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FINAL REPORT

The 76th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization was held at the Headquarters Building in Washington, D.C., from 21 through 29 June 1976, as convened by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

The following Members of the Committee, observers, and officers of the Bureau attended the meeting:

Members:

Dr. Lucio Ortega	ARGENTINA
Lt. Col. Lucio Emilio Zanchi	
Ms. Margaret McDonald	BAHAMAS
Dr. Henry Podlewski	
Dr. Luis Alberto Valle Ureña	BOLIVIA
Dr. Fernando Serpa Florez	COLOMBIA
Dr. Alberto Gustavo Mora	
Dr. Hermán Weinstok W.	COSTA RICA
Dr. Oscar Alfaro Rodríguez	
Dr. Omar Navarrete Valdés	CUBA
Lic. Osvaldo Valdés Ojeda	
Lic. Jesús Zenen Buergo C.	
Dr. Wilbert J. Smith Wilson	JAMAICA
Dr. Orontes Avilés	NICARAGUA

Dr. Robert de Caires

UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

Mr. Robert Andrew

Mr. Lyndall Beamer

Ms. Marlyn Kefauver

Mr. Francis Murphy

Observers:

Dr. Gustave C. Strain

FRANCE

Dr. Jaime Solórzano

GUATEMALA

Eng. Fraterno Girón Girón

Mr. Juan Carlos A. Hrase Von Barga

PARAGUAY

Dr. Ferdinand Siem Tjam

SURINAM

Pan American Sanitary Bureau:

Dr. Héctor R. Acuña
Director

Dr. Charles L. Williams, Jr.
Deputy Director

Mr. William E. Muldoon
Chief of Administration

Dr. Pedro N. Acha
Chief, Division of Disease Control

Mr. Frank A. Butrico
Chief, Division of Environmental Health

Mr. Richard A. Prindle
Chief, Division of Family Health

Dr. José Luis García Gutiérrez
Chief, Division of Health Services

Dr. José Roberto Ferreira
Chief, Division of Human
Resources and Research

Ms. Mary H. Burke
Acting Chief, Division
of Supporting Services

Chief, Secretariat Services
Jefe, Servicios de Secretaría

Mr. Luis Larrea Alba, Jr., Chief
Department of Conference and General Services

Latin American Center for Perinatology and Human Development
Centro Latinoamericano de Perinatología y Desarrollo Humano

Dr. Roberto Caldeyro-Barcia

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Inter-American Development Bank

Dr. Abraham Drobny

OFFICERS

In accordance with Rules 9 and 11 of the Rules of Procedure, the
Officers of the Committee were as follows:

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Orontes Avilés	NICARAGUA
<u>Vice-Chairman pro tempore:</u>	Dr. Wilbert J. Smith Wilson	JAMAICA
<u>Rapporteur pro tempore:</u>	Ms. Marlyn Kefauver	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
<u>Secretary ex officio:</u>	Dr. Héctor R. Acuña	DIRECTOR, PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

AGENDA

Pursuant to Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure, the Executive Committee
adopted at its first plenary session held on 21 June 1976 the provisional
agenda (Document CE76/1, Rev. 3), as submitted by the Director.

SESSIONS

The Committee held 13 plenary sessions and a closing session. Nine sessions were devoted to a detailed examination of the proposed program and budget estimates of the Organization prepared by the Director pursuant to Article 14.C of the Constitution. During this study the Committee was assisted by the Director and the technical staff of the Bureau.

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

In the course of the meeting the Committee approved the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION I

CE76.R1

PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE XXIV MEETING OF THE
DIRECTING COUNCIL OF PAHO, XXVIII MEETING OF THE REGIONAL
COMMITTEE OF WHO FOR THE AMERICAS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the provisional agenda (Document CD24/1, Rev. 1) prepared by the Director for the XXIV Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXVIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, presented as annex to Document CE76/13, Rev. 1; and

Considering that Article 12.C of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization and Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council provide that "The provisional agenda of the Council shall be prepared by the Director of the Bureau and submitted to the Executive Committee for approval,"

RESOLVES:

To approve the provisional agenda prepared by the Director for the XXIV Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXVIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas.

(Approved at the first plenary session,
21 June 1976)

RESOLUTION II

CE76.R2

REPRESENTATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT THE XXIV MEETING
OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL OF PAHO, XXVIII MEETING OF THE
REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF WHO FOR THE AMERICAS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered Document CE76/12 presented by the Director; and

Bearing in mind Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive
Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To designate, as alternate representative of the Executive Committee to the XXIV Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXVIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, Dr. W. J. S. Wilson (Jamaica) in the event that the Chairman is unable to attend.
2. To designate Dr. Luis Alberto Valle Ureña (Bolivia) and Dr. Raúl Charles León (Argentina) to attend the same meeting together with the Chairman or his alternate.
3. To designate Ms. Margaret E. MacDonald (Bahamas) and Dr. Gustavo Mora (Colombia) alternate representatives in the event that Dr. Luis Alberto Valle Ureña or Dr. Raúl Charles León are unable to attend.
4. To designate, as alternates to the principal representative, in the event that neither the Chairman nor his designated alternate is able to attend, in the following order: Dr. Oscar Alfaro Rodríguez (Costa Rica), Dr. Omar Navarrete Valdés (Cuba) and Dr. Carlos Lucio Ortega (Argentina).

(Approved at the third plenary session,
22 June 1976)

RESOLUTION III

CE76.R3

DATES OF THE XXIV MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL OF PAHO, XXVIII MEETING
OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF WHO FOR THE AMERICAS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered Document CE76/11 concerning the dates of the XXIV Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXVIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas; and

Bearing in mind Article 12, paragraph A, and Article 14, paragraph A, of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization and Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council,

RESOLVES:

1. To authorize the Director to convoke the XXIV Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXVIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, to meet in Mexico, D. F., Mexico.
2. To note that, in accordance with Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council, and after consultation with the Government of Mexico, the Director has fixed the dates for the meeting from 27 September to 8 October 1976.

(Approved at the third plenary session,
22 June 1976)

RESOLUTION IV

CE76.R4

QUOTA CONTRIBUTIONS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CE76/5 and ADD.);

Noting that of the four countries with approved payment plans for liquidating their arrears, only one had made a payment during 1976 by the time of the Executive Committee Meeting;

Considering the importance of prompt and full payment of quota contributions to assure financing of the authorized program and budget and to maintain the Organization in a sound cash position; and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 6.B of the Constitution of PAHO relating to the suspension of voting privileges of Governments failing to meet their financial obligations,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions (Document CE76/5 and ADD.).
2. To thank the Governments that have already made payments in 1976 and to urge the other Governments to pay their current quotas as early as possible in the year they are due so that the work of the Organization can continue and the financial burden of its program be fairly spread among all Members.
3. To again direct the attention of Governments to the provisions of paragraph 5.4 of Article V of the Financial Regulations of PAHO, which in part reads as follows: "Contributions shall be considered as due and payable in full . . . as of the first day of the financial year to which they relate As of 1 January of the following financial year, the unpaid balance of such unpaid contributions shall be considered to be one year in arrears."
4. To request the Director to continue to inform the Governments of any balances due and to report to the Directing Council at its XXIV Meeting on the status of the collection of quota contributions.

(Approved at the third plenary session,
22 June 1976)

RESOLUTION V

CE76.R5

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR AND REPORT OF
THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR FISCAL YEAR 1975

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for fiscal year 1975 (Official Document 140); and

Recognizing that the Organization continues to be in a sound financial situation,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for fiscal year 1975 (Official Document 140) and to transmit it to the Directing Council at its XXIV Meeting.
2. To commend the Director for having achieved and maintained a sound financial situation.

(Approved at the third plenary session,
22 June 1976)

RESOLUTION VI

CE76.R6

PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PAN AMERICAN
COMMUNITY HEALTH TRAINING CENTER

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Bearing in mind that the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas and various resolutions of the Governing Bodies of PAHO give priority to programs for the extension of health services to cover rural and marginal areas;

Recognizing the desirability, for this purpose, of interchange of experience, knowledge, research and methodological studies, and the training of personnel to direct and implement the programs;

Realizing that it is necessary to train and motivate health services personnel at all levels, to disseminate knowledge and to carry out research; and

Bearing in mind the initiative taken by the Government of Costa Rica and its offer to provide facilities for establishing such a training center,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Government of Costa Rica for its kind offer.
2. To request the Director of PASB to carry out a feasibility study for consideration by the Directing Council at its next Meeting in September 1976 with a view to the establishment of such a training Center.

(Approved at the fourth plenary session,
22 June 1976)

RESOLUTION VII

CE76.R7

PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET ESTIMATES OF THE PAN AMERICAN
HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR 1977

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having carefully examined the proposed program and budget estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1977 (Official Document 141);

Considering that the proposed program and budget has been the subject of detailed consultations with and study by the governments to determine their latest desires and requirements; and

Bearing in mind Article 14.C of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization and Article III, paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6, of the PAHO Financial Regulations,

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the Directing Council that at its XXIV Meeting it approve the appropriation and assessment resolutions shown in Official Document 141.

(Approved at the eighth plenary session,
24 June 1976)

RESOLUTION VIII

CE76.R8

PROVISIONAL DRAFT OF THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF
THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR 1978

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined in detail Official Document 141 submitted by the Director of the Bureau, which contains the provisional draft that is to constitute the basis for the preparation of the proposed program and budget estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1978, to be considered by the 78th Meeting of the Executive Committee and by the XXV Meeting of the Directing Council; and

Recognizing that the provisional draft of the proposed program and budget estimates contains much needed projects formulated in cooperation with the national authorities,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the provisional draft of the proposed program and budget estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1978 appearing in Official Document 141.
2. To request the Director to use the provisional draft as a basis for the preparation of the proposed program and budget estimates for 1978, after further consultations with the Governments to determine their latest desires and requirements in relation to the health priorities of the countries.

(Approved at the eighth plenary session,
24 June 1976)

RESOLUTION IX

CE76.R9

PROVISIONAL DRAFT OF THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF
THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR THE REGION
OF THE AMERICAS FOR 1978-1979

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered in detail Official Document 141 submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which contains the proposed program and budget estimates of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1978, and Document CE76/16 which provides a projection for 1979; and

Bearing in mind that the proposed program and budget estimates are to be submitted to the XXIV Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXVIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, for review and transmittal to the Director-General of WHO so that he might take them into account in preparing the program and budget estimates of WHO for 1978-1979,

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the XXIV Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXVIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, that it approve a resolution along the following lines:

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered Official Document 141 submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which contains the proposed program and budget estimates of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1978, and Document CE76/16, which provides the projection for 1979;

Bearing in mind that the proposed program and budget estimates are submitted to the Directing Council as Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, for review and transmittal to the Director-General of WHO so that he may take them into account in preparing the program and budget estimates of WHO for 1978-1979; and

Noting the recommendations made by the Executive Committee
at its 76th Meeting,

RESOLVES:

To approve the proposed program and budget estimates of
the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas
for 1978-1979 appearing in Official Document 141 and Document
CE76/16, and to request the Regional Director to transmit them
to the Director-General of WHO so that he may take them into
account in preparing the WHO program and budget estimates
for 1978-1979.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session,
25 June 1976)

RESOLUTION X.

CE76.R10

STUDY OF THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having further studied the Rules for Technical Discussions, as requested by the Directing Council at its XXIII Meeting;

Having considered the discussion that took place on this topic at the XXIII Meeting of the Directing Council; and

Believing that the topics for Technical Discussions should be selected two years in advance,

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the Directing Council that it adopt the following resolution:

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having studied the report of the Executive Committee recommending an amendment to the Rules for Technical Discussions,

RESOLVES:

1. To amend Rule 7 of the Rules for Technical Discussions by deleting the words "each year" in the second line and inserting the words "by two years" immediately following the word "preceding" in the third line.
2. To select the topic for the Technical Discussions to be held at the XXV Meeting of the Directing Council in 1977 and the topic for the Discussions to be held at the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference in 1978.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session,
25 June 1976)

RESOLUTION XI

CE76.R11

AMENDMENTS TO THE STAFF RULES OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau submitted by the Director in Annex I of Document CE76/10;

Recognizing the advisability of maintaining uniformity of rules for PASB and WHO staff; and

Bearing in mind the provisions of Staff Rule 030,

RESOLVES:

To confirm the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau submitted by the Director in Annex I of Document CE76/10, to be effective as of 1 January 1976.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,
25 June 1976)

RESOLUTION XII

CE76.R12

APPLICATION OF MINUS POST ADJUSTMENT

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Recalling Resolution CE31.R13 by which it decided to maintain the non-application of minus post adjustment in the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;

Having examined again the various considerations for and against the application of minus post adjustment;

Noting the action taken regarding this matter by the Executive Board of the World Health Organization at its Fifty-seventh Session;

Believing that staff serving at duty stations of minus post adjustment classification should not have their emoluments abruptly reduced; and

Believing that it is desirable to have uniform policies and procedures for PASB and WHO staff,

RESOLVES:

1. To authorize the Director to apply minus post adjustment in the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, effective 1 January 1976.
2. To request the Director to establish a transitional arrangement, as he deems appropriate, in the implementation of this decision, so as to avoid undue hardship to the staff affected.

(Approved at the tenth plenary session,
25 June 1976)

RESOLUTION XIII

CE76.R13

PAHO AWARD FOR ADMINISTRATION

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the report of the Award Committee for the PAHO Award for Administration (Document CE76/4, ADD. I); and

Bearing in mind the regulations set forth in the Procedure Governing the PAHO Award for Administration,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the decision of the Award Committee to confer the PAHO Award for Administration, 1976, on Dr. Ernani Guilherme Fernandes da Motta, of Brasil, for his work in administrative management, especially in connection with the meningitis vaccination campaign in his country.
2. To transmit the report of the Award Committee for the PAHO Award for Administration (Document CE76/4, ADD. I) to the XXIV Meeting of the Directing Council.
3. To request the Directing Council to recommend to the Member Governments that they take advantage of the purposes of the PAHO Award for Administration, namely to encourage excellence in the field of administration, and participate by nominating candidates for the Award.

(Approved at the twelfth plenary session,
28 June 1976)

RESOLUTION XIV

CE76.R14

IX INTER-AMERICAN MEETING, AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL,
ON FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE AND ZOONOSSES CONTROL

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the Final Report of the IX Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document RICAZ9/FR);

Bearing in mind the increasing demand for technical cooperation by the countries that are conducting national programs for the prevention or control of foot-and-mouth disease and other zoonoses, which place a heavy financial burden on livestock development and affect human health; and

Recognizing that the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center and the Pan American Zoonoses Center are essential agencies for the animal health programs which the countries are conducting or planning with the financial assistance given by the Inter-American Development Bank,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to transmit the Final Report (RICAZ9/FR) contained in Document CE76/17 to the Directing Council at its XXIV Meeting.
2. To recommend to the Directing Council at its XXIV Meeting that it consider adopting a resolution along the following lines:

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the Final Report of the IX Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document RICAZ9/FR);

Bearing in mind the importance of the technical cooperation which the Organization is providing to the Governments through its Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Centers in the planning, operation and evaluation of animal health programs essential to the control and eradication of diseases of importance both to man and to animals;

Considering the scope of the manpower training programs being carried out by the above-mentioned Centers; and

Being aware that an increase is foreseen in the demand for services by the countries, and in the operating cost of such services,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Final Report of the IX Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control (Document RICAZ9/FR).
2. To thank the Ministers of Agriculture for their willingness to make voluntary contributions to the Centers in order to cope with their financial problems, as indicated in Resolutions V and IX contained in Document RICAZ9/FR.
3. To express its appreciation to the Ministers of Agriculture for their efforts to improve the health of the peoples of the Americas through the control and prevention of animal diseases that affect the economy and health of the countries of the Hemisphere.

(Approved at the twelfth plenary session,
28 June 1976)

RESOLUTION XV

CE76.R15

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Bearing in mind Resolution XXXII approved by the Executive Committee at its 74th Meeting and Resolution X approved by the Directing Council at its XXIII Meeting,

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate the need to proceed with the implementation of Resolution X approved by the Directing Council at its XXIII Meeting in the context of Resolution 3490 (XXX) adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations at its thirtieth session, recommending the provision of health services designed to meet the biological and psychosocial needs of women.
2. To emphasize that these needs include education for family life, assistance to ensure adequate nutrition and minimize risks related to the reproductive period, and recognition of the potential contribution of women, given equal opportunity, to the process of development in the Region.
3. To thank the Director for the information provided concerning matters related to women in the Region and within the Bureau itself.
4. To recommend to the Director that he continue to strengthen the activities and the programs specifically designed to improve the health and well-being of women throughout the Region and within the Bureau.

(Approved at the twelfth plenary session,
28 June 1976)

RESOLUTION XVI

CE76.R16

FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined Document CE76/20, submitted by the Director;

Noting that the Director proposes to call upon Members of the Executive Committee, as appropriate and practicable, during the period between Meetings of the Committee for advice and consultation especially in connection with the review and updating of the PAHO Technical Cooperation Program and the evaluation of the activities of the Organization; and

Believing that it is desirable and feasible to extend this practice to new fields of action within PAHO, and that the representatives of Members of the Committee can make useful contributions to the programs of the Organization,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Director's report (Document CE76/20).
2. To request the Director to submit periodically to the Meetings of the Executive Committee a report on the results of the cooperation thus given by the Members of the Executive Committee in the work of the Bureau.
3. To bring to the attention of the Director that the Executive Committee has identified the following areas as worthy of study in 1978: malaria, interregional projects, multinational centers and the fellowship program.

(Approved at the twelfth plenary session,
28 June 1976)

RESOLUTION XVII

CE76.R17

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO GUATEMALA

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Bearing in mind the provisions of Resolution XXX, of the XVIII Meeting of the Pan American Sanitary Conference, and Resolution XLIII, of the XIX Meeting of the Pan American Sanitary Conference;

Having noted the action taken by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in connection with the emergency in Guatemala following the earthquake of 4 February 1976, and the technical assistance rendered; and

Recognizing that similar emergencies and disasters of vast proportions are bound to occur in disaster-prone countries of the Region, many of which do not as yet possess complete emergency relief plans or are unable to update and implement their plans for lack of technical assistance,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Director and the Secretariat, and particularly the personnel assigned to Guatemala, for their selfless and effective efforts to render assistance in the emergency following the earthquake of 4 February 1976, and also to thank the Governments which during that tragic period gave proof of the spirit of solidarity that inspires all the Members of the Organization.
2. To recommend that in view of the experiences of various Governments which, like Guatemala, have suffered natural disasters, the Directing Council request the Director to strengthen the existing program of assistance to Governments relating to national activities before, during and after the occurrence of natural disasters.
3. To instruct the Director to seek ways and means of effecting savings in order to support this program.

(Approved at the twelfth plenary session,
28 June 1976)

RESOLUTION XVIII

CE76.R18

RESOLUTIONS OF THE TWENTY-NINTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
OF INTEREST TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined Document CE76/24 containing resolutions of the
Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly; and

Having taken note of the information provided by the Director of
the Bureau concerning the activities being carried out in the various fields,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the resolutions of the Twenty-ninth World Health
Assembly contained in Document CE76/24.
2. To transmit these resolutions to the Directing Council at its
XXIV Meeting for information and any action the Council deems appropriate.

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28 June 1976)

RESOLUTION XIX

CE76.R19

REQUEST BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SURINAM FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE
PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the formal request for membership in the Pan American Health Organization made by the Prime Minister and Minister for General and Foreign Affairs of Surinam, on behalf of his Government, in a letter dated 8 March 1976,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the request by the Government of Surinam for membership in the Pan American Health Organization, and to instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to transmit it to the Directing Council of PAHO at its XXIV Meeting for appropriate action.
2. To recommend to the Directing Council that it give favorable consideration to the request of the Government of Surinam for membership in the Pan American Health Organization.

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RESOLUTION XX

CE76.R20

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY AND THE
PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the report of the Director on the study carried out at the request of the Executive Committee at its 75th Meeting on the type of relationship that might be established between the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to consult with the Ministers of Health and the Secretariat of CARICOM in order to clarify what the Community expects from an agreement between CARICOM and PAHO.
2. To request the Director to report on the matter to the Executive Committee at its 78th Meeting, in order that the Committee may make the appropriate recommendations to the Directing Council.

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RESOLUTION XXI

CE76.R21

REDUCTION OF LENGTH OF MEETINGS OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having carefully studied Document CE76/19 based on the discussion of this topic and the report made by a working party to the Directing Council at its XXIII Meeting;

Recognizing that it is the responsibility of the Directing Council at each of its Meetings to determine its own program of work; and

Believing also that the agenda of Meetings of the Directing Council could be so arranged that the most fundamental policy items could be discussed during the first week of the Meeting,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend that no changes be made in the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council.
2. To suggest to the Directing Council that at its XXIV and subsequent Meetings it hold the debate on the most important policy issues during the first week of the Meeting.

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29 June 1976)

RESOLUTION XXII

CE76.R22

FORMULATION OF THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF
THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the report on the formulation of the program and budget of the Pan American Health Organization submitted by the Director (Document CE76/7);

Bearing in mind the presentation to the Executive Committee by a Member of the Working Group appointed by the Director; and

Recognizing that this study will be an ongoing process,

RESOLVES:

1. To note the report on the formulation of the program and budget of the Pan American Health Organization (Document CE76/7).
2. To thank both the Director and the Working Group for the excellent, in-depth interim report.
3. To transmit the report on the formulation of the program and budget (Document CE76/7) to the Directing Council at its XXIV Meeting, together with the summary record of the discussion of the item at the 76th Meeting of the Executive Committee, for information and whatever action the Council may deem appropriate.
4. To urge the Director to take into account the recommendations of the report in the preparation of future programs and budgets of the Organization.

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29 June 1976)

RESOLUTION XXIII

CE76.R23

INTERSECTORAL COORDINATION

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the Director's report on Resolution VIII adopted by the Directing Council at its XXIII Meeting concerning the First Intersectoral Meeting on the Health of Man in the Americas, and having studied the summary of the final report of the meeting held by UNICEF at Quito in August 1975;

Confirming the need for the Governments to make whatever effort is needed to strengthen intrasectoral coordination and to develop intersectoral cooperation in pursuing national health policies connected with the extension of coverage;

Emphasizing that the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas covering the period 1981-1990 should, consequently, be based on close intersectoral coordination;

Recognizing that the first regional priority is to achieve the goals of expanding the coverage of services to the unprotected rural and semi-urban populations, and that this can only be achieved through systematic action involving a joint commitment by all sectors concerned with national development; and

Considering that the Organization has a basic role to play in direction, coordination and assistance relating to these national processes,

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate the need for Governments to make the effort needed to achieve the goals they have set for expanding coverage on the basis of intrasectoral action carefully programmed and systematically coordinated with those of the other sectors concerned with national development.
2. To urge the Organization to ensure that the Ten-Year Health Plan for the Americas, from 1981-1990, is based on intersectoral coordination and cooperation and to urge the countries to broaden their programs in accordance with the experience gained during the current Ten-Year Health Plan.
3. To recommend to the Directing Council that it urge each country to develop its national health plans in keeping with this approach.

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RESOLUTION XXIV CE76.R24
HEALTH AND YOUTH

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Bearing in mind Resolution VIII approved at its 74th Meeting and Resolution XIV approved by the Directing Council at its XXIII Meeting, concerning the priority which should be assigned to the health of young people, both by the Governments and by the Pan American Health Organization; and

Having considered the information on this subject furnished by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, including the study carried out by an ad hoc working group set up by the Bureau in December 1975,

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate the need to implement Resolution XIV approved by the Directing Council at its XXIII Meeting relating to studies and a methodology for the formulation and execution of health programs for youth, within the context of general health services.
2. To thank the Director for the information furnished, and to take note of the conclusions and recommendations of the working group.
3. To suggest to the Director that the Organization provide advisory services with a view to acquiring the best possible knowledge of the present situation and training the manpower required for a multidisciplinary approach to the health problems of youth.
4. To urge the Member Governments of PAHO to set up programs especially designed to meet the needs of youth.
5. To recommend to the Director that he pursue his intention to promote the cooperation of national institutions and international agencies concerned with achieving satisfactory youth health conditions

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RESOLUTION XXV

CE76.R25

LATIN AMERICAN CENTER FOR PERINATOLOGY
AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the report on the most important achievements of the Latin American Center for Perinatology and Human Development (CLAP) in the period 1970-1975, submitted by its Director pursuant to Resolution XXXVIII of the Executive Committee at its 74th Meeting;

Bearing in mind the high rates of perinatal and maternal morbidity and mortality and their sequelae in the Region;

Convinced of the need to foster knowledge and encourage research on the reduction of the risks associated with the reproductive cycle; and

Recognizing that the activities being conducted and those planned by CLAP constitute programs of regional importance in the conduct of collaborative projects in the countries, in the benefits of training, and in the results of its research aimed at ensuring satisfactory maternal and perinatal care,

RESOLVES:

1. To commend the Bureau and CLAP for their very useful contribution to the improvement of health care for mothers and newborn children.
2. To recommend to the Governments of the countries of the Region that they make use of the technical services of CLAP, in accordance with the general programs of the Center and the available budgetary funds.
3. To support the efforts of CLAP to continue its programs and to devise rigorously scientific methods for designing a technology consistent with the priorities of the maternal and child health programs and the various levels of maternal and perinatal care in the countries of the Region and in different areas of those countries.
4. To request the Government of Uruguay to continue and, insofar as possible, to strengthen its support in all manner to the Center and to collaborative and cooperative efforts with the Member Governments.

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RESOLUTION XXVI

CE76.R26

CONTINUING EDUCATION

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the present status of continuing education programs for health personnel in the Region;

Considering the urgent need to improve these programs and place them at the service of extension of coverage;

Appreciating the profound changes that continuing education can effect in health personnel and the advantages that could be derived from these programs for improving the services over the short, medium and long term; and

Bearing in mind that because of the magnitude of the operation involved, special resources will be required,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to continue his efforts to mobilize national and international resources for a large-scale, timely operation.
2. To request the Director to arrange for the inclusion in projects for extension of health coverage of a continuing education component for all participating personnel, so as to contribute to their success over the medium and long term.
3. To remind the Governments of the recommendations contained in Resolution XXIII of the XIX Pan American Sanitary Conference and invite them to study their own needs in respect of continuing education and to establish the necessary structures for efficient intercountry cooperation and exchange.

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RESOLUTION XXVII

CE76.R27

SMALLPOX VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR
INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS IN THE AMERICAS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Considering that there has been no endemic smallpox in the Americas since April 1971, that the transmission of the disease is at present restricted to remote areas of Ethiopia, that the risk of smallpox importation into the Americas is low, and that there is a slight but definite risk associated with smallpox vaccination,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to the Directing Council that it urge Member Countries to terminate routine smallpox vaccination requirements for international travelers within the Americas.
2. To recommend to the Directing Council in addition that smallpox vaccination requirements for international travelers be retained as a routine practice only for travelers who have been in any part of a country where smallpox is endemic within the previous 14 days.
3. To recommend further to the Directing Council that it urge the Member Governments to review their smallpox vaccination programs with a view to vaccinating only the health service personnel most exposed to risk.

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RESOLUTION XXVIII

CE76.R28

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Bearing in mind that in 1977 the Pan American Health Organization will have completed 75 years of outstanding service to the peoples of the Americas,

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the Directing Council that at its XXIV Meeting it approve a resolution along the following lines:

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering that 2 December 1977 will mark the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the Pan American Health Organization, the oldest intergovernmental public health organization in the world; and

Considering that this important event, which has great significance for all the peoples of the Western Hemisphere, should be widely recognized and celebrated,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge Member Governments, on the occasion of the anniversary of the Organization to designate 1977 as "Community Participation in Health Year" and to carry out a public education campaign based on that theme.
2. To recommend to the Member Governments that they issue a commemorative postage stamp in 1977.
3. To request the Director to prepare a special program for the celebration of "Community Participation in Health Year," and to authorize that available savings be used for the activities related to that program.
4. To invite other organizations to help to make the event a resounding success.

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RESOLUTION XXIX

CE76.R29

MALARIA PROGRAM IN THE AMERICAS

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Noting the steady deterioration in the malaria situation in extensive areas of countries of the Americas, largely due to technical, financial and administrative problems;

Recognizing that important changes have been introduced in the malaria program in the Americas with regard to strategy and methodology, aimed at making the criteria applied more practical and flexible, in keeping with the different epidemiologic and socioeconomic situation of the individual countries; and

Bearing in mind that the Director of the Organization has already taken steps to secure improved financing for the malaria programs, in compliance with Resolution XXII of the XXIII Meeting of the Directing Council,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Governments to speed up the change in strategy, with the help of the Organization if and when they deem it necessary.
2. To ask the Director to arrange for the Organization to continue promoting and to intensify the support of personnel training in national and international centers, and to ask the Governments to give priority to these activities and award fellowships for attendance at courses and seminars.
3. To acknowledge the efforts made by the Director to improve the financing of the malaria programs and to urge him to continue to promote technical, economic, and administrative feasibility studies.
4. To ask the international financing agencies, especially the International Development Bank (IDB), to give favorable consideration to requests from the Governments with a view to strengthening the financing of the malaria programs.

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

DONE in Washington, D.C., United States of America, this twenty-ninth day of June, nineteen hundred and seventy-six. The Secretary shall deposit the original texts in the archives of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and shall send copies thereof to the Governments of the Organization.

Chairman of the 76th Meeting
of the Executive Committee
Representative of Nicaragua

Director of the
Pan American Sanitary Bureau
Secretary ex officio of the
Executive Committee