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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Presented by Dr. Alfredo Leonardo Bravo, (Chile)
Chairman of the 48th Meeting of the Executive Committee

I have the honor to submit to the Directing Council, pursuant to Article 4-F of the Constitution, this report on the work of the Executive Committee in the period September 1962 to September 1963 during which it held its 47th and 48th meetings.

The 47th Meeting was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on 3 September 1962, after the close of the XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference. The representatives of Costa Rica and the United States of America, whose Governments had been elected to the Committee by the Conference, took office at that meeting, which was attended by the following representantes and alternates: Dr. Victorio Vicente Olguín and Dr. Alfonso A.S. von der Becke (Argentina), Dr. Alfredo Leonardo Bravo (Chile), Dr. Max Terán Valls and Dr. Carlos Manuel Prada Díaz (Costa Rica), Dr. Francisco Urcuyo Maliaño and Dr. Manuel A. Sánchez Vigil (Nicaragua), Dr. Carlos Quirós Salinas (Peru), Dr. Charles L. Williams, Jr., and Mr. Howard B. Calderwood (United States of America), and Dr. Orestes Vidovich (Uruguay). Also present as observers were: Dr. Jaime Pérez Archila (Colombia), Dr. Roberto Nevárez Vásquez (Ecuador), Dr. Raymond G. Hyronimus and Dr. Robert Rose-Rosette (France).

At the 47th Meeting Dr. Francisco Urcuyo Maliaño (Nicaragua) was elected Chairman, and Dr. Alfredo Leonardo Bravo (Chile) Vice-Chairman, for the period established in Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure.

In virtue of the provisions of Rule 11 of the Rules of Procedure the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Dr. Alfredo Leonardo Bravo, took the Chair at the 48th Meeting. It was held in Washington, D. C., from 22 to 27 April 1963 and attended by the following representantes and alternates: Dr. Victorio Vicente Olguín (Argentina), Dr. Alfredo Leonardo Bravo (Chile), Dr. Claudio Orlich (Costa Rica), Dr. Orontes Avilés (Nicaragua), Dr. Carlos Quirós Salinas (Peru), Dr. Charles E. Williams, Jr., Mr. Howard B. Calderwood, Mr. Carter Hills, Dr. Arthur E. Rikli, Dr. Frederick Vintinner and Mr. Simon Wilson (United States of America), and Dr. Orestes Vidovich, Dr. Adolfo Morales

and Dr. Mario Pareja (Uruguay). Also present as observers were: Dr. Emory W. Morris and Dr. Matthew R. Kinde (W. K. Kellogg Foundation), Mr. Frans Joseph Van Agt (Kingdom of the Netherlands), Mr. James R. Wachob (Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations), Mr. Howard Salzman, Jr., and Mrs. Alzora Hale Eldridge (Organization of American States), and Mr. Humberto Olivero (Inter-American Development Bank). At the same meeting and in the absence of the Chairman and of the Vice-Chairman, the Committee appointed the Representative of Nicaragua, Dr. Orontes Avilés, to act as Chairman for one of the sessions.

In accordance with Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau is Secretary ex officio of the Committee; accordingly Dr. Abraham Horwitz acted as secretary.

At the 47th Meeting the following two items were dealt with:

Study of the organization of the Conference

After examining the possibility of simplifying the organization of the Pan American Sanitary Conference and clarifying its Rules of Procedure the Committee decided that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau should collect information on the matter and prepare and submit a preliminary report to the appropriate Governing Body.

Date of the 48th Meeting of the Committee

The Committee decided to authorize the Chairman of the Executive Committee to fix the date of the 48th Meeting of the Executive Committee in agreement with the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

At its 48th Meeting the following items were examined:

Administrative rationalization in the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

The Committee took note of the report of the Director on administrative rationalization in the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and commended the Director and his staff. It also requested the Director to continue the program of rationalization and to report progress to the next meeting of the Executive Committee, and decided to transmit the pertinent resolution and the report of the Director to the XIV Meeting of the Directing Council.

Program Budgeting

After making a detailed examination of the Report of the Director on Program Budgeting the Committee took note of the Report and approved the changes recommended by the Director in the format of the Budget document, namely, to add a chapter containing a summary statement of the sources of funds from which programs would be financed and summary statements showing the distribution of funds by major programs and by object of expenditure. These changes will be reflected in the presentation of the 1964 Budget of the Pan American Health Organization.

Meeting of the Task Force on Health

The Committee noted with satisfaction the Report of the Director on the Meeting of the Task Force on Health which was held in Washington from 15 to 20 April 1963 and expressed its firm conviction that the Meeting constituted a measure of great importance for the solution of health problems and a vigorous stimulus to the carrying forward of the work of the development of the Continent to which the signatory countries of the Charter of Punta del Este aspired. It urged the Director to make a detailed report to the Directing Council on the recommendations drawn up at the Meeting so as to enable the Council to examine the possibility of incorporating the principles contained therein into the policy of the Organization as a valuable contribution to the attainments of the objectives of the Ten-Year Public Health Program of the Alliance for Progress.

Rural Welfare Fund

On examining the recommendations of the Task Force on Health the Committee invited the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to study the various aspects of the establishment of a Rural Welfare Fund that would be used for making loans to Ministries of Health on the best possible terms as to interest rates and repayment periods so as to enable them to make available to suitably organized communities the supplementary funds necessary for the execution of potable water supply and other rural welfare projects in such a way as would allow of the establishment and maintenance of a revolving fund. It also invited the Director to make a report to the Directing Council on the above-mentioned study including such specific measures as he deems appropriate for putting the recommendations of the Task Force on Health into practice.

Report on PAHO Activities in Economic and Social Development

The report of the Director on the activities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in economic and social development was approved with satisfaction by the Committee, which recommended that the Director continue to take whatever steps were necessary to ensure that the health sector participated fully in social and economic development planning and cooperated at the national and international levels with the other agencies involved, in particular with a view to increasing technical cooperation activities with the Governments. It also recommended him to take such steps as were necessary to enable the Bureau to cooperate more actively with the Organization of American States and in particular with the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council in order to ensure that full consideration was given to the health sector in country analyses as well as in preparing and reviewing national development plans.

Report on the Formulation of Planning Methodology and the Training of Health Planners

The Committee approved the report of the Director on the formulation of planning methodology and the training of health planners and recommended that the Director in cooperation with Ministers of Health and other international organizations adopt pertinent measures aimed at rapidly increasing the number of experts with specialized training in health planning in order to permit the efficient development of national and international health plans; that Governments organize short in-service training courses on planning for technical-administrative personnel at all levels, especially those working in various local health agencies and in semi-autonomous and private institutions participating in health programs; that the Bureau encourage national and international agencies to organize short training courses in health planning for national and international personnel and cooperate with them in that endeavor; and that schools of public health include the methodology of health planning in their teaching programs and request the assistance of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for that purpose if necessary.

Emergency Revolving Fund

In taking note of the report of the Director on the Emergency Revolving Fund the Committee decided to invite the Governments receiving assistance from the Fund to reimburse the amounts advanced as soon as possible. It also recommended that the Directing Council increase the ceiling of the Fund to \$75,000 in view of the price increases that had occurred since the Fund was created.

Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1964

The Committee made a detailed analysis item by item of the proposed Program and Budget for 1964 prepared by the Director. It dealt with the various aspects related to the activities of the Organization including administrative rationalization, planning, strategy of leadership, communicable diseases, smallpox, environmental sanitation, nutrition, training of personnel, priorities, fellowships, plague, salaries of Bureau staff, and inter-zone projects.

Finally the Committee decided to submit to the XIV Directing Council the Proposed Program and Budget for 1964 prepared by the Director and to recommend to the Directing Council that it establish the budget level of the Pan American Health Organization for 1964 at \$6,560,000.

Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for 1962

The Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for 1962 were carefully examined by the Committee, which took note of them and decided to transmit them to the XIV Meeting of the Directing Council. In addition it decided to bring to the attention of the Directing Council the provisions of Article 7 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization and to recommend that the Council study the possibility of incorporating similar provisions in the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization in accordance with the recommendations of the External Auditor. The Committee likewise decided to urge Governments that had quotas outstanding to pay them as soon as possible; to confirm the policy of prudent administration followed by the Director namely that to make reductions in the program to bring it into keeping with the available cash funds whenever the Organization did not have the necessary funds provided by the quotas available when needed; and to urge the Director to transmit this resolution to all Governments and to invite them to make provision in their development plans for the payment of their contributions to international organizations.

Status of the Collection of Quota Contributions

After a thorough analysis of the report of the Director on the status of the collection of quota contributions the Committee took note of the report and decided to send a letter to the Governments explaining the situation which delays in the payment of quotas created in the Organization and to urge them to pay their quota contributions in arrears as soon as possible.

Amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

The Committee confirmed the amendments of the Staff Rules of the Bureau presented by the Director, which was similar to those adopted by WHO and dealt with definitions of dependants, service benefit, repatriation grant, appointment policies, special leave and leave without pay, sick leave, staff pension fund, grant in case of death, travel of dependants, and abandonment of post.

Procurement Services to Governments

Having considered the Report of the Director on Procurement Services to Governments the Committee took note of it and recommended that the Director study the matter and especially the possibility of operating a limited service and take the necessary steps to make arrangements with UNICEF or with other organizations to provide procurement services to the Governments on the best possible terms.

Preliminary Draft Agenda for the XIV Meeting of the Directing Council
XV Meeting of the Regional Committee of the WHO for the Americas

The Preliminary Draft Agenda of the XIV Meeting of the Directing Council prepared by the Director was approved by the Committee, which added to it an item dealing with the establishment of a rural welfare fund and urged the Director when presenting Item 13 - Task Force on Health at the Ministerial Level - to include a special indication of the importance of the recommendations on rural sanitation and community water supply formulated at that meeting.

Technical Discussions during the XIV Meeting of the Directing Council

The Committee was informed of the work that had been done in preparation for Technical Discussions on the topic of "Ideas on the Formulation of a Plan for the Control of Gastro-Intestinal Diseases" which would be held during the XIV Meeting of the Directing Council, in particular the work of the group of specialists invited by the Director of the Bureau to study the most suitable way of presenting the topic and that it was the aim of the Bureau to have these Discussions oriented by a panel of experts in this field.

Date of the XIV Meeting of the Directing Council, XV Meeting of the
Regional Committee of the WHO for the Americas and of the 49th Meeting
of the Executive Committee

The report of the Director on the XIV Meeting of the Directing Council, XV Meeting of the WHO Regional Committee, and on the 49th Meeting of the Executive Committee was examined by the Committee, which took note of it and approved the measures taken by the Director to convoke the Council to meet from 16 to 27 September.

The Problems of Nutrition in the Americas from the Point of View of
Consumption

The Committee examined in detail the report of the Director on the problems of nutrition in the Americas from the point of view of consumption, took note of the report, and recommended that the Director provide assistance to national and international studies as a means of improving data of food consumption and of keeping data on the existing state of nutrition in the Continent up-to-date. It also recommended that Ministries of Health participate actively in the planning and development of national nutrition programs and that nutrition be effectively integrated into health program in such a way as to become a basic service at the local level.

Report on Buildings and Installations for Headquarters

The Committee expressed its thanks to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation for its continuing interest in and support of the program of international health in the Americas and in this connection noted the generous additional grant of \$1,250,000 to the Pan American Health Organization, which brought its total grant toward the construction of the new Headquarters building to \$5,000,000 and would enable operations to be begun shortly.

It also noted with satisfaction the work of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations, approved the measures adopted to date by the Director and the Permanent Subcommittee with respect to the new Headquarters building and decided to transmit the report of the Subcommittee and of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to the XIV Meeting of the Directing Council.

Finally the Committee adopted a resolution authorizing the sale of the premises known as and numbered 1501 and 1515 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., in the City of Washington.

Procedure for the Admission of New Members

The Committee took note of the draft procedure for the admission of new members to the Pan American Health Organization, which had been prepared in accordance with Resolution IV of the XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference, and requested the Director to transmit it to the Directing Council.

Request of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago for Membership in the Pan American Health Organization

The Committee took note of the application of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago for membership in the Pan American Health Organization and requested the Director to transmit it to the Directing Council for appropriate action.

On concluding the business of the 43th Meeting the Chairman expressed his sincere thanks to the members of the Executive Committee who had helped to make his task an easy one. He also pointed out that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau made all possible information available to the Governing Bodies so that they could solve problems with a full knowledge of the facts. In that regard the Director was to be congratulated on the spirit he had imparted to the Organization and his staff, for it made it possible to work harmoniously on the solution of the problems presented.