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REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THE PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS AND ON THE
PROVISIONAL DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE
PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR 1961

The working party held its first meeting on 24 September 1959,
from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. The following representatives were present:

Brazil	Dr. Bichat Rodrigues
Cuba	Dr. Ramón Fernández Ledón
Haiti	Dr. Carlo Boulos
Nicaragua	Dr. Carlos Canales
United States	Mr. Charles Sommer

On the proposal of Dr. Bichat Rodrigues (Brazil) the working party elected Dr. Canales (Nicaragua) as Chairman and Mr. Sommer (United States) as Rapporteur.

Dr. Wegman (PASB) explained with respect to the WHO regular budget that the Council had to transmit a recommendation to the Director-General of the World Health Organization regarding the proposals for the Region of the Americas, which he could take into account in preparing his program and budget for 1961, to be submitted to the Executive Board and to the Assembly. Secondly, the Council had in previous years followed the practice of examining the preliminary draft of the PAHO program and budget in order to give, informally and without commitment, their opinions which the Director could take into account in his renewed consultations with the governments, for the preparation of the proposed program and budget. This proposal then would be submitted for definite action to the 40th Meeting of the Executive Committee and the XII Meeting of the Directing Council.

The working party decided to consider the action with regard to the WHO regional budget first. The Rapporteur proposed a draft resolution which was unanimously accepted, as follows:

"The Directing Council,

Having examined Official Document No. 28, submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and containing the Proposed Program and Budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1961; and

Bearing in mind that the aforesaid Proposed Program and Budget is submitted to the Directing Council as Regional Committee of the World Health Organization, for review and transmittal to the Director-General of that Organization so that he may take it into consideration in the preparation of the proposed budget of the WHO for 1961,

RESOLVES:

To approve the transmittal of the Proposed Program and Budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1961, and to request the Regional Director to transmit it to the Director-General of that Organization so that he may take it into consideration when preparing the WHO budget for 1961."

With regard to the provisional draft of the PAHO program and budget for 1961, Dr. Bichat Rodrigues (Brazil) stated that although the Government of Brazil recognized the importance of the program, the size of the increased proposed, and the difficulties his Government was having in meeting the quota assessment compelled him regretfully to insist on recommending to the Director no increase in the program for 1961.

Dr. Fernández Ledón (Cuba) expressed himself as in agreement with this idea but he also regretted the need for recommending against the size of the increase the Director was suggesting.

Dr. Boulos (Haiti) stated that his country would like to see the increase in the program and budget proposed, but taking into account the opinions of other members, he would not insist.

The Chairman expressed himself as in agreement with the remarks made previously.

Mr. Sommer (United States) drew to the attention of the working party the resolution already passed by the Council instructing the Director to include in future budgets an amount for gradually building the Working Capital Fund up to its authorized level.

After further exchange of views, the working party agreed that the Rapporteur would draft a resolution expressing the concern of the governments about further increase in the program at this time and instructing the Director to take into consideration the recommendations made in the Council, as well as those he will obtain from the countries, when he prepares the proposed program and budget for 1961, to be submitted to the 40th Meeting of the Executive Committee.

At a second meeting held on 25 September 1959 from 11:00 to 11:50 a.m., the working party, after considering the draft resolution submitted by the Rapporteur, made certain modifications and agreed to submit the following draft resolution to the Directing Council for consideration:

"The Directing Council,

Having examined Official Document No. 28, submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and containing the provisional draft to be considered as the preliminary basis for the 1961 Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization to be submitted to the 40th Meeting of the Executive Committee and to the XII Meeting of the Directing Council;

Recognizing that although the provisional draft comprises well-conceived and much-needed health projects, the practical requirements of the countries call for greater emphasis on environmental sanitation; and

Considering, furthermore, the opinion of several representatives that the difficulty their countries are having at the present time in meeting their quota assessments regretfully compels them to request no further increase in program in 1961,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the provisional draft of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1961.
2. To instruct the Director, in preparing his Proposed Program and Budget for 1961, and in his consultation with the governments on this matter, to give due consideration to the recommendations expressed by several delegations with regard to content and to budget level."

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CORRIGENDUM

The draft resolution appearing on page 3 of Document CD11/43
should read as follows:

"The Directing Council,

Having examined Official Document Nº 28, submitted by the
Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and containing a
provisional draft to be considered as the preliminary basis for
the 1961 Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health
Organization to be submitted to the 40th Meeting of the Executive
Committee and to the XII Meeting of the Directing Council;

Recognizing that the Proposed Program comprises well-conceived
and much needed health projects;

Considering, however, that in view of the practical needs of
the countries a greater emphasis on environmental sanitation is
important; and

Having heard the opinions of several delegations that the
difficulty their countries are having at the present time in
meeting their quota assessments regrettably compels them to
request no further increase in program in 1961,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the provisional draft of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1961, and

2. To instruct the Director, in preparing his Proposed Program and Budget for 1961, and in his consultation with the governments on this matter, to give due consideration to the recommendations expressed by several delegations with regard to content and to budget level."