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BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS

Zone V Office - Brasília, Brazil

The Director has the honor to report to the Executive Committee on the progress of the construction of the Zone V Office building in Brasília, Brazil.

Temporary Office Quarters in Brasília

During the past several months the Zone V Office has been operating in both Brasília and Rio de Janeiro. Because of the necessary link with national counterparts in the Ministry of Health who have not yet been re-located in Brasília and with other national governmental agencies still located in Rio de Janeiro, no radical change in this pattern of operation can be forecast for the immediate future. In view of this situation, local representation will still be necessary in Rio de Janeiro throughout the year 1973, and in all probability will even be necessary beyond the date of completion of the transfer of the Zone Office to Brasília, as a local liaison with national counterparts.

During the period of transition, the Zone V Office in Brasília has been operating out of temporary quarters on the third floor of the Ministry of Health building. This office space is limited in size and unable to accommodate the additional staff members to be transferred from Rio de Janeiro.

Financial Contributions from the Government of Brazil

Pursuant to Resolution I of the 67th Meeting of the Executive Committee, a continuous effort to reopen the question of financial support from the Government of Brazil and from non-governmental sectors towards the construction of the building has been made. Inclusion of space for conference facilities is directly related to the availability of supplementary funds.

Financial Plan

The Executive Committee at its 68th Meeting endorsed a financial plan for the building, estimated at \$370,000 (Resolution IX). The estimated cost took into account the sale value of the Zone Office owned by the Organization in Rio de Janeiro, valued at that time at \$70,000, and the contribution of \$100,000 authorized by the World Health Assembly (Resolution WHA25.R39) from the WHO Real Estate Fund. The remaining balance of \$200,000 was to be funded by a loan from the Riggs National Bank of Washington, D. C.

Since the drawing up of the original financial plan in October 1971, the cost of construction per square meter has increased from between Cr.500 and Cr.700 in 1971 to Cr.1,000 in May 1973, bringing the estimated cost of construction up to Cr.2,981,000 (US\$491,914).

The cost of special equipment to be purchased for the proposed building is estimated as follows:

Simultaneous interpretation equipment	\$ 45,000
Furnishing for conference rooms	50,000
Electrical equipment	20,000
Appliances	5,000
Total	<u>\$120,000</u>

The current value of the Organization's property in Rio de Janeiro was estimated at Cr.800,000 (US\$132,000) in June 1973, thus increasing the anticipated proceeds by \$60,000 over the original estimate.

It is now felt that a \$200,000 increase in the amount of the present loan authorization is necessary. The Organization will continue its endeavors to explore ways and means of reducing the overall cost of the proposed building and to determine the possibility of obtaining financial contributions from external sources.

Actual Construction Progress

Preparation of the detailed construction plans is now under way. The invitation to bid was issued on 11 June 1973. After the award of the contract, the building construction is expected to begin in October 1973 with an estimated completion date of December 1974.

Pan American Center for Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences (CEPIS) - Lima, Peru

The Executive Committee at its 67th Meeting studied the report on the proposal for a new building for the Pan American Center for Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences in Lima. The Committee, in Resolution II, approved the construction plan for the proposed building.

The Director wishes to report to the Executive Committee that the architectural plans have been finalized and that the actual construction will begin on 2 July 1973, to be completed by March 1974.

PASB/WHO Office - Port au Prince, Haiti

For many years the PASB/WHO Office in Haiti occupied space in the Ministry of Health building. Since April 1973, due to expansion of the Ministry, the Office has been relocated in a house rented for its use by the Organization. These temporary quarters are inadequate in floor space and in other office facilities to meet the demands of the expanding programs in Haiti.

The Government of Haiti has pledged to donate to the Organization a site for a new building, including a conference chamber, in an adjacent section. The conference area is considered necessary by the Government of Haiti in order to provide a suitable location for international and national seminars, training courses, and conferences. Subject to approval by the Executive Committee, the program and budget of the Organization for the year 1975 will make provision under Haiti-3100 for the funds, in the amount of \$75,000, necessary to cover the estimated cost of the building.

The proposed building consists of two units: offices and a 100-person conference room. The conference area is accessible through an entrance hall, so that when necessary the two units can function separately and independently. To provide for the anticipated expansion of programs in Haiti, the parking area on the first floor is designed in such a way that it can be converted into 14 offices of 3.10 x 5.00 meters each.

In view of the foregoing, the Executive Committee may wish to consider resolutions along the following lines:

Proposed Resolution

BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS - BRAZIL

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the report of the Director on buildings and installations (Document CE70/6); and

Recalling that in Resolution I the Executive Committee at its 67th Meeting approved the construction plan in its totality for the proposed building in Brasília, and by Resolution IX

the Executive Committee at its 68th Meeting authorized the Director to negotiate a loan in an amount up to \$200,000 to be used toward financing its construction; and

Noting that construction costs in Brasília have increased so that the cost of the building and equipment will be \$242,000 more than previously estimated,

RESOLVES:

1. To authorize the Director, in accordance with Article VI, paragraph 6.9, of the Financial Regulations of the Pan American Health Organization, to negotiate a \$200,000 increase in the loan approved by Resolution IX of the 68th Meeting of the Executive Committee, to meet the revised cost estimates for the new Zone V Office building in Brasília.
2. To authorize the Director, relative to obtaining such a loan, to execute such loan agreements, notes, assignments, guaranties, waivers of immunity from suit or judicial process, or other documents as may be necessary or desirable.
3. To request the Director to provide in the regular annual budgets of the Organization the funds necessary to repay the increased loan in annual installments.
4. To authorize the Director to transfer any available budgetary lapses and savings which may occur to the Building Fund as may be required to assist in financing construction of the Zone V Office building.

Proposed Resolution

BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS - HAITI

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having studied the report on buildings and installations submitted by the Director (Document CE70/6);

Having considered the need for the Organization to relocate the PASB/WHO Office in Haiti; and

Noting with appreciation the kind offer of the Government of Haiti to donate a building site,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the construction plan in its totality, including facilities for seminars and conferences, for the new PASB/WHO Office in Haiti, as outlined in Document CE70/6.

2. To request the Director to provide in the regular annual budgets of the Organization the funds necessary to finance the cost of the new building.
3. To express its appreciation to the Government of Haiti for its generous offer to donate a building site for the new PASB/WHO Office in Haiti.