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BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS

Area V Office, Brasília, Brazil

Further to the information submitted to the 74th Meeting of the Executive Committee in June-July 1975, the Director is pleased to present a progress report on the construction of the auditorium of the Area V building in Brasília, Brazil.

Finishing of the interior of the auditorium, as well as the installation of air conditioning, simultaneous interpretation equipment and furnishings, is in progress.

The timetable for completion of this work is September-October 1977.

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

Complementing the information submitted to the Executive Committee at its 74th Meeting, the Director is pleased to inform the Committee that the Government of Peru has completed the second part of the installations, consisting of the areas to accommodate the laboratory, printing, storage and parking; it became fully operational in October 1976. The architectural plans of the building include an auditorium. This was handed over to PAHO with only the structural framework up. Steps have been taken to finish the interior of the auditorium, as well as to install air conditioning, simultaneous interpretation equipment and furnishings, so that these facilities can be utilized in the training activities of the Center as well as for meetings at the national and international levels.

Work is expected to be completed by July-August 1977.

Area III Office, Guatemala, Guatemala

In February 1968 the Pan American Health Organization purchased 748 square meters of space on the second floor of the ETISA building to accommodate the Area III Office.

As a result of the earthquake that occurred in Guatemala City on 4 February 1976, the building suffered serious structural damage, and it became necessary to totally evacuate the premises.

The managers of the ETISA Corporation, in a series of meetings with the co-owners, agreed on reconstruction plans, and progress to date would indicate that the space will be available for occupancy in August 1977.

The cost of rebuilding has been covered by funds from the insurance settlement. However, the reconstruction firm expects that by the end of the project, due to the inflationary trend in the country, there will be an increase over and above the compensation obtained from the insurance company. Funds were provided from the 1976 budget to cover this increase.

Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama (INCAP),
Guatemala, Guatemala

The earthquake of 4 February 1976 caused considerable damage not only to the Headquarters buildings of INCAP but also to the experimental farm and to all its field facilities, especially the Chimaltenango Training Center and the health centers and residence of the field workers in the eastern area of the country.

Rehabilitation of the buildings at Headquarters as well as the field installations began immediately. The rural center in Chimaltenango was demolished and new quarters have been built. The Centers at El Progreso, San Juan and Espíritu Santo have been completely repaired. The library, of which approximately 40 per cent was damaged by fire, has been housed in a new building since December. Repairs to the building where the laboratories are located have been completed.

Future projects, which include the demolition of at least two buildings because of their dangerous condition and their reconstruction, the construction of appropriate buildings for the general warehouse and maintenance workshops, and the relocation of other services, will be carried out with funds from the insurance settlement, cash donations, and gifts in kind. It is estimated that these resources will cover the rehabilitation of the installations of the Institute.

Other Building Needs

In addition to the above-mentioned facilities, PAHO owns a number of buildings and installations, which it is necessary to maintain in an adequate state of repair. An analysis is being carried out by the Organization on the need for a separate category of funds to finance the repair and improvement of buildings and installations. A long-range plan is being studied for the maintenance and improvement of buildings and installations, including protective measures to assure the safety of employees working in the various installations, particularly in laboratories. It is anticipated that the analysis will be completed for presentation to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.