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AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE

As a result of the debate during the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council (September-October 1980) the Director undertook a study of the rules of procedure of the three Governing Bodies of the Organization and submitted specific proposals concerning the rules which refer to voting in plenary sessions to the consideration of the Executive Committee and of the Directing Council.

Both of those Governing Bodies have now adopted new rules which define more clearly the scope of their rules on voting.

With a view towards unifying the rules of the three Governing Bodies, the 88th Meeting of the Executive Committee considered similar amendments to the Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Conference and adopted the following Resolution XIV:

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having considered the amendment to the Rules of Procedure of the Pan American Sanitary Conference presented by the Director and contained in Document CE88/16;

Recalling Resolution XXXIV of its 86th Meeting; and

Considering that the adoption of the proposed amendments would facilitate the conduct of business at meetings of the Pan American Sanitary Conference,

RESOLVES:

To recomend to the XXI Pan American Sanitary Conference that it approve, for the Rules of Procedure indicated below, the following wording:

Rule 45

For the purpose of these Rules, "Governments present and voting" means Governments casting a valid affirmative or negative vote for a person or a Government eligible in accordance with the Constitution or these Rules of Procedure. For the purpose of these Rules, "Majority" means any number of votes greater than half the votes cast by the Governments present and voting or, in the case of the election of the Director, any number of votes greater than half the number of the Governments of the Organization. Governments abstaining from voting or who cast blank ballots or invalid votes are considered as not voting. In computing a majority, any fraction shall be counted as a whole number.

Rule 46

A motion shall be considered adopted when it has received the affirmative vote of the majority of the Governments present and voting, except when the Constitution or these Rules of Procedure otherwise provide. If the votes are equally divided on a matter other than an election the motion will be regarded as not adopted.

Rule 53

In an election each Government, unless it abstains, shall vote for that number of candidates equal to or less than the number of elective places to be filled. Any ballot paper on which there are more names than there are elective places to be filld, or on which the name of any candidate appears more than once, or which is illegible or signed or which reveals the identity of the voter, shall be considered null and void.

The Annex contains an explanation of the proposed amendments.

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Present

Recommended by the Executive Committee

Remarks

PART VIII - VOTING IN PLENARY SESSIONS

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Amended to clarify the impact in those cases where only a majority of the votes cast is required.

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Amended to indicate that a motion will not necessarily be rejected if the votes are equally divided in the case of an election for two or more elective places, as provided for under Rule 52.

It has also been amended to indicate that, in matters other than an election, motions will be rejected at the first case of a tie instead of after the second. This will make it conform to the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council and of the Executive Committee.

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Note: If the proposed new Rule 53 is approved, present Rules 53 to 65 would be renumbered 54 to 66.