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APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

Rarely has a document been written under the press of sentiments so opposed to those inspiring it as that which, on this occasion, the Director has the honor to present to the Executive Committee.

After long years of service marked by technical competence, administrative efficiency, and unwavering loyalty, two senior officials of the Bureau are about to leave us: Dr. John C. Cutler, Deputy Director, and Dr. Victor A. Sutter, Assistant Director.

Dr. Cutler will continue his activities in the health field at an important educational center in the United States, the University of Pittsburgh, where he will serve both as Professor of International Public Health, and Director of the Population Division, in the Graduate School of Public Health.

Dr. Sutter will return to El Salvador after a distinguished career during which he held the posts of Minister of Public Health and Social Welfare of his own country; Assistant Director-General of the World Health Organization, and Assistant Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau. In El Salvador Dr. Sutter will work with the Ministry of Public Health and the National University.

The painful necessity of announcing that the services of such excellent colleagues are drawing to a close is fortunately lightened by the deep satisfaction of being able to inform the Executive Committee and the Governments of the Organization of the names of the persons appointed to replace them: Dr. Charles L. Williams, who will serve as Deputy Director, and Dr. Alfredo Arreaza Guzman who will be the new Assistant Director.

Dr. Charles L. Williams studied medicine at Tulane University, and holds a master's degree in public health from the University of Michigan. In July 1941 he joined the United States Public Health Service and has occupied various important posts in the course of his professional career there in both domestic and international programs of the government. At the present time he is Director of the Office of International Health,

attached to the Office of the Surgeon-General of the United States Public Health Service. He is a member of various professional associations and organizations, and has published a number of technical papers. Since 1953 he has worked closely with the Pan American Health Organization and the World Health Organization, and has been a member of the delegations of the United States to more than 30 meetings of the Governing Bodies of those Organizations. As the representative of that country he was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee of PAHO in 1964 and presided over the 51st and 52nd Meetings of that governing body.

Dr. Arreaza Guzman holds medical degrees from the Universities of Paris and Caracas as well as a master's degree in public health from the Johns Hopkins University. He is the author of various works on health administration and health problems in Venezuela, and was the Minister of Public Health and Social Welfare in that country. He has cooperated with the Pan American Health Organization on various occasions, particularly in matters connected with planning courses prior to joining the staff. In 1965 he was appointed Chief of Zone IV in Lima, his present post.

The professional backgrounds of Dr. Williams and Dr. Arreaza Guzman auger well for a brilliant career in the service of all the countries of the Americas.

Article 21, paragraph B of the Constitution, prescribes that "the Bureau shall have a Deputy Director and an Assistant Director appointed by the Director with the approval of the Executive Committee". In compliance with that article the Director has the honor to submit to this Committee for approval the appointments of Dr. Charles L. Williams as Deputy Director, and of Dr. Alfredo Arreaza Guzman as Assistant Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.