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FINAL REPORT

Under the chairmanship of Dr. Charles L. Williams, Jr. (United States of America), and the vice-chairmanship of Dr. Manoel José Ferreira (Brazil), the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization was held from 19 to 23 April 1965 in Washington, D.C., in the Conference Hall of the National Wildlife Federation, in accordance with the convocation of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau. The following Members of the Committee, Observers, and officers of the Bureau were present:

Members:

Dr. Manoel José Ferreira	BRAZIL
Mr. Francisco Castro Víquez	COSTA RICA
Dr. Charles C. Wedderburn	JAMAICA
Dr. Manuel B. Márquez Escobedo	MEXICO
Dr. Alberto E. Calvo	PANAMA
Dr. Charles L. Williams, Jr.	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Dr. Benjamin D. Blood	
Mr. Leonard M. Board	
Mr. Howard B. Calderwood	
Mr. Paul J. Byrnes	
Dr. Jacques M. May	
Mr. Simon N. Wilson	
Dr. Daniel Orellana	VENEZUELA

Member and Secretary ex officio of the Committee:

Dr. Abraham Horwitz

PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

World Health Organization:

Mr. Milton P. Siegel, Assistant Director-General

Observers:

Dr. Pedro Alvarez Tabio

CUBA

Miss Christine Yvonne Henry

KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS

Mr. A. G. O. Smit

Dr. Carlos Quirós Salinas

PERU

Organization of American States:

Mr. Armando L. Cassorla

Mrs. Alzora H. Eldridge

Mr. Beryl Frank

Advisers to the Director of the Pan American
Sanitary Bureau:

Dr. John C. Cutler, Deputy Director

Dr. Víctor A. Sutter, Assistant Director

Dr. Stuart Portner, Chief of Administration

Dr. Raymond B. Allen, Chief, Office of Research Coordination

Dr. Moisés Béhar, Director, Institute of Nutrition of Central
America and Panama

Dr. Alfredo N. Bica, Chief, Communicable Diseases Branch

Dr. Emilio Budnik, International Liaison Officer

Dr. Marcos Charnes, Chief, Fellowships Branch

Advisers to the Director of the Pan American
Sanitary Bureau: (cont'd)

Dr. Carlos Díaz-Coller, Chief, Professional Education Branch
Dr. Abraham Drobny, Chief, Office of Evaluation and Reports
Dr. Mark D. Hollis, Chief, Environmental Sanitation Branch
Dr. René García Valenzuela, Regional Adviser in Medical Care
Mr. Clarence H. Moore, Chief, Finance and Budget Branch
Dr. Ruth R. Puffer, Chief, Health Statistics Branch
Dr. José Quero Molares, Liaison Officer
Mr. Efraín Ribeiro, Environmental Sanitation Branch
Dr. Peter A. Ruderman, Office of National Health Planning
Dr. Oswaldo da Silva, Chief, Malaria Eradication Branch
Dr. Ramón Villarreal, Medical Education and Research Training Unit

Chief, Secretariat Services:

Mr. José Rodríguez Olazábal

AGENDA

The agenda appearing in Document CE52/1, Rev. 2, was approved at the first plenary session held on 19 April 1965, with one change in the order of the items proposed by the Representative of the United States of America.

DRAFTING COMMITTEE

A Drafting Committee composed of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and the Secretary was established in accordance with Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee and entrusted with the preparation of the Final Report.

WORKING PARTY

A working party composed of Dr. Alberto E. Calvo, the Representative of Panama, and Dr. Daniel Orellana, the Representative of Venezuela, was appointed to draft a report on the Organization of the Pan American Sanitary Conference, which the XV Meeting of the Directing Council had instructed the Executive Committee to submit to the next meeting of the Council. The report drafted by the working party was examined in plenary session.

OPENING OF THE MEETING

On opening the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Committee the Chairman welcomed the Representatives of the Governments, the Observers, and the officers of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau attending the meeting.

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

During the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Committee, which held ten sessions, the following resolutions were approved:

RESOLUTION I CE52.R1

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR AND REPORT OF THE
EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 1964

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for the fiscal year 1964 (Official Document No. 59);

Considering that there has been considerable improvement in the financial situation of the Organization particularly the increase in the level of the Working Capital Fund and the creation of reserves for termination costs;

Noting, however, that the problem of quota collections remains especially serious with respect to Governments in arrears two or more years, and that the sound financial condition has been maintained only by holding obligations at an average level of 7 per cent below appropriations; and

Observing that the expenditures for programs recommended in the authorized budget are necessary to attain the objectives for improvement of the health of the people of the Americas and for promotion of economic and social development,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for the fiscal year 1964 (Official Document No. 59) and transmit them to the Directing Council at its XVI Meeting.

2. To urge Governments having outstanding quotas to pay them as soon as possible and those in arrears two or more years which have not already done so to adopt a financial plan for the payment of outstanding quotas within a definite period.

3. To commend the policy of prudent management followed by the Director over the years in maintaining budgetary expenditures within income, in building up the Working Capital Fund and creating reserves for termination costs.

(Approved at the third plenary session,
20 April 1965)

RESOLUTION II CE52.R2

PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH
ORGANIZATION FOR 1966

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having studied in detail the provisional draft of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1966 (Official Document No. 52) and the modifications thereto appearing in Document CE52/3 prepared by the Director;

Considering that the XV Directing Council in Resolution VII noted that the provisional draft of the Proposed Program and Budget for 1966 (Official Document No. 52) comprised soundly conceived and much-needed health projects; and that it authorized the Director to increase the contribution of the Organization to INCAP by \$200,000 and to include this sum in the Proposed Program and Budget of PAHO in 1966, so as to ensure the normal development of the Institute;

Considering that the modifications appearing in Document CE52/3 were made after consultation with each Government and reflect the latest known desires and requirements of Governments with due regard to priorities of needs; and

Bearing in mind Article 14-C of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization and Financial Regulations 3.5 and 3.6 of the Pan American Health Organization,

RESOLVES:

1. To submit to the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1966 (Official Document No. 52) and the modifications thereto appearing in Document CE52/3 prepared by the Director.

2. To recommend to the Directing Council that it establish the level of the Pan American Health Organization Budget for 1966 at \$8,080,000.

(Approved at the third plenary session,
20 April 1965)

RESOLUTION III CE52 R3

FINANCING OF THE MALARIA ERADICATION PROGRAM IN THE AMERICAS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the report of the Director on the future financing of malaria eradication programs in the Americas (Document CE52/10);

Bearing in mind the great importance of both the PAHO Special Fund and the WHO Special Account in financing the malaria eradication program;

Bearing in mind that continuing support from the above-mentioned Fund and Account are of the utmost importance in maintaining the advisory services the countries at present require and in ensuring, through them, effective protection of the financial investments the countries have already made; and

Considering the outcome of the consultations with the Director-General of the World Health Organization,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the future financing of the malaria eradication program in the Americas (Document CE52/10).

2. To stress the importance of voluntary contributions to the PAHO Special Malaria Eradication Fund and WHO Special Account for Malaria Eradication in continuing the malaria eradication program in the Americas, and to express the hope that these contributions will continue at the level necessary to achieve the objectives of the program.

3. To transmit the report to the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council, together with such additional information as may be available on the matter.

(Approved at the fourth plenary session,
20 April 1965)

RESOLUTION IV

CE52 R4

REPORT ON THE COLLECTION OF QUOTA CONTRIBUTIONS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the Report on the Collection of Quota Contributions (Document CE52/9);

Having noted the information and comments on quotas contained in the Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor (Official Document No. 59);

Considering that the XV Directing Council, following a recommendation of the 50th Executive Committee, adopted an amendment to Article 6 of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization providing for suspension of voting privileges for failure to meet financial obligations to the Organization; and

Considering the importance of prompt and full payment of quota contributions to assure financial support for the entire approved program,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Report on the Collection of Quota Contributions (Document CE52/9).

2. To commend the Director for his efforts to obtain settlement of the outstanding arrearages.

3. To express its concern, nevertheless, over the continuing serious quota situation especially the arrearages of more than two years standing.

4. To recommend that the Director instruct the PAHO Zone Chiefs and PAHO Representatives in the respective countries to maintain continuous efforts to have the payment of quotas effected on a current basis and to have arrearages paid as soon as possible.

5. To request the Director to continue his efforts to keep the Governments amply informed of the status of quota payments and of the implications of non-payment on the prosecution of the program of the Organization.

6. To urge the Governments whose arrearages would bring them within the loss-of-vote provision of Article 6B of the Constitution, to pay their quota arrears as soon as possible, in order to assure the full participation of all Members, which is so vital to the work of the Organization.

(Approved at the fourth plenary session,
20 April 1965)

RESOLUTION V CE52 R5

NON-GOVERNMENTAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT
FOR HEALTH ACTIVITIES

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined Document CE52/12 on Non-Governmental Financial Support for Health Activities, which contains a report on the establishment of the World Health Foundation of the United States of America and on the plan for the establishment of similar national foundations in other countries;

Bearing in mind the advantages to world health of voluntary contributions; and

Considering Articles 3 and 9 of the Agreement concluded between the World Health Organization and the Pan American Health Organization,

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council, XVII Meeting of the Regional Committee, that:

1. It take note of the Agreement signed by the Director-General of the World Health Organization and the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on 15 October 1964 in Washington, D.C.

2.. It invite the Director of the Bureau to continue to cooperate in the plan with regard to world health foundations and to take such steps he deems necessary to further the fundamental purposes set forth in the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization and the World Health Organization.

(Approved at the sixth plenary session
21 April 1965)

RESOLUTION VI

CE52 R6

REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE RATIONALIZATION IN THE
PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the report of the Director on administrative rationalization in the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CE52/5);

Noting the progress made to date in accomplishing the objective of the program; and

Bearing in mind the economies made as a result of the program of rationalization and the investment of these funds in program service to the Governments,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on administrative rationalization in the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CE52/5).

2. To commend the Director and the staff of PASB for their efforts to date in effecting economies in administration.

3. To request the Director to continue the program of rationalization and to report progress to the 54th Meeting of the Executive Committee.

4. To transmit this resolution and the report of the Director to the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council.

(Approved at the sixth plenary session,
21 April 1965)

RESOLUTION VII CE52.R7

AMENDMENTS TO THE STAFF RULES
OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, as set forth in the Annex to Document CE52/14 presented by the Director; and

Considering the provisions of Staff Rule 030,

RESOLVES:

To confirm the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, as presented by the Director in the Annex to Document CE52/14.

(Approved at the sixth plenary session,
21 April 1965)

RESOLUTION VIII

CE52 R8

ORGANIZATION OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the report of the Director on the organization of the Pan American Sanitary Conference (Document CE52/13); and

Having carefully examined the report of the Working Party on the organization, structure, and place of the meeting of the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Health Organization,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the organization of the Pan American Sanitary Conference (Document CE52/13) and to transmit it to the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council.

2. To approve the report of the Working Party as amended and to transmit it as its own to the Directing Council for appropriate action.

(Approved at the seventh plenary session,
22 April 1965)

RESOLUTION IX CE52 R9

EMERGENCY REVOLVING FUND

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the Report of the Director on the Emergency Revolving Fund (Document CE52/B);

Considering that the status of the Fund is included in the Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor as of 31 December; and

Believing that, in the absence of any special problem which may arise, the inclusion of a specific agenda item for the Executive Committee, the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference appears unnecessary,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Report of the Director on the Emergency Revolving Fund (Document CE52/B).

2. To instruct the Director to include this subject as a specific agenda item for meetings of the Governing Bodies only when the status of the Fund is such as to require consideration separately from the Financial Report.

(Approved at the seventh plenary session,
22 April 1965)

RESOLUTION X

CE52 R10

REPORT ON BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS FOR HEADQUARTERS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Considering the report of the Director on the progress of the construction of the Headquarters building and the sale of property owned by the Organization; and

Noting that occupancy of the new building is expected in August unless unforeseen stoppages occur,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its appreciation to the Chairman and the Members of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations for their valuable assistance in the prosecution of all activities related to the construction of the new Headquarters building and particularly on the sale of the buildings at 1501 and 1515 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.

2. To request the Director to report to the XVI Directing Council on the matter of the new building and the sale of the buildings at 1501-1515 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W.

3. To request the Director to inform Member Governments concerning contributions to the Headquarters building by the donation of works of art.

(Approved at the seventh plenary session.
22 April 1965)

RESOLUTION XI

CE52 R11

REPORT ON BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS FOR HEADQUARTERS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Considering that for reasons of sound financial management, it was necessary to delay sale of the two buildings owned by the Organization until March 1965 to obtain a satisfactory price; and

Taking into account the fact that the cash requirements for the cost of the new building and installations will exceed the availability of cash in the Building Fund until the unpaid sale balance amounting to \$1,012,500 is received on final settlement,

RESOLVES:

To authorize the Director to advance funds from internal reserves or borrow from the external sources as may be necessary, in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 for the purpose of financing construction and installation of the new Headquarters building until receipt of the full proceeds from the sale of the presently owned buildings located at 1501 and 1515 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.

(Approved at the seventh plenary session,
22 April 1965)

RESOLUTION XII

CE52.R12

THIRD ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT THE EXPERT AND MINISTERIAL LEVEL

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the report of the Director on the Third Annual Meetings of the IA-ECOSOC at the Expert and Ministerial Level (Document CE52/2); and

Bearing in mind the resolutions adopted by these meetings, especially those relating to health in the Americas,

RESOLVES:

1. To note with great satisfaction and interest the report of the Director on the Third Annual Meetings of the IA-ECOSOC at the Expert and Ministerial Level, held in Lima, Peru, from 30 November to 11 December 1964 (Document CE52/2).
2. To transmit the above-mentioned report to the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council, XVII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas.
3. To invite the Directing Council to express its satisfaction with the interest shown by the Third Annual Meetings of the IA-ECOSOC in health in the Americas, and especially the resolutions approved at the expert level on foot-and-mouth disease, rural and urban water supply, health investments, and requests for international loans for land settlement, road building, urbanization, and other programs.

4. To recommend to the Directing Council that it instruct the Director of the Bureau to continue to develop and strengthen relations between the Organization, IA-ECOSOC, CIAP, in order to bring about the integration of health activities in economic and social development programs.

5. To recommend to the Directing Council that it urge the Governments of the Organization to include representatives of Ministries of Health in their delegations to the Annual Meetings of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council and that they also endeavor to have included in the agenda of those meetings specific items concerning the participation of the health sector in the dynamic process of development of the countries of the Americas.

(Approved at the eighth plenary session,
22 April 1965)

RESOLUTION XIII

CE52 R13

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE XVI MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL
OF PAHO, XVII MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF WHO FOR THE
AMERICAS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the provisional agenda (Document CD16/1), prepared by the Director of the Bureau for the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XVII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas; and

Considering that Article 12-C of the Constitution provides that "the provisional agenda of the Council shall be prepared by the Director of the Bureau and submitted to the Executive Committee for approval", and that, pursuant to the provisions in force, the Governments may propose items which in their opinion should be considered by the Directing Council,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve, with the exception of item 12, the provisional agenda prepared by the Director (Document CD16/1) for the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XVII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas.

2. To authorize the Director to include in the provisional agenda such additional items as may be proposed in due time by the Governments and by those organizations entitled to propose agenda items.

(Approved at the eighth plenary session,
22 April 1965)

RESOLUTION XIV

CE52.R14

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE XVI MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL OF PAHO
XVII MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF WHO FOR THE AMERICAS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the Report of the Director on the arrangements for the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XVII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, and the 53rd Meeting of the Executive Committee (Document CE52/16),

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Report of the Director concerning the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XVII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, and the 53rd Meeting of the Executive Committee.

2. To authorize the Director to convoke the Council to meet from 27 September to 8 October 1965.

(Approved at the eighth plenary session
22 April 1965)

RESOLUTION XV

CE52.R15

ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICIAL RELATIONS WITH THE PAN AMERICAN
FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF MEDICAL SCHOOLS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined Document CE52/6 on the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools and bearing in mind the considerations contain therein;

Having examined the statutes of the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools; and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 26 of the Constitution and Resolution XXVIII of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council, XVII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas:

1. That it establish official relations with the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools as a non-governmental organization representing medical schools in the Americas.

2. That it authorize the Director to develop with the Federation, to the extent financial and budgetary limitations allow, cooperative activities of mutual interest aimed at strengthening medical education programs in the Americas.

(Approved at the eighth plenary session
22 April 1965)

RESOLUTION XVI

CE52 R16

PLANNING OF HOSPITALS AND HEALTH FACILITIES

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the report of the Director on the planning of hospitals and health facilities (Document CE52/4) submitted pursuant to Resolution XXV of the XV Directing Council,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the planning of hospitals and health facilities (Document CE52/4) and of the progress made towards complying with Resolution XXV of the XV Directing Council.

2. To commend to the Director and the staff of the Bureau on the preparation of a sound, comprehensive plan of operations for the studies and assistance requested in Resolution XXV, and to emphasize the need for this plan of operations to be supplemented by the work of an advisory committee that will be appointed to make a study of the medical care problem in the Continent covering all the subsectors providing medical care services.

3. To emphasize the importance of having senior officials responsible for the medical care benefits of social security services take part in the discussion of this problem at the next meeting of the

Directing Council and to instruct the Director to suggest to the Governments when convening the above-mentioned meeting of the Council that they include such officials in their delegations.

4. To recommend to the Directing Council that it support the proposed plans and induce the Governments to do so; and to invite the Director to submit a report to the 54th Meeting of the Executive Committee and the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference on the progress made in the planning of medical care services that have been incorporated into the general health services or have been coordinated with them.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session,
23 April 1965)

RESOLUTION XVII

CE52.R17

PROCEDURE FOR THE PRESENTATION OF REPORTS TO THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having carefully considered the report of the Director on the main administrative documents that are presented to the Directing Council (Document CE52/15); and

Bearing in mind that in recent years the work of the Bureau has been described in detail in the documents mentioned,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director in the procedure for the presentation of reports to the Directing Council (Document CE52/15).
2. To transmit the above-mentioned report to the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council for adoption.
3. To recommend to the Director the continuation of the process initiated in recent years of providing the Governing Bodies with the kind of documentation which will facilitate increasingly the evaluation of program development.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session,
23 April 1965)

RESOLUTION XVIII

CE52.R18

INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION OF HUMAN REMAINS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered Document CE52/17 on the international transportation of human remains, which contains information on the legislation currently in force in countries and political entities of the Americas; and

Considering that it would be advisable and useful to establish uniform regulations for guidance in such cases,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the legislation in force in the Americas on the international transportation of human remains (Document CE52/17).
2. To request the Director to entrust to an advisory group the continuing study of the matter including the advisability of the preparation of a set of general standards for the Americas concerning the international transportation of human remains.
3. To request the Director to transmit Document CE52/17, together with the report of the advisory group, to the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council, XVII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session,
23 April 1965)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Chairman of the Committee and the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Secretary ex officio, sign the present Final Report in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE in Washington, D. C., United States of America, this twenty-third day of April nineteen sixty five. The Secretary shall deposit the original texts in the archives of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and shall send copies thereof to the Governments.

Chairman of the 52nd Meeting of the
Executive Committee
Representative of the
United States of America

Director of the
Pan American Sanitary Bureau,
Secretary ex officio of the
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ADDENDUM TO THE FINAL REPORT

Report of the Working Party on Item 5: Organization of the
Pan American Sanitary Conference

Pursuant to paragraph 2 and 3 of the operative part of Resolution XXXIX the XV Meeting of the Directing Council, XVI Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO, the Executive Committee made an examination at its fourth plenary session of the item entitled "Organization of the Pan American Sanitary Conference" and of the pertinent report of the Director.

The discussion covered four points: first, the organization and structure of future Conferences; second, the place at which the Conference is to be held; third, the proposed amendments to Articles 7-D and 12-B of the Constitution of PAHO submitted by the Representative of Ecuador; and fourth, the proposed addition of a further paragraph, (paragraph f) to Article 14, an amendment of the Representative of Peru submitted at the previous meeting of the Directing Council.

A large measure of agreement was expressed in the discussions, and the Chairman entrusted Dr. Alberto E. Calvo, Representative of Panama, and Dr. Daniel Orellana, Representative of Venezuela, to prepare a report on the discussion.

The Executive Committee was agreed that although it was empowered to express an opinion, it should make no categorical pronouncement on the problems involved which although complex would not be difficult to solve provided it was borne in mind that the Conference was the supreme Governing Body of the Organization, that its organization could be improved at the same time its expenditures reduced. However, because of the possible repercussions of a structural change, caution should be exercised, especially in the case of constitutional change, as Dr. Manoel Ferreira, the Representative of Brazil, had pointed out.

However, the current situation was quite different from the previous ones, in view of the fact that by next August the Organization would have a new building fully equipped with the meeting rooms, facilities, and services required for efficiently holding a Conference.

In the light of these general considerations, Dr. Calvo and Dr. Orellana suggested to the Executive Committee:

1. To recommend to the Directing Council that the XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference keep the same general organization as was established for previous conferences, but that the suggestions of the Governments regarding the work and organization of the main committees should be taken into account. The experience gained at the meeting may well be useful in organizing future conferences and assessing their cost.

2. To ask the Directing Council to draw the attention of the Conference to the change in the Rules of Procedure proposed by the Government of the United States of America, which the Executive Committee considers would improve the text of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference in substance and in principle.

3. To recommend to the Directing Council that the next meeting of the Pan American Sanitary Conference be held at the new Headquarters building of the Pan American Health Organization in Washington, D.C., and to approve the following constitutional amendment to that effect:

Article 7-A. The Conference shall meet every four years at the Headquarters of the Organization on a date fixed by the Director of the Bureau in consultation with the Executive Committee.

Article 7-B. Notwithstanding the provision of the immediately foregoing paragraph, the Conference may meet in any Member Country of the Organization provided that the Government concerned invites it, and the Conference itself or the Directing Council at its meeting held one year before that appointed for the Conference accepts the invitation.

Article 7-C. When the provisions of the immediately foregoing paragraph apply, the Government of the country in which the Conference is to be held shall appoint a Committee to cooperate with the Bureau in organizing the Conference.

4. To propose to the Directing Council that it amend Rule 1 of its Rules of Procedure to read as follows:

Rule 1. The Director of the Bureau shall convene the Council to meet in conformity with Article 12, paragraph A, of the Constitution and pursuant to a resolution of the Executive Committee. The meeting shall be held at the Headquarters of the Bureau or at a place chosen by the Conference or the Council. Whenever the meeting is not held at the Headquarters of the Bureau, the Director shall fix the date of the meeting in consultation with the Host Government.

5. To recommend to the Directing Council that in studying the constitutional amendment proposed by the Representative of Ecuador at the previous Directing Council Meeting, it bear

in mind that the Executive Committee studied the various implications of this amendment.

After considering the possibility of adopting the proposed amendment or of making no recommendation whatsoever, the Executive Committee studied the form and the substance of the proposal of Ecuador. The amendment was considered from the viewpoint of the practice followed by other international agencies, particularly inter-American agencies. General reference was made to the financial consequences of its adoption, and the advisability of ascertaining the real effect the amendment might have on attendance at meetings of the Governing Bodies.

6. To request the Director to submit to the Directing Council a report in which information is provided on (1) the practice of other organizations of the inter-American system as well as the organizations of the United Nations system with respect to the payment of travel or expenses of representatives to meetings; (2) the attendance records of members of (a) organizations in which the travel and expenses are paid by the Organization; (b) organizations in which the travel or expenses are paid by the Member States.

7. To recommend to the Directing Council that in considering the proposed amendments, the purpose of which is to encourage and secure the attendance of as many delegations as possible of Member Governments at the Conference, and when studying the amendment to Articles 7-D and 12-B (of the Constitution) it bear in mind the following two points:

- a) That in both cases the expenses of one representative of each Government who is a high-ranking technical official of the Ministry of Health will be paid; and
- b) That such expenses will include only the cost of the round trip from the capital city of the Member Government to the place of the meeting.

8. To inform the Directing Council that it was the unanimous opinion of the Executive Committee, with which the Observer of Peru also agreed, that the functions assigned to the Executive Committee by Article 14 of the Constitution, particularly paragraphs D and E are so broad that the amendment proposed at the XV Directing Council Meeting by the Delegate of Peru is unnecessary.

However, the submission of the proposed amendment by the Government of Peru had served a very useful purpose in that it had led to the study and the definition of the functions and responsibilities which the Executive Committee could discharge and fulfill to effectively reduce the work and shorten the duration of the meetings of the Governing Bodies of the Organization when these Governing Bodies deem it advisable.

The Executive Committee unanimously accepted the proposal of the Observer of Peru to the effect that the Executive Committee be officially represented at the meetings of the Directing Council and the Conference by its Chairman or by another member appointed by the Executive Committee. The expenses of transportation and subsistence of this Representative of the Executive Committee should be born by the Organization.