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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 15-A OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PAN AMERICAN
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(Item proposed by the Governments of Brazil and Nicaragua)

In implementation of the provisions of Resolution XXXVIII (annexed) adopted at the XVII Meeting of the Directing Council, the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau transmitted to the Member Governments of the Organization the proposed amendment to Article 15-A and the transitional provision, submitted by the Governments of Brazil and Nicaragua.

Up to the time of writing the Governments of the following countries have acknowledged receipt: Argentina, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Haiti. In addition to acknowledging receipt of the above-mentioned letter, the Minister of Public Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Honduras stated: "This Ministry endorses the proposals of the Governments of Brazil and Nicaragua and hopes that their wish will become a reality".

In addition, Resolution XXXVIII recommended to the 59th Meeting of the Executive Committee that it study the proposed amendment to the Constitution submitted by the Governments of Brazil and Nicaragua, which would increase to nine the number of Member Governments forming the Executive Committee and that it pay special attention to the adaptation to the new composition of the Executive Committee in order to achieve a better geographical distribution among the Member Governments.

The proposed amendment is now submitted to the Executive Committee for review and action, so that it can transmit it to the XVIII Meeting of the Directing Council for a decision. Amendments to the Constitution are governed by Article 28 thereof, which provides as follows:

"Proposals to amend the Constitution shall be communicated to the Member Governments at least three months in advance of their consideration by the Conference or the Council. Amendments shall come into force for all Member Governments when adopted by the Conference by a two-thirds vote of the representatives of all Member Governments or when adopted by the Council by a two-thirds vote of these representatives."

RESOLUTION XXXVIII

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 15-A OF THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering that the Governments of Brazil and Nicaragua have submitted a proposed amendment to Article 15-A of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization, that would increase to nine the number of Member Governments forming the Executive Committee, and that they have also submitted a transitional provision which would facilitate the entry into force of the proposed Article 15-A;

Considering that the proposal made is to be considered communicated to the Member Governments for the purpose of Article 28 of the Constitution; and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 14-D of the Constitution,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to transmit to the Member Governments of the Organization the proposed amendment to Article 15-A and the transitional provision submitted by the Governments of Brazil and Nicaragua, which read as follows:

Article 15. Composition

A. The Executive Committee shall be composed of nine Member Governments of the Organization elected by the Conference or the Council for overlapping periods of three years. Each of the elected Member Governments shall be entitled to designate

one representative to the Executive Committee. Each representative may be accompanied by one or more alternates and advisers. A Member Government shall not be eligible for reelection to the Executive Committee until one year has elapsed since the expiration of its term of office.

Transitional article. On the entry into force of the amendment to Article 15-A, the vacancies on the Executive Committee shall be filled and two additional members shall be elected to bring the membership to nine. At subsequent elections a sufficient number of vacancies shall be filled to keep the membership of the Executive Committee at nine Member Governments of the Organization and, if necessary, the terms of office of the Governments elected shall be adjusted, provided that in no instance shall a Government be entitled to be a member of the Executive Committee for more than three successive years.

2. To recommend to the 59th Meeting of the Executive Committee that it consider the proposed amendment to the Constitution submitted by the Governments of Brazil and Nicaragua, paying special attention to the adaptation to the new composition of the Executive Committee.

3. To instruct the Director to include the following item in the draft agenda of the XVIII Meeting of the Directing Council: Amendment to Article 15-A of the Constitution (Proposed by the Governments of Brazil and Nicaragua).

(Approved at the seventeenth plenary session, 12 October 1967)