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17th DIRECTING COUNCIL
19th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ART. 15-A OF THE CONSTITUTION

THE 17th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering that the Governments of Brazil and Nicaragua have submitted a proposed amendment to Article 15, paragraph 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, paragraph A;

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

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 14, paragraph 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, paragraph 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, paragraph A, of the Constitution (Proposed by the Governments of Brazil and Nicaragua).

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