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AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee at its 86th Meeting (June-July 1981) amended its Rules of Procedure (Resolution XXXII) for the purpose of defining more clearly the voting procedures in plenary sessions. It also recommended similar modifications to the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council and of the Pan American Sanitary Conference.

The XXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council (September-October 1981) accepted two of the three amendments suggested by the Executive Committee, namely Rules 43 and 44, but adopted a different text for new Rule 52 than that proposed. It reads as follows:

In an election, each Government, unless it abstains, shall vote for that number of candidates equal to or less than the number of elective places to be filled. Any ballot paper on which there are more names than there are elective places to be filled, or on which the name of any candidate appears more than once, or which is illegible or signed or which reveals the identity of the voter, shall be considered null and void.

Since the provisions of the above Rule differ from the Executive Committee's own Rule 34, the Committee may wish to consider amending Rule 34 for the purpose of achieving uniformity among the rules of the three Governing Bodies of the Organization. In this regard the following proposed text is submitted for consideration and approval:

PresentRule 34

In an election each representative, unless he abstains, shall vote for that number of candidates equal to the number of elective places to be filled. Any ballot paper on which there are more or fewer names than there are elective places to be filled, or on which the name of any candidate appears more than once, or which is illegible or signed or which reveals the identity of the voter, shall be considered null and void.

ProposedRule 34

In an election each representative unless he abstains, shall vote for that number of candidates equal to or less than the number of elective places to be filled. Any ballot paper on which there are more [or fewer] names than there are elective places to be filled, or on which the name of any candidate appears more than once, or which is illegible or signed or which reveals the identify of the voter, shall be considered null and void.