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PROVISIONAL SUMMARY RECORD OF THE THIRD SESSION OF
COMMITTEE I

Held Friday, 28 September 1951, at 3:55 p. m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Gerardo Segura	Argentina
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Almir Castro	Brazil
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Dr. Pedro Nogueira	Cuba
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante	Pan American Sani- tary Bureau
	Dr. Oswaldo da Costa	Pan American Sani- tary Bureau

Members present:

Mr. Enrique Kempff	Bolivia
Dr. Jorge Boshell Manrique	Colombia
Dr. Oscar Vargas Méndez	Costa Rica
Dr. Félix Hurtado	Cuba
Dr. Nacienceno Romero	Chile
Mr. Luis Galván	Dominican Republic
Dr. Homero Hoepelman	
Dr. Egberto García Solórzano	Ecuador
Dr. Francisco Sequeira	El Salvador
Dr. René Lavoine	France
Dr. Luis F. Galich	Guatemala
Dr. Kestner Saint-Louis	Haiti
Dr. Daniel Matamoros	Honduras

Dr. Felipe García Sánchez	Mexico
Dr. Nicolaas Hendrik Swellengrebel	Netherlands
Dr. Alberto Calvo	Panama
Dr. Emilio Velilla	Paraguay
Dr. J. W. P. Harkness	United Kingdom
Mr. Howard B. Calderwood	United States
Dr. Frederick J. Brady	
Mr. Simon N. Wilson	
Dr. Ricardo Cappeletti	Uruguay
Dr. Carlos L. González	Venezuela
Dr. Jesús Villalobos	
Dr. Marcolino Candau	World Health Organization
Dr. P. Kaul	
Dr. Fred L. Soper, Director	Pan American Sanitary Bureau
Mr. Harry A. Hinderer	
Dr. Paulo C. A. Antunes, Assistant Director	

SUMMARY

1. Pan American Sanitary Organization Relations With Non-Governmental Organizations Engaged in International Public Health and Preventive Medicine Activities - (Inter-American Association of Sanitary Engineering) (Document CD5/41, Annex I).
2. Request for recognition of the Pan American Medical Confederation by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
3. Study of Fundamental Principles of Pan American Health (Document CD5/58).
4. General Program of Work for a Specific Period; Long-Range Project for Regional Needs (Document CD5/59).

(This Summary Record is provisional and the Representatives are therefore requested to notify the Secretary within 48 hours of any corrections they wish made in the text).

1. PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION RELATIONS WITH NON-
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL
PUBLIC HEALTH AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE ACTIVITIES
(Document CD5/41, Annex I).

The Chairman informed the Representatives that the Executive Committee, at its 13th Meeting held in Washington, D. C., in April 1951, expressed an opinion contrary to this kind of a commitment.

Before the examination of the Proposed Agreement between the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the AIDIS was begun, the Representative of Cuba stated that the Government of Cuba seconded the request of the Pan American Medical Confederation to be officially recognized by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

The Representative of Ecuador supported the viewpoint of the Representative of Cuba.

The Chairman stated that the matter of the Pan American Medical Confederation would be submitted after Document CD5/41 and Annex I thereto had been discussed (Proposal for Cooperative Agreement with the Inter-American Association of Sanitary Engineering, AIDIS).

This document gave rise to a discussion in which the Representatives of Brazil, Cuba, Ecuador, the United States, Mexico and Venezuela took part, as well as the Chairman and the Director.

On the basis that the amount of \$10,000 had been earmarked in the 1952 Budget as the Pan American Sanitary Bureau's contribution to the quarterly publication of AIDIS, the Representative of Venezuela proposed that the existing relations be continued without an Agreement being signed.

DECISION TAKEN:

It was agreed that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau would continue to support AIDIS during the year 1952, as it had been doing up to the present time, without signing any agreement.

2. REQUEST FOR RECOGNITION OF THE PAN AMERICAN MEDICAL CONFEDERATION BY THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU.

The Director informed the Representatives that the World Health Organization had established a criterion for the recognition of non-governmental organizations and had appointed a permanent Sub-Committee of its Executive Committee to examine and decide upon requests of this kind that were made to the World Health Organization. He stated that the responsibility of deciding upon these problems should not rest on the Director, and suggested that the Directing Council delegate to the Executive Committee or to a Sub-Committee ~~the task~~ of studying the question and making recommendations.

The Representative of Cuba stated that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau had before it the complete documents referring to the credentials of the Pan American Medical Confederation, including the document accrediting it as a regional organization of the World Medical Association, which was recognized by the World Health Organization; and that the request of the Pan American Medical Confederation is simply limited to a request that it be officially recognized by the Directing Council, which is a Regional Committee of the World Health Organization, in order to permit it to establish relations. In order not to postpone decision, he suggested that the Directing Council appoint a Sub-Committee to study the credentials of the Pan American Medical Confederation and present its recommendations to the V Meeting of the Directing Council.

The Representative of Costa Rica contended that since the Pan American Medical Confederation had been recognized by the World Medical Association, and furthermore as an Observer of the Confederation was present and able to answer any questions on this matter, he saw no need to appoint a Sub-Committee to study the credentials.

The Representatives of Colombia, Brazil, Mexico, France, Guatemala, and Panama supported the contention of the Representative of Costa Rica. The Representatives of Argentina and of Cuba also took part in the discussion.

DECISION TAKEN:

It was agreed that the Pan American Medical Confederation be officially recognized by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau without prior study of the question by a Sub-Committee.

The Representative of the Dominican Republic requested that the Record reflect that he had abstained from voting for lack of instructions from his Government.

The Chairman invited Dr. Almir Castro, Vice-Chairman, and Representative of Brazil, to assume the Chairmanship. The Representative of Brazil thanked the Chairman for the honor, both on his own behalf and that of his Government.

3. STUDY OF FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF PAN AMERICAN HEALTH
(Document CD5/58)

Several Representatives took the floor to congratulate the Director on the preparation of this document.

A number of amendments were proposed by the Representatives of El Salvador, Panama and Mexico to clarify and improve the wording of the fundamental principles of Pan American Health; upon the proposal of the Chairman, it was agreed that the Governments would send their suggestions a posteriori to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in order that they might be taken into consideration.

DECISION TAKEN:

It was agreed to approve Document CD5/58 in principle, and to request the opinion of the Governments in order to enable the study and preparation of the Document to be continued.

4. GENERAL PROGRAM OF WORK FOR A SPECIFIC PERIOD: LONG-RANGE
PROJECT FOR REGIONAL NEEDS (Document CD5/59)

The Representative of Venezuela proposed that this subject be taken up the following Monday at the Plenary Session.

DECISION TAKEN:

The foregoing proposal was unanimously agreed upon.

The Session was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.