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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

The Executive Committee at its 80th Meeting approved the following Resolution VIII regarding a proposed biennial program and budget cycle for the Pan American Health Organization:

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the report of the Director on the proposed biennial program and budget cycle for the Pan American Health Organization (Document CE80/13, Rev. 1);

Taking cognizance of the disadvantages identified, but acknowledging the advantages of introducing biennial budgeting as an integral part of biennial programming in PAHO;

Recognizing the desirability of conforming with the decisions taken by the Thirtieth World Health Assembly in WHA30.20 of introducing a biennial program budget at WHO beginning with the 1980-1981 biennium;

Noting that the first biennium for which biennial budgeting could become effective is the 1980-1981 biennium;

Considering that it is necessary to amend Article 4, paragraph G, Article 6, paragraph B, and Article 9, paragraph D, of the Constitution of PAHO to enable the Organization to adopt a biennial budget cycle; and

Further considering that it is necessary to amend the Financial Regulations, the Financial Rules, the Agreement between OAS and PAHO, and the Agreement between WHO and PAHO in order to adopt a biennial budget cycle at PAHO,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference that it decide that the program and budget of PAHO shall cover a two-year period beginning with the biennium 1980-1981, and shall be reviewed and approved by the Directing Council on a two-year basis.
2. To further recommend to the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference that it instruct the Director of PASB to submit the first biennial program and budget during the Directing Council meeting of 1979, and every two years thereafter.
3. To request the Director to prepare the necessary amendment to a) the Financial Regulations and Financial Rules; and b) the Agreements between the OAS and PAHO and WHO and PAHO, and to submit them, where required, to the Governing Bodies for the necessary approval, in order to facilitate the implementation of a biennial budget cycle.
4. That all prior resolutions and decisions of the Executive Committee shall be construed as conforming to this resolution.

If the Pan American Sanitary Conference decides to adopt a biennial program and budget cycle beginning with the 1980-1981 biennium, an amendment to the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization would be required to delete any reference to annual program and budget and to revise any provisions affected by a biennial budget cycle. The Constitution of PAHO in Chapter VIII, Article 28, provides: "Proposals to amend the Constitution shall be communicated to the Member Governments at least three months in advance of their consideration by the Conference or the Council. Amendments shall come into force for all Member Governments when adopted by the Conference by a two-thirds vote of the representatives of all Member Governments or when adopted by the Council by a two-thirds vote of those representatives." To meet this requirement, a letter from the Director containing the proposed amendments was sent to each Member Government on 23 June 1978.

The proposed amendments are contained in the Annex to this document. In the event the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference adopts the proposed biennial program and budget for the Pan American Health Organization as outlined in Document CSP20/18, the Conference may wish to approve these proposed amendments.

In light of the review by the Conference of Document CSP20/18 on the proposed biennial program and budget cycle for the Pan American Health Organization and the need to amend the Constitution of PAHO to enable the Organization to adopt the biennial program and budget as outlined above, the Conference may wish to adopt a resolution along the following lines:

Proposed Resolution

THE XX PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined the report of the Director on the proposed biennial program and budget cycle for the Pan American Health Organization (Document CE80/13, Rev. 1);

Taking cognizance of the disadvantages identified, but acknowledging the advantages of introducing biennial budgeting as an integral part of biennial programming in PAHO;

Recognizing the desirability of conforming with the decisions taken by the Thirtieth World Health Assembly in Resolution WHA30.20 of introducing a biennial program budget at WHO beginning with the 1980-1981 biennium;

Noting that the first biennium for which biennial budgeting could become effective is the 1980-1981 biennium;

Noting the recommendations contained in Resolution VIII of the 80th Meeting of the Executive Committee;

Considering that Article 4, paragraph G, Article 6, paragraph B, and Article 9, paragraph D, of the Constitution of PAHO must be amended to enable the Organization to adopt a biennial budget cycle:

Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 28 of the Constitution which provides that, "Proposals to amend the Constitution shall be communicated to the Member Governments at least three months in advance of their consideration by the Conference or the Council. Amendments shall come into force for all Member Governments when adopted by the Conference by a two-thirds vote of the representatives of all Member Governments or when adopted by the Council by a two-thirds vote of those representatives," and

Noting that proposed amendments to the Constitution were sent to each Member Government at least three months in advance of their consideration by the Conference,

RESOLVES:

1. That the program and budget of PAHO shall cover a two-year period beginning with the biennium 1980-1981, and shall be reviewed and approved by the Directing Council on a two-year basis.
2. To instruct the Director of PASB to submit the first biennial program and budget during the Directing Council meeting of 1979, and every two years thereafter.
3. To approve the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization, which read as follows:

CHAPTER II, THE CONFERENCE, Article 4. Functions

- G. The Conference shall review and approve the biennial program and budget of the Organization.

CHAPTER II, THE CONFERENCE, Article 6. Voting

- B. If a Government fails to meet its financial obligations to the Organization by the date of the opening of the Pan American Sanitary Conference or a meeting of the Directing Council, by being in arrears in an amount exceeding the sum of its annual payments of contributions for two full years, the voting privileges of that Government shall be suspended. Nevertheless, if the Conference or the Directing Council is satisfied that the failure of the Government to pay is due to conditions beyond its control, it may permit the Government to vote.

CHAPTER III, THE COUNCIL, Article 9. Functions

- D. The Council shall review and approve the biennial program and budget of the Organization.

4. That all prior resolutions and decisions of the Governing Bodies shall be construed as conforming to this resolution.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE
PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION
TO IMPLEMENT THE BIENNIAL BUDGET

Current

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CHAPTER II THE CONFERENCE

Article 4. Functions

G. The Conference shall review and approve the annual program and budget of the Organization.

G. The Conference shall review and approve the biennial program and budget of the Organization.

Article 6. Voting

B. If a Government fails to meet its financial obligations to the Organization by the date of the opening of the Pan American Sanitary Conference or a meeting of the Directing Council, by being in arrears in an amount exceeding the sum of its quotas for two full years, the voting privileges of that Government shall be suspended. Nevertheless, if the Conference or the Directing Council is satisfied that the failure of the Government to pay is due to conditions beyond its control, it may permit the Government to vote.

B. If a Government fails to meet its financial obligations to the Organization by the date of the opening of the Pan American Sanitary Conference or a meeting of the Directing Council, by being in arrears in an amount exceeding the sum of its annual payments of contributions for two full years, the voting privileges of that Government shall be suspended. Nevertheless, if the Conference or the Directing Council is satisfied that the failure of the Government to pay is due to conditions beyond its control, it may permit the Government to vote.

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