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I am highly honored to present, at this XXII Meeting of the Directing Council, the report on the activities of the Executive Committee during its 69th and 70th meetings.

### 69TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The 69th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization was held in Santiago, Chile, on 13 October 1972, immediately after the close of the deliberations of the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council. The following Members of the Committee and Observers were present at the single plenary session:

#### Members

Hon. Capt. George Granville Fergusson	Barbados
Dr. Hugo Victorino Alqueres Baptista	Brazil
Dr. Manoel Jose Ferreira	
Dr. Basil D. B. Layton	Canada
Dr. Miguel Angel Aguilar Oliva	El Salvador
Dr. S. Paul Ehrlich, Jr.	United States of America
Dr. Alix Théard	Haiti
Dr. Danilo Velásquez Cruz	Honduras
Dr. Héctor Acuña Monteverde	Mexico
Dr. Jaime Arroyo Sucre	Panama

Observers

Dr. Orontes Avilés

Nicaragua

Secretary ex officio

Dr. Abraham Horwitz

Director, Pan American  
Sanitary Bureau

In the absence of Dr. Baltazar Caravedo of Peru, a country that is no longer a member of the Executive Committee, the meeting was chaired by Dr. Hugo Victorino Alqueres of Brazil in his capacity as vice-chairman. He welcomed the Representatives of Haiti, Mexico and Panama, the new Members of the Committee.

Upon the proposal of the Delegate from Mexico, the Representatives of the three oldest Member Countries of the Continent were chosen to serve as Committee Chairman, Vice Chairman and Rapporteur.

These countries, elected unanimously, were Brazil, Honduras, and the United States of America.

Chairman

Dr. Hugo Victorino Alqueres,  
Representative of Brazil

Vice Chairman

Dr. Danilo Velásquez Cruz,  
Representative of Honduras

Rapporteur

Dr. S. Paul Ehrlich, Jr.,  
Representative of the United States  
of America

Designation of the Members of the Award Committee for the PAHO Award for Administration. In view of the fact that the Representatives of Venezuela and Peru were no longer on the Executive Committee, two seats remained unoccupied, with only Dr. S. Paul Ehrlich, Jr., the Representative of the United States of America, remaining as a member.

For that reason, the Committee agreed to elect two members who would not be terminating their mandate concurrently; accordingly, the Chairman designated the Representatives of Haiti and El Salvador, who met the above-cited conditions for comprising, along with the Representative of the United States of America, the Award Committee for the PAHO Award for Administration.

Resolutions of the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council, XXIV Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, of interest to the Executive Committee. The Director of the Pan American

Sanitary Bureau, Dr. Abraham Horwitz, then analyzed in succession the various resolutions approved by the Directing Council on which the Executive Committee takes appropriate action. The Director stressed Resolutions III, IV and V, dealing with the Organization's Program and Budget. He especially emphasized Resolution XIII, entitled "Report on the III Special Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas and Steps Necessary to Implement the Decisions Adopted," in which there are set forth certain effects that the Recommendations of the Meeting of Ministers should have on the Organization's programs and activities in the countries. Resolution XIII provides for a working group to be convoked for persons in charge of planning and information and for health economists, to devise a system of evaluation that can be used in all the countries to measure the progress made toward the goals set by the Ministers.

The Director then analyzed Resolution XV on "Financing the Regular Budget of the Pan American Health Organization," which recommends that a Special Group of Experts be named to study the matter and present a report at the next session of the Executive Committee.

Concerning Resolution XVIII, "Quota Collections and Application of Article 6-B of the PAHO Constitution," Dr. Horwitz stated that the report next year would be made in the light of what is set forth in that resolution, particularly with reference to the governments mentioned in it.

Dr. Horwitz indicated that all those resolutions, and any other that might require the opinion of the Executive Committee, would be included in the Agenda of the 70th Meeting of the Executive Committee, to be held in 1973 at PAHO Headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Date of the 70th Meeting of the Executive Committee. The Director, Dr. Abraham Horwitz, noted that the meetings of the Executive Committee have usually been planned to take up about 10 working days and to be held after the World Health Assembly so that the Executive Committee can have at hand the Program and Budget of the World Health Organization, in accordance with the decision taken by the Assembly. Upon reviewing the calendar, he suggested that that meeting might be held in July, but asked that the Committee, as it has been doing in the past, leave the matter of setting the exact date to the Secretariat, following consultation with the Executive Committee Chairman. After some discussion, it was resolved to leave the determination of the date of the meeting to the discretion of the Director, following consultation with the Executive Committee Chairman.

As there were no other matters to be taken up, the 69th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization came to a close.

70TH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The 70th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Pan American Health Organization took place in Washington, D. C., at the Headquarters building, from 23 July to 3 August 1973, in accordance with the convocation of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, acting in consonance with the Committee Chairman.

The following Committee Members and Observers attended the meeting:

Members

Dr. Alfred Vaughan Wells	Barbados
Mr. Allison Fitzgerald Daniel	
Dr. Alfredo N. Bica	Brazil
Mr. Clodoaldo Hugueney Filho	
Mr. Luiz Henrique Fonseca	
Dr. Ross A. Chapman	Canada
Dr. Arnold J. de Villiers	
Mr. Robert W. Showman	
Dr. Miguel Angel Aguilar Oliva	El Salvador
Dr. S. Paul Ehrlich, Jr.	United States of America
Dr. Robert de Caires	
Mr. Edward P. Noziglia	
Mr. Lyndall Beamer	
Mr. Frank I. Gauldfeldt	
Dr. Alix Théard	Haiti
Dr. Rigoberto Alvarado Lozano	Honduras
Dr. Héctor R. Acuña	Mexico
Dr. Everardo González Gálvez	Panama

Observers

Dr. Gilberto Caniza Sanchiz

Paraguay

Dr. Jorge Andrade

Venezuela

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Inasmuch as neither Dr. Hugo Victorino Alquieres of Brazil, the Chairman elected at the 69th Meeting, nor the Vice Chairman, Dr. Danilo Velásquez, Representative of Honduras, were present, the meeting was opened by Dr. Abraham Horwitz, the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau. He pointed out the above circumstances and invited the Committee Members to designate a Chairman and Vice Chairman pro tempore for the Meeting, in compliance with Articles 9 and 11 of the Rules of Procedure. Following the election, the officers of the meeting were:

Chairman pro tempore

Dr. Alix Théard, Haiti

Vice Chairman pro temporeDr. Rigoberto Alvarado Lozano,  
Honduras

Rapporteur

Dr. S. Paul Ehrlich, Jr.,  
United States of AmericaSecretary ex officioDr. Abraham Horwitz, Director,  
Pan American Sanitary Bureau

The Executive Committee held 18 plenary sessions and a closing session. Fourteen of the sessions were devoted to a detailed revision of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Organization, prepared by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in compliance with Article 14-C of the Constitution.

Dates of the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXV Meeting of the Regional Committee of the WHO for the Americas. The Director indicated that in order to implement what was prescribed in the Rules of Procedure, namely that the Directing Council meetings be convoked 60 days in advance, he urged the Executive Committee to approve the dates proposed - from 8 to 19 of October next. The Executive Committee unanimously agreed to authorize the Director to convoke the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization, XXV Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, in the Headquarters building in Washington, D. C., from 8 to 19 October 1973.

Proposed Agenda for the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXV Meeting of the Regional Committee of the WHO for the Americas. Considering that the Provisional Agenda of the Directing Council meeting must be sent to the countries together with the convocation of the meeting, the Director requested the Executive Committee to study the Provisional Agenda he submitted to it for consideration, and the Executive Committee agreed on its approval, adding to it items on Status of Smallpox Eradication in the Americas, Status of Aedes aegypti Eradication, and Form of Presentation of the Program and Budget.

Resignation of the External Auditor. Next, the meeting was informed that Mr. Lars Breie, the Organization's External Auditor, had submitted his resignation, effective upon completion of the audit for financial year 1973, so that it was appropriate to appoint a replacement for him. On the other hand, taking into account the established norm that the same External Auditor serves both the World Health Organization and Pan American Health Organization simultaneously, and in view of the fact that Mr. Lars Lindmark was appointed External Auditor of the World Health Organization beginning with fiscal year 1974, it would be appropriate to designate him to perform the duties of External Auditor of the Pan American Health Organization.

The Executive Committee expressed its appreciation to Mr. Breie for his conscientious work and for the many valuable recommendations he made on the Organization's financial policy during his tenure, and recommended that the Directing Council appoint Mr. Lars Lindmark to perform the duties of External Auditor of PAHO, beginning with fiscal year 1974.

Report on the Collection of Quotas. The Executive Committee expressed its concern that during the first half of 1973 the amount of quotas received was less than that received during the same period last year. It also noted that of the five countries that approved a plan to pay their quotas in arrears, only two had met their obligation and made payment prior to the Executive Committee meeting. In view of these circumstances, and considering the importance of prompt payment in full of the quotas in order to guarantee financing of the Organization's Program and Budget, the Executive Committee again reiterated its recommendation that the governments attempt to pay, as soon as possible, the outstanding balances and the quotas corresponding to the present year, so that the work of the Organization can be conducted in accordance with the approved plans. It recommended to the Director that he call the attention of governments once more to the provisions of paragraph 5.4 of Article V of the Financial Regulations of the Pan American Health Organization, regarding the payment of quotas, and recommended that at its XXII Meeting the Directing Council apply the constitutional provisions of Article 6-B, suspending the voting right of those Member Governments that still have not complied with the approved agreements on financial plans to settle outstanding balances.

Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for 1972. The Executive Committee made a detailed review of the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for fiscal year 1972. Having taken note of the changes made in the expenditures, which in some cases differ from the sums budgeted for certain activities and projects, it resolved to take note of and transmit the Financial Report of the Director to the Directing Council, requesting the latter to provide the Executive Committee with a detailed list of those activities that had been budgeted but not carried out, as well as those projects that had been completed but had not been previously included in the budget.

Report on the III Special Meeting of Ministers of Health and Steps Necessary to Implement the Decisions Adopted. In compliance with Resolution XIII of the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization, the Director presented a preliminary report to the Executive Committee on the actions being taken to implement the recommendations of the Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas. The report emphasized in particular that the countries have the primary responsibility for adopting the measures needed to define or revise their health policies in order to attain the goals of the Ten-year Health Plan for the Americas, with the Organization being constantly available to extend whatever collaboration is requested of it. He pointed out as well that it was necessary for the objectives and priorities of the Organization's program to also reflect the goals of the Ten-year Health Plan, so that the collaboration extended to the governments in attaining those objectives will be as advantageous as possible.

The Executive Committee stressed the importance that the Ten-year Health Plan has for raising the level of well-being of the inhabitants of the Americas, and urged the countries to review their health policy and seek to adapt it to the goals of the Ten-year Health Plan, in keeping with the national situation, the available resources, and the requirements for economic and social development. It recommended that the Director collaborate actively with the countries, helping them to define their policies and objectives and to establish a permanent system and appropriate methodology to evaluate the results. It also asked him to cooperate in the conducting of the studies on revenues, costs and financing systems of health services required for the Ten-year Health Plan and to report to the next Directing Council on the progress made in that important matter.

Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1974. The Executive Committee devoted 14 sessions to a detailed review of the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the Pan American Health Organization for 1974 (Official Document No. 121). On undertaking the review, the Executive Committee heard an extensive presentation by the Director, in which he analyzed and described each of the programs mentioned in the document. In turn, the Chief of the Department of Budget and Finance, PASB, explained how the budget and its various chapters had been drawn up.



The Executive Committee began its review with the general schedules detailing the funds allocated to each of the projects, and subsequently reviewed separately each of the programs comprising it, after having heard an exposition by the technical officials of the Organization in charge of each respective activity.

Lastly, the country and intercountry programs were reviewed, until the consideration of all of the documentation presented was completed.

During the review of the programs described in Official Document No. 121, the Executive Committee, analyzing those programs concerned with zoonoses, heard a report by the Director on the VI Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Other Zoonoses, held in Medellín, Colombia last April. The Executive Committee recognized the importance that Ministers of Agriculture make every effort to control foot-and-mouth disease and other zoonoses, which are so important to human and animal health and constitute a serious detriment to the socio-economic development of the countries. It therefore recommended that the Directing Council approve the corresponding report and commend the ministers of health and agriculture on the joint work undertaken in the struggle against foot-and-mouth disease and other zoonoses, as well as for their efforts to improve the nutritional state of the population by avoiding the loss of foods of animal origin.

During the review of the Program and Budget, Official Document No. 121, the Executive Committee gave special attention, among other projects, to that entitled "AMRO-6234, Pan American Health University." In the discussion on that subject differing viewpoints were presented, with the result that the Executive Committee resolved (Resolution IX) to request the Director to present to the XXII Meeting of the Directing Council the complete text of the discussion on it, in order for the Directing Council to reach a definitive conclusion on that program.

After having completed its review of the Organization's programs, the Executive Committee reviewed in detail the appropriations indicated therein, approving Resolution X, whereby it is recommended that the Directing Council approve, at its XXII Meeting, the resolutions on appropriations and quotas totaling \$24,852,035 presented on pages 2 and 3 of Official Document No. 121.

The Executive Committee considered the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1975 and recommended that the Directing Council transmit them, together with its approval, to the Director General of WHO.

Moreover, as when reviewing the program and budget contained in Official Document No. 121 the provisions for 1975 were considered, the Executive Committee also took note of the Provisional Draft of the

Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of PAHO for 1975 and requested the Director to use it as a basis for the definitive preparation of the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates for 1975, after consultation with the governments, and in accordance with the priorities of the Ten-year Health Plan.

PAHO Award for Administration. The Award Committee for the PAHO Award for Administration, consisting of the Representatives of El Salvador, Haiti and the United States of America, held two meetings and unanimously approved the awarding of the "PAHO Award for Administration, 1973" to Mr. Guillermo Isturiz of Venezuela for his work in the field of administrative management in the health sector of his country. The Executive Committee took note of the committee's report and transmitted it, in accordance with the regulations, to the XXII meeting of the Directing Council.

Financing of the Regular Budget of the Pan American Health Organization. During the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council which took place in Santiago, Chile, Resolution XV was approved in which the Director was asked to convene a Group of Experts to study complementary financing of the quotas of Member Governments as a way of augmenting the budget, thereby permitting the health activities of the Organization to be expanded. The Group of Experts convened by the Director met in Washington, D. C. on 21-22 June this year, analyzing the possible sources of financing, apart from the regular ones, of the Organization's budget. It took cognizance that considerable effort had been made to obtain more funds from the United Nations Development Program and from private foundations in the United States of America, to such an extent that these contributions now constitute almost 30% of the Organization's budget. However, it pointed out that it was difficult to augment or raise the level of those contributions inasmuch as there was very keen competition among all international agencies for these funds. It therefore recommended that a study be made of the feasibility of setting up a special health fund that could serve to finance those health programs that the governments require with the assistance of the Organization.

Aedes aegypti Eradication Program. Upon reviewing the Proposed Program and Budget, the Executive Committee received a report on the current status of the program for eradication of Aedes aegypti in the Continent, in which it was indicated that many countries that had succeeded in eradicating it had become reinfested, so that it was necessary to find a means of preventing such reinfestations. In this regard, the Delegation from Honduras presented a proposed resolution for consideration by the Executive Committee recommending that the countries now infested make all necessary efforts to avoid exporting the vector to countries that had achieved its eradication. Resolution XVII was approved for that purpose.

Functions of the Executive Committee. During the consideration of the item on eradication of Aedes aegypti the question arose of whether the Executive Committee was authorized by the Constitution to address the health

authorities of the countries directly and make recommendations to them, or whether it was for the Executive Committee to request the Directing Council to take this action when it deemed it convenient. Nevertheless, it was not held to be an opportune time to analyze that item in depth during the meeting, as a result of which the Director offered to make a study on the matter for presentation at the next Pan American Sanitary Conference.

Regional Assistance for the Rehabilitation of the Public Health System of Nicaragua. The Executive Committee heard the Director's report on the Organization's activities with respect to the catastrophe that struck the Republic of Nicaragua and the measures taken to implement Resolution EB51.R43 of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization. It thanked the Director for the speed and effectiveness of the assistance given to the people of Nicaragua and asked him to transmit the report on it to the Director General of the World Health Organization, in accordance with Resolution EB51.R43 of the Executive Board of that Organization.

Report of Missing Health Personnel in Panama. The Executive Committee received a report on the disappearance of five members of the Panama health personnel who had been sent to a remote rural area of Darién. In this regard, the Delegation of the United States of America proposed Resolution VIII in which the Executive Committee expressed its sorrow and concern over what took place and transmitted to the Ministry of Health and the Government of Panama its hope that the officials who disappeared would be found unharmed.

Buildings and Installations. The Executive Committee studied the report on buildings and installations presented by the Director (Document CE70/6, Rev. 1), taking note of the generous offer by the Government of Haiti to donate a plot of land on which to install the Office of the Organization. The Executive Committee asked to have additional information so that the Directing Council could make a decision in that regard. As for the building planned for construction in Brazil, considering that construction costs have increased in that country the Director was authorized to negotiate an increase of \$200,000 in the loan authorized, to cover the revised cost of the building to house the Zone V Office in Brasilia.

Form of Presentation of the Program and Budget. Taking into account the formats approved for the General Work of Program of the Organization, 1973-77, and for the Ten-year Health Plan, 1971-80, approved by the III Special Meeting of Ministers of Health of the Americas last year in Santiago, Chile, the Director felt that the moment was propitious for reviewing the program classification method used up to now in the annual Program and Budget of the Organization, presenting for that purpose Document CE70/16, in which were described some of the alternatives that might be followed to carry out that task.

The Executive Committee carefully considered the matter and asked the Director to prepare a new format for program classification that might be used in the future in presenting the Organization's Program and Budget, taking into account on the one hand the formats approved for the General Program of Work of the Pan American Health Organization, 1973-77 and the Ten-year Health Plan, 1971-80, and on the other hand keeping in mind the need for the format in question to be compatible with the manner of presentation adopted for the Program and Budget of the World Health Organization. It therefore asked the Director to present to the Executive Committee at its 72nd Meeting in 1974 the Proposed Program and Budget Estimates of the Organization as he has been doing it up to now, adding as well the general schedules and a program with its respective projects drawn up according to the new format, so as to permit the Executive Committee to compare both systems and make its recommendation to the Directing Council.

Program on Mental Health, Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. The Executive Committee, noting the growing problems in the countries with regard to mental health, alcoholism and drug abuse and taking into account the need for greater resources to collaborate with the countries in their efforts to control these effects, asked the Director to make every effort to find and obtain extrabudgetary funds, particularly from the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control, and to report to the Directing Council.

Amendments to the Staff Rules of PASB and the Financial Regulations of PAHO. The Executive Committee recommended that the Directing Council approve the amendment to the Staff Rules providing for an increase in the education grant for the Bureau's staff, as well as modifications in the Financial Regulations presented by the Director for the purpose of facilitating financial operations conducted jointly with the World Health Organization.

The 70th Meeting of the Executive Committee came to a close on 3 August of this year.