the Directing Council for consideration.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) pointed out that the schedule requested by Dr. Brady appears in the present budget on pages 39 and 40.

The CHAIRMAN, speaking as Representative of Mexico, requested an explanation of the fact that the 1954 budget is smaller than that for 1953. He believed that the contribution of the WHO to public health work in the Americas should be increased rather than decreased. He supported the motion of the Representative of Ecuador and asked what percentages are assigned to work in the field and to personnel, respectively.

Dr. SOPFR (Director, PASB) explained the part that the American countries play in Geneva in the approval of the WHO budget. He stated that, in time, there will inevitably be a decrease in the participation of the WHO, owing to its greater obligations and the organization of new Regional Offices in other parts of the world.

Dr. DA COSTA (Division of Public Health, PASB) gave information concerning the percentages assigned to the various services.

Dr. BRADY (United States) also considered it advisable to study this document in detail.

Dr. VFLEZ MORAN (Ecuador) proposed that the Chairman designate three Members of the Executive Committee to undertake the study of the budget and present an opinion.

Dr. BRADY (United States) proposed that an Observer also be included in the working group.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposals of the Representatives of Ecuador and the United States were unanimously approved; the Representatives of Ecuador, Peru, and the United States and the Observer for Colombia were appointed to study the budget, with the request that they present their report not later than 12 September.

6. TOPIC 9: REPORT ON APPLICATION OF THE COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (Document CE17/7)

The SECRETARY read the report of the Director on the application of the cost-of-living adjustment.

Dr. BRADY (United States) said that his Government had compared the salaries of the Assistant Director and the Secretary General of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau with those assigned for similar positions in other international organizations. Taking into account the results of this comparison and also the fact that these officials received increases last autumn, he felt that at this time they should not receive the equivalent of a cost-of-living adjustment.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that he considered Staff Rule 710 to be applicable and asked the Executive Committee for guidance, since he did not wish to make the decision with regard to persons who worked so closely with him.

The CHAIRMAN believed that the cost-of-living adjustment should also benefit the staff members who do not work at the Headquarters Office.

Dr. SOPFR (Director, PASB) explained that the World Health Organization regulations on this matter are applicable to any center where there are employees both of the WHO and of the PASB. He stated that adjustments for the high cost of living have already been made in the case of employees who work in Venezuela and Rio de Janeiro, and that the question of the cost of living in other centers is being studied.

The CHAIRMAN, speaking as Representative of Mexico, proposed that the benefits of the cost-of-living adjustment be applied to the two officers mentioned, and that such benefits be likewise extended to the staff members of the Zone Offices.

Dr. GORDILLO ZULETA (Peru) supported this proposal.

DECISION TAKEN

By a vote of four to one the proposal of the Representative of Mexico was approved, to the effect that the 7 1/2 per cent cost-of-living increase be applied to the salaries of the Assistant Director and the Secretary General in the same manner as it applies to other international staff members of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and that a study be made of the situation of the international employees of the Zone Offices, to see whether it can be improved. 2/

7. TOPIC 10: INTER-AMERICAN MEDICAL CONGRESSES.
(Document CE17/8)

Discussion was opened on this topic, which consists of the following two points:

- A. Report of the Director on Implementation of Resolution XV Adopted by the Executive Committee at its 16th Meeting.
- B. Request for Technical Assistance to the XIV International Congress of Military Medicine and Pharmacy.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that when the Executive Committee approved Resolution XV at its 16th Meeting, it was its intention that the Director might respond to the requests for cooperation received from a large number of medical congresses. The request for technical assistance to the XIV International Congress of Military Medicine and Pharmacy was dated 19 May 1952. This Congress will be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from 1 to 7 March 1953. The International Committee of Military Medicine and Pharmacy has been recognized by the World Health Organization.

Dr. BRADY (United States) said that he would support the resolution given on page 3 of the document presented, and asked whether the Governments had replied to the circular letters sent them.

The SECRETARY said that for four years the Pan American Sanitary Bureau has been concerned over the great number of congresses requesting cooperation. He added that the Bureau already has more requests than it can comply with, but that budgetary limitations are a stumbling block. He commented on the fact that the Latin American countries have responded very favorably to the assistance offered and have found the Monthly Calendar of Selected International Meetings, which is sent to the Governments by the Conference Section of the Bureau, to be very useful.

Dr. VFLEZ MORAN (Ecuador) stated that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau should select those congresses to which aid would be given.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposed resolution given on page 3 of Document CE17/8 was unanimously approved. 3/

The session was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

PRECIS MINUTES OF THE SECOND PLENARY SESSION
Havana, Cuba
Thursday, 11 September 1952, at 9:30 a.m.

Chairman: Dr. Felipe GARCIA SANCHEZ Mexico
(later) Dr. Nelson C. ESTRUCH Dominican Republic
Secretary: Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE Pan American
Sanitary Bureau

SUMMARY

8. Welcome Extended to Dr. Allwood Paredes, Representative of El Salvador
9. Telegrams Received from Dr. Nacianceno Romero and the Minister of Public Health of Chile
10. Topic 7: Report of the Permanent Committee of the Executive Committee on Revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization (Document (CE17/12) .
11. Topic 8: Report of the Permanent Committee of the Executive Committee on Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council (Document CE17/13)

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13. Topic 11: Preliminary Report on Evaluation of the Activities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CE17/11)
14. Topic 14: Amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CE17/6)
15. Welcome Extended to the Ambassador of Chile
16. Topic 14: Amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CE17/6) (Continuation)

PRESENT:

Members:

Dr. Emilio EDWARDS BELLO	Chile
Dr. Nelson C. ESTRUCH	Dominican Republic
Dr. Hipólito SANCHEZ BAEZ	
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES	El Salvador
Dr. Felipe GARCIA SANCHEZ	Mexico
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA	Perú
Dr. Frederick J. BRADY	United States
Mr. H. B. CALDERWOOD	
Mr. Simon N. WILSON	
Dr. Fred L. SOPER (<u>ex officio</u>)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Other Participants:

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Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO, Observer	Colombia
Dr. N. H. SWELLENGREBEL, Observer	Netherlands
Dr. F. J. RUTTEN, Observer	Netherlands West Indies

8. WELCOME EXTENDED TO DOCTOR ALLWOOD PAREDES, REPRESENTATIVE OF EL SALVADOR

The CHAIRMAN welcomed Dr. Juan Allwood Paredes, Representative of El Salvador to the Pan American Sanitary Organization and member of the Executive Committee.

9. TELEGRAMS RECEIVED FROM DOCTOR NACIANCENO ROMERO AND THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF CHILE

The SECRETARY read a message from Dr. Nacianceno Romero, Chairman of the 16th Meeting of the Executive Committee, presenting his excuses for not being present and expressing his best wishes for the success of the work of the Committee, and a message from the Minister of Public Health of Chile stating that Dr. Romero will attend the Meeting of the Directing Council.

10. TOPIC 7: REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION (Document CE17/12)

The CHAIRMAN asked Mr. Calderwood (United States) to present, in the absence of Dr. Luis F. Thomen, Chairman of the Permanent Committee, the Report contained in Document CE17/12.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) said that the Report was prepared in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee at its previous Meeting. There are two reports: one deals with the Proposed Constitution and the other with the amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council. He proposed that the Executive Committee take note of the Report on the Constitution and forward it to the Directing Council for consideration.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) concurred in the motion made by Mr. Calderwood.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PA3B) stated that this document had been transmitted to the Council of the Organization of American States and that its study was begun 9 September 1952. He added that the action of the Council was not yet known.

DECISION

The proposal of the Representative of the United States was unanimously approved. 4/

11. TOPIC 8: REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL (Document CE17/13)

The CHAIRMAN again asked Mr. Calderwood, a member of the Permanent Committee, to present the Report.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) said that the Executive Committee decided to ask the Permanent Committee on Revision of the Constitution to study also the amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council. The Committee, realizing that the amendments to the Rules of Procedure will depend on the changes made in the Constitution, postponed the presentation of a final text until the Constitution were definitely approved. But at the same time it agreed to present some provisional amendments, so that the Rules of Procedure will be in conformity with certain resolutions already adopted by the Directing Council. These amendments are the ones that appear in the document under consideration.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) proposed that the draft Resolution be amended by adding "of the Directing Council" after the words "Revision of the Rules of Procedure" in the second line of the preamble. He also proposed that the word "aporte", which appears in the fourth line of the Spanish text of Article 11A, of the operative part, be replaced by the words "haya hecho efectiva". (This proposal does not affect the English text.)

The CHAIRMAN called attention to possible contradictions that there may be between the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure and the Constitution.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) explained that the matter of the voting privilege for the Metropolitan States with territories in the Americas has been under study since 1948. The resolution submitted at this time to the Committee for consideration does not in any way change the action taken by the Directing Council. On the contrary, it only brings the Rules of Procedure into harmony with the action taken.

4/ Ibid., Resolution IV.

The CHAIRMAN, speaking as Representative of Mexico, stated that he did not object to the proposed changes, but he would like to know the point of view of the other countries. He added that, in his opinion, it would be preferable to transmit the document to the Directing Council without any recommendation whatever,

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) stated that the matter of chronological sequence should be taken into account. When the Directing Council begins its discussions, one of the first points it will have to consider is the adoption of the Rules of Procedure. He believed, therefore, that a recommendation of the Executive Committee on this point would be timely and effective.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposed resolution (Document CE17/13, page 3) was approved with the changes proposed by the Representative of El Salvador. 5/

12. Topic 6: WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, FOR 1954 (Continuation)

Dr. SERRANO CAMARGO (Observer, Colombia) asked to withdraw from the Working Group on the Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, because his country is not at present a member of that Organization.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) proposed that the Observer for Brazil be appointed.

Dr. BRADY (United States) then proposed that the Observer for the Netherlands be named, in view of the fact that this Working Group will deal with matters within the competence of the Regional Committee. But he added that the representatives of both countries might well be appointed, increasing to five the membership of the Working Group.

5/ Ibid., Resolution V.

DECISION TAKEN

The appointment of the Observers for Brazil and the Netherlands to membership on the Working Group was unanimously approved.

13. TOPIC 11: PRELIMINARY REPORT ON EVALUATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU
(Document CE17/11)

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) requested a brief recess to permit an exchange of views on this topic before it was considered.

The CHAIRMAN announced that Topic 14 would be considered immediately, and that the discussion of Topic 11 would be postponed until a later plenary session.

14. TOPIC 14: AMENDMENTS TO THE STAFF RULES OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU (Document CE17/6)

The SECRETARY read the Background given in Document CE17/6.

Dr. BRADY (United States) wished to make several observations. One concerned Rule 870, on the cost-of-living adjustment. It is, the speaker said, an extremely complicated problem for which no solution has as yet been found, and one that has been studied by numerous committees and commissions in the hope that the Assemblies of the United Nations and the World Health Organization might find a definitive solution. He proposed, therefore, that the previous text of Rule 870 be retained and that no new text be substituted at this time.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that an immediate decision be taken on the proposal of the Representative of the United States regarding Rule 870, and that Dr. Brady present his other observations later.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) and Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) supported the point of view of the Representative of the United States.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Representative of the United States that the present text of Rule 870 be retained, was approved. 6/

Dr. BRADY (United States) proposed that in Paragraph 2 of the new text of Rule 821 the phrase "for serious misconduct" be added following the word "dismissal."

DECISION TAKEN

The change proposed by the Representative of the United States was approved. 6/

Dr. BRADY (United States) then proposed that the text of new Rule 1616, on additional remuneration for proficiency in a second language useful to the Bureau, be reworded so as to be more explicit.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) declared that the practice followed up to the present in compliance with the pertinent resolution of the Directing Council has consisted of raising the salaries of qualified staff members one step within the grade.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) proposed that the phrase "language useful to the Bureau" be replaced by "one or more of the official languages of the Bureau".

The CHAIRMAN asked the Representative of El Salvador to prepare a new text and submit it to the Committee for consideration.

15. WELCOME EXTENDED TO THE AMBASSADOR OF CHILE

The CHAIRMAN welcomed Dr. Emilio Edwards Bello, Ambassador of Chile in Cuba, designated to represent his country at the 17th Meeting of the Executive Committee.

Dr. EDWARDS BELLO (Chile) expressed his appreciation for the welcome extended by the Chairman and took his place at the meeting.

6/ Ibid., Resolution VI.

16, TOPIC 14: AMENDMENTS TO THE STAFF RULES OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU (Document CE17/6)(Continuation)

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) stated that before presenting a new text for Rule 1616 he wished to point out that the wording of Rule 960.1 (Maternity Leave) could lead to difficulties in interpretation since it is hard to know in advance the exact date of a staff member's confinement.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) explained that what was sought in this case was to bring the Staff Rules of the Bureau into conformity with the Rules of the World Health Organization.

The CHAIRMAN invited Dr. Estruch (Dominican Republic), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, to occupy the Chair.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) proposed that, to facilitate the work, the Secretary read, one by one, those Articles of the Rules in which changes have been proposed with the reasons for each amendment.

After the suggestion of the Representative of Ecuador was accepted, the SECRETARY proceeded to read the text of the document, and Rules 127.3, 142, 203, 212.4, 642, 661, 661.1, 681, 681.1, 681.2, and 681.3 were approved in that order.

With respect to Rule 870, whose deletion and replacement by a series of rules under the number 740 had been proposed, Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) pointed out that, although the Executive Committee had approved the proposal of the Representative of the United States to retain the present Rule 870, he saw certain disadvantages in this procedure. He explained that Rule 870 deals with adjustments in relation to the cost of living existing at the Headquarters, while the cost-of-living adjustment sought in compliance with the Resolution of the Executive Committee at its 16th Meeting was based on the cost of living existing in New York City. It would therefore be advisable, in the speaker's opinion, to delete this Rule and replace it by the proposed new group of Rules.

Dr. BRADY (United States) observed that the Resolution adopted by the Executive Committee at its 16th Meeting granted the Director sufficient latitude to take any measures he considers necessary, and therefore, in view of the unsettled state of this question, he felt that Rule 870 should be retained as at present worded.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Representative of the United States to retain the present Rule 870 of the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau was adopted. 7/

Rule 821 was approved (with the change proposed by the Representative of the United States). 7/

Rule 960.1, on maternity leave, gave rise to a long discussion in which the Representatives of El Salvador, Ecuador, the Dominican Republic, and Mexico and the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau took part.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) proposed that the words "provided that the staff member shall have been in service ten months or more at the date of confinement" be replaced by "provided that the staff member shall have been in service ten months or more on the date the leave is granted". In addition the Representative of El Salvador proposed the deletion of the last sentence, which states that "Maternity leave is granted on the understanding that the staff member is returning to duty after confinement."

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) pointed out that the proposed text is the same as that appearing in the Rules of the World Health Organization and that, if any change in it were approved, staff members at the Headquarters of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau would be governed by two different rules.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) believed that the Executive Committee was justified in deviating from the Rules of the World Health Organization by adopting rules that, because they were

7/ Ibid., Resolution VI.

based on a more progressive social spirit, could serve as an example to be followed by the World Health Organization.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) proposed that, in view of the advantage of proceeding in accordance with the World Health Organization in matters of staff regulations, Rule 960.1 be adopted with the proposed change (Document CE17/6) and that the text proposed by the Representative of El Salvador be submitted to the World Health Organization with a recommendation from the Bureau to the effect that the WHO concur on this point and incorporate it into its Staff Rules.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Representative of Ecuador was approved. 8/

Rules 1212, 1311, 1512, and 1512.1, as read by the SECRETARY, were approved.

At the suggestion of the CHAIRMAN and in view of the late hour, it was agreed to postpone until the afternoon meeting the decision on Rule 1616, on additional remuneration for bilingual staff members, and the conclusion of the discussion on Topic 14.

The session was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

8/ Ibid., Resolution VI.

PRECIS MINUTES OF THE THIRD PLENARY SESSION
Havana, Cuba
Thursday, 11 September 1952, at 3:35 p.m.

Chairman: Dr. Felipe GARCIA SANCHEZ Mexico
Vice-Chairman: Dr. Nelson C. ESTRUCH Dominican Republic
Secretary: Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE Pan American
Sanitary Bureau

SUMMARY

17. Topic 14: Amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CE17/6) (Continuation)
18. Topic 11: Preliminary Report on Evaluation of the Activities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CE17/11) (Conclusion)
19. Topic 13: Annual Reports from Member States of the World Health Organization: Recommendations on Form and Content to Ensure Uniformity and Comparability (Document CE17/9)

PRESENT:

Members:

Dr. Nelson C. ESTRUCH	Dominican Republic
Dr. Hipólito SANCHEZ BAEZ	
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES	El Salvador
Dr. Felipe GARCIA SANCHEZ	Mexico
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA	Peru
Dr. Frederick J. BRADY	United States
Mr. Howard B. CALDERWOOD	
Mr. Simon N. WILSON	
Dr. Fred L. SOPER (<u>ex officio</u>)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

The following Member was absent: CHILE

Other Participants:

Governments:

Dr. Nivaldo TELLES, Observer	Brazil
Dr. Ruy B. DE MIRANDA E SILVA, Observer	
Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO, Observer	Colombia
Dr. Francisco BARRERA, Observer	Cuba
Dr. N. H. SWELLENGREBEL, Observer	Netherlands
Dr. F. J. RUTTEN, Observer	Netherlands West Indies

Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB):

Mr. Harry A. HINDERER, Chief, Division of Administration

17. TOPIC 14: AMENDMENTS TO THE STAFF RULES OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU (Document CE17/6)
(Continuation)

The CHAIRMAN announced that Topic 14, which had remained pending at the previous session, was still up for discussion.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador), supported by the Representatives of Ecuador and Mexico, presented a new wording for Staff Rule 1616 to the effect that one within-grade increase be granted to permanent local personnel who have a knowledge of more than one of the official languages of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

Dr. GORDILLO ZULETA (Peru) and Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) took part in the discussion, and the latter asked if there are any staff members who are classified as local personnel.

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) replied in the affirmative.

Dr. BRADY (United States) said that he felt there was general agreement on this subject and proposed that the text of Staff Rule 1616 be transmitted to the Secretariat for preparation of the final text.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Representative of the United States was approved.

18. TOPIC 11: PRELIMINARY REPORT ON EVALUATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU
(Document CE17/11) (Conclusion)

Dr. ESTRUCH (Dominican Republic) observed that the official document included only the replies of El Salvador and Ecuador, and that the Secretary had stated that a reply had been received from Mexico but had not been included for lack of time. In view of this fact, he proposed that the topic be referred to the Directing Council for detailed study.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal was unanimously approved. 9/

19. TOPIC 13: ANNUAL REPORTS FROM MEMBER STATES OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION: RECOMMENDATIONS ON FORM AND CONTENT TO ENSURE UNIFORMITY AND COMPARABILITY (Document CE17/9)

Dr. BRADY (United States) explained that the annual report of the United States Public Health Service is prepared at present in a form that is not as technical as might be desirable for the purposes of the Director. He hoped, therefore, that point 4 of the proposed resolution contained in Document CE17/9 would be interpreted to mean that the Director may request any additional technical information from the Government of the United States. He stated that the Delegation of his Government nonetheless supported the proposed resolution in question.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposed resolution in Document CE17/9 was unanimously approved. 10/

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) suggested that the Working Group appointed to study the Proposed Program and Budget continue its work at the end of the present session, so as to expedite the preparation of the document that is to be discussed by the Executive Committee. He called attention to the fact that the discussions of this Group are open and that any of the Representatives may attend if they wish to do so.

The SECRETARY read the agenda for the next session.

The session was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

9/ Ibid., Resolution VII.
10/ Ibid., Resolution VIII.

PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FOURTH PLENARY SESSION
Havana, Cuba
Friday, 12 September 1952, at 9:35 a.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Felipe GARCIA SANCHEZ	Mexico
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Nelson C. ESTRUCH	Dominican Republic
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

SUMMARY

20. Topic 15: Buildings and Installations at Headquarters:
- A. Report of the Subcommittee on Interim Headquarters (Document CE17/10-A)
 - B. Report of the Director Prepared at the Request of the Subcommittee on Interim Headquarters (Document CE17/10-B)
21. Topic 16: Report on the Translation and Publication of a Textbook in Spanish on Public Health Administration (Document CE17/14)
22. Topic 12: Approval of the Draft Agenda of the VI Meeting of the Directing Council (Document CD6/1, Rev.1)

(continued)

SUMMARY (cont'd)

23. Topic 17: Language Courses for Staff Members of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CE17/15)
24. Topic 6: Report of the Working Group on the Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, for 1954 (Document CE17/23) (Conclusion)
25. Topic 14: Amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau: Proposed Revision of Staff Rule 1616 (Documents CE17/6, CE17/22-Rev.1) (conclusion)
26. Topic 18: Research in Tropical Medicine

PRESENT:

Members:

Dr. Emilio EDWARDS BELLO	Chile
Dr. Nelson C. ESTRUCH	Dominican Republic
Dr. Hipólito SANCHEZ BAEZ	
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES	El Salvador
Dr. Felipe GARCIA SANCHEZ	Mexico
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA	Peru
Dr. Frederick J. BRADY	United States
Mr. Howard B. CALDERWOOD	
Mr. Simon N. WILSON	
Dr. Fred L. SOPER (<u>ex officio</u>)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Other Participants:

Governments:

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Dr. N. H. SWELLENGREBEL, Observer	Netherlands
Dr. F. J. RUTTEN, Observer	Netherlands West Indies

Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB):

Dr. Oswaldo DA COSTA, Division of Public Health
Mr. Harry A. HINDERER, Chief, Division of Administration

The SECRETARY read the list of the new documents distributed and pointed out that the "Report of the Working Group on the Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, for 1954", appearing in the Order of the Day as Document CE17/5, actually is number CE17/23.

20. TOPIC 15: BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS AT HEADQUARTERS
(Documents CE17/10-A and CE17/10-B)

Dr. BRADY (United States) called attention to the fact that the Subcommittee on Interim Headquarters had been appointed before the buildings were acquired. It was not foreseen at that time that the necessity of taking emergency measures might come up, as did happen recently with regard to the heating system and other installations. In view of the urgency of certain alteration work, the Subcommittee was of the opinion that it should authorize the Director to make the necessary expenditures. A second question presented itself to the Subcommittee during its last meeting, namely as to how long the Pan American Sanitary Bureau would probably stay at its present headquarters. The conclusion was reached that this interim period would continue for at least ten years.

In this connection Dr. Brady called the attention of the Representatives to the letter from the Government of the United States explaining that it was not possible now and probably would not be possible for some time, to offer any site other than that in Bethesda, which had been rejected by the Directing Council. In view of these circumstances, the Representative of the United States hoped that the action of the Subcommittee would be approved by the Executive Committee and also by the Directing Council, especially as concerns the appropriation of funds, which falls within the competence of the latter body.

The CHAIRMAN stated that, in his opinion, the Subcommittee had done excellent work, particularly in view of the probability that the Bureau will continue to occupy its present quarters for a period of at least ten years.

Dr. BRADY (United States) confirmed the fact that the Subcommittee actually had assumed a minimum period of ten years and that its resolutions and proposals are based on that assumption.

Dr. ALLWOOD PARADES (El Salvador) stated that an investment of such size as that proposed would be justified only for a long period of time and added that ten years seemed to him to be sufficient.

The CHAIRMAN thought that the observation of the Representative of El Salvador was very much to the point and added that the proposed investment not only appeared justified but could even be recovered, since it would increase the value of the buildings for such time as the Pan American Sanitary Bureau would have to sell them.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) recalled that when the Pan American Sanitary Conference met at Ciudad Trujillo two years ago, it authorized the Executive Committee to purchase or lease buildings for use as Interim Headquarters of the Bureau.

The Director added that the buildings now occupied by the Bureau are so advantageously located that he doubted that a better site could be obtained. He considered, therefore, that it is preferable to improve the present buildings, rather than to try to transfer the Headquarters to a site farther away from the downtown section of the city.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) remarked that the Subcommittee on Interim Headquarters recommended to the Executive Committee that it ask the Directing Council to reconstitute the present Subcommittee on Interim Headquarters as a Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations and that the functions of this Subcommittee be defined in greater detail. In his opinion the proposed Subcommittee would be more useful to the Director if he were the one to define its functions.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that at Ciudad Trujillo the Conference defined the powers it delegated to the Executive Committee, namely: (1) to authorize the Director to make a study of the requirements for the headquarters of the Bureau; (2) to authorize the Executive Committee to appoint, at its next meeting, a Subcommittee composed of three members empowered to purchase or lease buildings to serve as headquarters; and (3) to authorize the Director to appropriate, in agreement with the Executive Committee, the amounts necessary to carry out these operations.

Dr. Soper reminded the Representatives that the Constitution now in force provides a three-year term of office for the members of the Executive Committee and also specifies that no country may be reelected until a minimum period of one year has elapsed. This year the United States will complete its term of office as a member of the Committee, and if no way out of this difficulty is found, the Representative of the United States will no longer collaborate in the work of the Subcommittee. He stated that he con-

sidered the collaboration of the United States very important, in view of the experience and knowledge of the matter possessed by the Representative of that country.

Dr. BRADY (United States) remarked that Dr. Gándara Lacape (Guatemala) belongs to the present Subcommittee even though the Government he represents is not a member of the Executive Committee. This established a precedent that would permit the collaboration of a representative of the United States without this country's being a member of the Executive Committee.

He considered that, even if the Subcommittee should be made permanent, its functions should be of an advisory nature. He made a proposal to this effect.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) remarked that, unless the Directing Council granted an express authorization, neither the Executive Committee nor the Subcommittee would be able to authorize expenditures as considerable as those proposed, amounting to some \$245,000, for the improvement of buildings.

The Representative of El Salvador proposed that there be added to the proposal of the Representative of the United States a clause authorizing the Subcommittee on Interim Headquarters to approve expenditures up to a certain sum on the basis of the estimates submitted.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) stated that he agreed with the proposal of the Representative of the United States, that the Subcommittee should be permanent, and he also believed that it need not be composed of members of the Executive Committee. However, he believed that it should not be an advisory Subcommittee, since its true usefulness would consist in its being authorized to approve emergency expenditures. He suggested, therefore, that the Directing Council be requested to appoint a Permanent Subcommittee in Washington, authorized to approve expenditures of this nature.

Dr. GORDILLO ZULETA (Peru) agreed with the opinions expressed by the Representative of Ecuador and proposed that the latter, jointly with the Representatives of the United States and El Salvador, should draft a new resolution.

Dr. BRADY (United States) repeated that the new Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations should be advisory in character, because he considered that, among other reasons, the Representatives of only three Governments in an Organization that consists of twenty-one countries and has an Executive Committee of seven members,

should not be empowered to decide matters of such importance.

The CHAIRMAN asked the Director for his opinion as to whether the Subcommittee charged with helping him solve problems arising in connection with buildings should be advisory or executive.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that experience has clearly shown the advantages of having a Subcommittee in Washington with authority to help the Director solve certain problems of this kind, without the need of waiting for the Executive Committee or the Directing Council to meet. As to the character of the Subcommittee, he thought it of secondary importance, as long as a small group was concerned and it had the authority to help the Director effectively. He again stressed the experience of the Government of the United States with regard to buildings and installations, and the desirability of having a representative of that country on the Subcommittee.

Dr. SANCHEZ BAEZ (Dominican Republic) agreed with the opinion of the Representative of the United States that the Subcommittee be only advisory, since he doubted whether such a body should be responsible for amounts as large as those considered necessary to adapt the buildings for Headquarters use. He added that in case executive functions were given the Subcommittee, the Directing Council might consider it advisable to limit the amount that the Subcommittee could approve.

Summarizing the main points of the foregoing discussion, the CHAIRMAN stated that some Representatives favored the appointment of an advisory Subcommittee, as proposed by the Representative of the United States, while others supported the proposal of the Representative of Ecuador, to the effect that the Subcommittee should have executive functions.

The Chairman added that to limit the power of the Subcommittee to approve expenditures by naming a fixed amount might hinder its work and cause costly delays. He suggested, therefore, that even though the authorization granted to the Subcommittee were limited to a definite sum, a possible latitude of 10% might be allowed. Also, in his opinion, it would be preferable to have this body be a permanent Subcommittee of the Executive Committee.

Dr. GORDILLO ZULETA (Peru) said that he considered the proposal of the Chairman to be the best submitted so far. He also thought it advisable to have a representative of the United States on the Subcommittee and to specify that the Subcommittee was authorized to exceed the amount fixed by not more than 10%.

The CHAIRMAN designated the Representatives of Peru and Ecuador to draft, jointly with the Representative of the United States, a new resolution that would incorporate the foregoing changes.

21. TOPIC 16: REPORT ON THE TRANSLATION AND PUBLICATION OF A TEXTBOOK IN SPANISH ON PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (Document CE17/14)

Dr. DA COSTA (Division of Public Health, PASB) stated that, in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee at its 16th Meeting, the Director made a study of the three books mentioned in Document CE17/14. The textbooks by Smillie and Mustard deal almost exclusively with United States techniques and methods in the administration of public health services. He remarked that Hanlon's textbook was published in 1950, a much more recent date than that of the other two, and includes the extensive first-hand experience acquired by the author in Latin America.

At the request of the Representative of the United States, the SECRETARY explained that it is common practice to translate technical books by American authors for use in Latin America, but that the sales possibilities of textbooks of this kind in Latin America are insignificant in comparison with the sale in the United States. He mentioned the fact that the Department of State of the United States has assumed the cost of translating and publishing textbooks for use in Latin America as one means of intellectual cooperation.

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) added to the explanation given by the Secretary that the figures appearing in Document CE17/14 were arrived at after consultation with publishing houses. He pointed out the fact that the initial cost of translating a textbook and publishing the first 500 copies amounts to almost as much as the total cost of publishing 2,000 copies. He said that, in order to estimate the part of those costs of translating and printing this textbook that might be considered recoverable, it would first be necessary to determine the number of copies that the Bureau would distribute free. He stated further that no publishing house was willing to undertake publication on its own account.

The Representatives of El Salvador and Ecuador and the CHAIRMAN, speaking as Representative of Mexico, took part in the discussion that followed regarding the advisability of translating an American textbook on procedures of public health administration.

DECISION TAKEN

It was agreed to recommend that the Directing Council approve the translation into Spanish of the textbook entitled "Principles of Public Health Administration" by John J. Hanlon and its publication by the Organization.^{11/} It was also agreed to recommend that the Director, with the help of the technical personnel of the Bureau and taking into account the experiences of Latin America, should prepare and send to the different countries supplements, with observations that might be useful to public health workers of the Americas.

22. TOPIC 12: APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT AGENDA OF THE VI MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL (Document CD6/1, Rev.1)

The SECRETARY pointed out that this draft consists of 26 topics and explained that some of them represent documents studied by the Executive Committee for subsequent transmittal with recommendations to the Directing Council.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) remarked that neither the adoption of the Rules of Procedure governing the discussions of the Directing Council nor the Additional Protocol to the Pan American Sanitary Code were included in this draft.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that he agreed with the first point suggested by the Representative of El Salvador. With regard to the second, he said that the Protocol would be ready for signature on 24 September, as the Governments had been notified. He agreed that this topic should be included on the Agenda, because it might be necessary to appoint a special credentials committee.

He added that it would be advisable to change the order of topics so that topics 11 and 18 might be discussed together, in view of the close relationship between the budgets of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the World Health Organization.

With reference to the observation of the Representative of El Salvador, the SECRETARY explained that the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council are included in Document CD6/20 and that the Secretariat intended to submit it to the Directing Council at its first session. He stated that the topic numbers

11/ Ibid., Resolution X

represent the order in which they were added to the Agenda and not necessarily the order in which they would be discussed at the meeting of the Directing Council.

The CHAIRMAN asked whether special credentials are necessary for signing the Protocol and if an invitation to do so has been sent to the Governments.

The SECRETARY replied to both questions in the affirmative. During the course of the discussion it became clear that some Representatives had come provided with special credentials and others had not. The CHAIRMAN called attention to this anomalous situation and suggested that, if necessary, the Representatives should cable their respective Governments for credentials.

DECISION TAKEN

Document CD6/1-Rev.1 was approved with the proposed changes. 12/

23. TOPIC 17: LANGUAGE COURSES FOR STAFF MEMBERS OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU (Document CE17/15)

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) explained that during recent years the Bureau has endeavored to develop a bilingual staff. Furthermore, the World Health Organization has stated that it had decided to assume the expense of language instruction for its employees. The Director therefore requested authorization to institute courses similar to those of the WHO, with the provision that the monthly expense per student would not exceed 20 dollars and that the number of students would be about 20. It has been estimated that these courses would cost \$4,800 a year.

A discussion arose with regard to the benefits to be derived by the Bureau from these courses. The Representatives of the United States, the Dominican Republic, and Ecuador and the CHAIRMAN, speaking as Representative of Mexico, favored having the Bureau meet the cost of language instruction. The Representatives of Chile, El Salvador, and Peru were opposed.

Dr. JOFLER (Director, PASB) expressed his willingness to restrict the free courses to those employees who will not receive or aspire to receive additional remuneration for proficiency in a second language. He made a proposal to this effect.

DECISION TAKEN

The majority approved Document CE17/15 as modified in accordance with the Director's proposal.^{13/}

24. TOPIC 6: REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON THE PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, FOR 1954 (Document CE17/23) (Conclusion)

The SECRETARY pointed out that Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) had been listed erroneously as a member of the Working Group that prepared this document, that the name of Dr. GORDILLO ZULETA (Peru) should have been given instead, and that the necessary correction would be made.

DECISION TAKEN

The Report of the Working Group was approved with the correction made by the Secretary.^{14/}

25. TOPIC 14: AMENDMENTS TO THE STAFF RULES OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU: PROPOSED REVISION OF RULE 1616 OF THE STAFF RULES (Documents CE17/6, CE17/22-Rev.1) (Conclusion)

The SECRETARY informed the Representatives that certain changes in the wording of this rule were considered advisable. In view of the fact that there was no opposition to these changes, the CHAIRMAN put to a vote Document CE17/22-Rev.1, with the changes indicated.

DECISION TAKEN

Document CE17/22-Rev.1, with the changes introduced, was approved.^{15/}

^{13/} Ibid., Resolution XII
^{14/} Ibid., Resolution XIII
^{15/} Ibid., Resolution VI

26. TOPIC 18: RESEARCH IN TROPICAL MEDICINE

Dr. BRADY (United States) introduced the matter of research in tropical diseases for the information of the Executive Committee. It had come to his attention that the Study Section on Tropical Diseases of the National Institutes of Health of the United States Public Health Service had invited comments on the type of research that they should encourage and subsidize. A private group of investigators working in the field of nutrition had also indicated their interest in knowing what type of research would be most useful in international health. Dr. Brady invited the Committee to give its comments regarding these questions.

The speaker pointed out that the Study Section referred to above subsidized research, both domestic and foreign. Applications for assistance must indicate the type of research to be pursued, the objectives sought, and the estimated cost. Such applications are reviewed and, if they are acted upon favorably, money is made available to the responsible investigator. In fact, the Pan American Sanitary Organization has received such grants to assist in certain types of research.

In summary, Dr. Brady said that comments are invited on the types of research that would be most beneficial in the international health programs, and that the Members of the Committee may wish to call the attention of worthy investigators needing financial assistance to the program of research grants of the United States Public Health Service.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) suggested that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau notify the countries as soon as possible regarding the statement by the Representative of the United States.

The CHAIRMAN expressed appreciation of and praised the offer of the United States, emphasizing the advantage of making first-hand studies of the specific problems of each country.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) proposed that the Executive Committee express its recognition of and gratitude for the generous offer of the Government of the United States. He also proposed that the Executive Committee instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to inform the Member Governments of the offer of the United States, so they might take whatever steps they consider advisable.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposals of the Representatives of Ecuador and El Salvador were unanimously approved.

The SECRETARY announced that the Drafting Committee would meet at 3 p.m. today, 12 September 1952, and that the Executive Committee would meet at 6 p.m. for the reading and approval of the Final Report of the 17th Meeting.

The session was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FIFTH PLENARY SESSION
Havana, Cuba
Friday, 12 September 1952, at 6:35 p.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Felipe GARCIA SANCHEZ	Mexico
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Nelson C. ESTRUCH	Dominican Republic
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

SUMMARY

27. Reading and Approval of the Final Report (Document CE17/35)
28. Farewell Remarks by the Representatives of El Salvador and the
Unites States
29. Statement by the Representative of Ecuador

PRESENT:

Members:

Dr. Hipólito SANCHEZ BAEZ	Dominican Republic
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES	El Salvador
Dr. Felipe GARCIA SANCHEZ	Mexico
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA	Peru
Dr. Frederick J. BRADY	United States
Mr. Howard B. CALDERWOOD	
Mr. Simon N. WILSON	
Dr. Fred L. SOPER (<u>ex officio</u>)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

The following Member was absent: CHILE

Other Participants:

Governments:

Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO, Observer	Colombia
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Dr. F. J. RUTTEN, Observer	Netherlands West Indies

Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB):

Mr. Harry A. HINDERER, Chief, Division of Administration

The CHAIRMAN stated that the brief delay in starting the meeting was due to the fact that the Drafting Committee was late in completing its work.

He announced that next the Final Report would be read for approval by the Committee, and that only the signing of the document would remain pending.

27. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE FINAL REPORT (Document CE17/35)

The SECRETARY read the Final Report, the first part of which, up to the section containing the texts of the resolutions approved, was approved without change.

The texts of Resolutions I, II, III, IV, and V were also approved.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) requested that in line 2 of paragraph c(3) of Resolution VI the words "but who" be deleted. With this change, Resolution VI was approved.

The texts of Resolutions VII and VIII were approved without change.

Resolution IX, (Buildings and Installations at Headquarters), presented to the Executive Committee for the first time in its final form, was read.

Dr. BRADY (United States) suggested a change in paragraph 2(d) in order that it might not appear that the Executive Committee had approved the amount of \$245,000 for the work on the buildings of the interim headquarters.

The statement by the Representative of the United States gave rise to a discussion in which Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States), Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador), Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico), Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB), Dr. SANCHEZ BAEZ (Dominican Republic), and Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) took part.

Various texts proposed by several Representatives for the redrafting of paragraph 2(d) of the Resolution were studied, and finally the text proposed by the CHAIRMAN, speaking as Representative of Mexico, was approved. It reads as follows: "d. To authorize the Permanent Subcommittee to approve an additional expenditure of not more than 15% over the amount set by the Directing Council for the work of construction and alterations on the buildings of the interim headquarters." 16/

The SECRETARY read Resolution X (Translation and Publication of a Textbook in Spanish on Public Health Administration).

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) suggested that the original text be changed by adding the following words to the preamble: "pursuant to Resolution XVI of the 16th Meeting of the Executive Committee".

Dr. BRADY (United States) asked if the Bureau will itself undertake the translation and publication of the textbook or if it will subsidize these activities.

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) explained that the translation and publication of the book will be undertaken by the Bureau, even if the work is done through outside contracts, and that the Bureau will retain the rights to the book and take charge of its distribution.

With the addition proposed by Dr. Soper, Resolution X was approved.

Resolution XI, on the Draft Agenda of the VI Meeting of the Directing Council, was read.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) asked that the words "Appointment of a Special Credentials Committee" be deleted from paragraph b.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) gave the reasons why the above-mentioned phrase was included, but said that he was willing to have it deleted.

The deletion proposed by Mr. Calderwood was approved.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) noted that the topic "Buildings and Installations at Headquarters" had been omitted.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) suggested that the possibility of organizing a Pan American Public Health Association be included as a topic.

It was agreed to include as Topics 28 and 29 those mentioned by the Representative of El Salvador and by the Director.

With these changes, Resolution XI was approved.

Resolution XII, on language courses for staff members of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, was read.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) pointed out that a correction was required, since it is the Directing Council that authorizes the Director to provide for payment and not the Executive Committee, as provided in the resolution.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) added that the first paragraph of the operative part should be deleted, because he considered it unfeasible. The authorization will have to be for individual classes, he said.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) then proposed that in the second line of the operative part the word "language" be added before the word "courses".

With the changes suggested by the Representatives of El Salvador and Ecuador, and with the deletion proposed by the Director, Resolution XII was approved.

Following a question by Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador), concerning the joint discussion of the topics relating to the two budgets, which was answered by Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) and the CHAIRMAN, Resolution XIII was approved.

The last part of the text of the Final Report was also approved.

DECISION TAKEN

The complete text of the Final Report was approved with the changes indicated in these minutes.

28. FAREWELL REMARKS BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF EL SALVADOR AND THE UNITED STATES

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) made a few farewell remarks, since this was the last meeting he would attend as member of the Executive Committee. He expressed his satisfaction at the work accomplished by the Committee and his appreciation of the opportunity to become more closely acquainted with the public health workers of the Americas and of the spirit of collaboration showed by all of them.

Speaking for himself and for the other members of the delegation of the United States, Dr. BRADY (United States) expressed similar sentiments. He added that in the two and a half years he had attended the meetings of the Executive Committee he had been able to note the remarkable progress that had been made.

The CHAIRMAN made a cordial reply to the statements of the Representatives of El Salvador and the United States, thanking them, on behalf of the Executive Committee, for their valuable collaboration and expressing the hope that they would soon take part again in the work of the Committee.

29. STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF ECUADOR

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) expressed the hope that the Executive Committee would recommend that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization allot more funds in their budgets for long-term programs aimed at solving public health problems that can be solved by the development of suitable control methods, such as the problems of syphilis, smallpox, and jungle yellow fever.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) expressed his satisfaction at the remarks of the Representative of Ecuador and called attention to the documents on long-range planning to be presented at the next meeting of the Directing Council.

The session was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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