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FIRST REPORT OF COMMITTEE A

Committee A held its first session on the morning of 21 September 1982 with Dr. Victorio V. Olguín as Chairman. In that session Dr. José Dolores García Ramírez (Dominican Republic) was elected Vice Chairman of the Committee, and Dr. Jean Leonore Harney (Barbados), Rapporteur.

In the fourth session held in the afternoon of Wednesday, 22 September 1982, the Committee adopted the following two proposed resolutions, which are presented for approval by the Conference as a whole.

COMMITTEE A

Item 13 a)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGIONAL STRATEGIES FOR
HEALTH FOR ALL BY THE YEAR 2000

THE XXI PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined the progress report (Document CSP21/26 and ADD. I) prepared by the Director as well as the report of the Executive Committee;

Noting the steps that the Director has taken to strengthen the catalytic role of the Organization in the implementation of the Regional Plan of Action for health for all as well as the reports of Member Governments on their own activities to implement the process of health for all;

Taking account of the Global Strategy of health for all by the year 2000 approved by Resolution WHA34.56 of the World Health Assembly (1981) and Resolution XX of the XXVIII Meeting of the PAHO Directing Council (1980);

Considering that Resolution XI of the XXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council (1981) recognizes the urgency of pursuing the required strategies of health for all; and

Recalling that Resolution XI urged the Governments to instruct their Ministers of Health to formally reaffirm at this XXI Pan American Sanitary Conference their commitment to the implementation of the Regional Plan of Action,

RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm the commitment of all the Member Governments of the Pan American Health Organization to develop the necessary activities that will ensure the implementation of the Regional Plan of Action.

2. To urge the Governments:

- a) to support and promote the implementation of the Plan of Action by initiating further activities at the national level to promote a broader understanding of the process of health for all;
- b) to take further steps to adjust national health plans in keeping with the Plan of Action and, in that process, to assure the most effective reprogramming of external cooperation;
- c) to set in motion the process of improving national information systems so as to contribute to the effective incorporation of systems of monitoring and evaluation in the managerial process for national health development;
- d) to ensure, at the highest level, the effective communication and cooperation among the different political, social and economic sectors in order to make health an integral part of socioeconomic development.

3. To express appreciation to the Director for the activities initiated by the Organization in support of the implementation of the Plan of Action, and particularly for the series of Regional Seminar/Workshops on the Plan of Action.

4. To request the Director:

- a) to encourage and support additional activities at the national level to implement the Plan of Action;
- b) to support and increase the measures adopted to strengthen the catalytic role of the Organization in the exchange of experiences and cooperation among Member Countries and the international community.

COMMITTEE A

Item 14

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

WHO'S STRUCTURES IN LIGHT OF ITS FUNCTIONS

THE XXI PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having seen the report of the Director (Document CSP21/23) on the implementation of the Directing Council's recommendations on WHO's structures in light of its functions;

Bearing in mind Resolution WHA33.17 and the extensive efforts by the Subcommittee set up at the 84th and 86th Meetings of the Executive Committee;

Considering the positive impetus for change generated by the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council, particularly in Resolutions X and XX; and

Recognizing the integral and complementary aspects of Resolutions XIII and XIV of the XXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the innovative and positive efforts made by the XXVII and XXVIII Meetings of the Directing Council in generating the impetus for change integral to the strategies of health for all by the year 2000 and the Regional Plan of Action.
2. To congratulate the Member Governments on their commitment and their continued efforts to implement the recommendations of Resolution X of the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council.
3. To thank the Director for his report.
4. To request the Director to continue to monitor the further progress of these initiatives and inform the Governing Bodies through the reporting process of the monitoring and evaluation of the Regional Plan of Action.



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SECOND REPORT OF COMMITTEE "A"

At its fifth session held on the morning of 23 September 1982, Committee "A" adopted the following two proposed resolutions which are presented for the approval of the Conference as a whole:

COMMITTEE A

Item 13 b)

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS
OF THE REGIONAL STRATEGIES AND THE PLAN OF ACTION
FOR HEALTH FOR ALL BY THE YEAR 2000

THE XXI PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered the document prepared for the Subcommittee on Long-Term Planning and Programming of the Executive Committee, which describes the financial and budgetary implications of the Regional Strategies and Plan of Action;

Bearing in mind Resolution XI of the XXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council, which adopted the Regional Plan of Action for health for all by the year 2000 and Resolution WHA35.23, in which the World Health Assembly adopted the global Plan of Action for implementing the global strategy for health for all by the year 2000;

Noting the revisions and recommendations made by the Subcommittee on Long-Term Planning and Programming and by the 88th Meeting of the Executive Committee; and

Considering that health is a basic human right that must be safeguarded by the State,

RESOLVES:

1. To express appreciation to the Director for the study on the financial and budgetary implications of the Regional Strategies and Plan of Action.

2. To request the Member Governments to make studies of the financial machinery in their countries and to adjust their national financial resources to their health needs, while implementing a policy of rationalization of current expenditures, austerity in personnel costs,

and optimization of management functions in the health field and resorting to international financial assistance for clear and well-defined purposes in order to avoid needless indebtedness.

3. To request the Director:

- a) To pay special attention to the allocation of resources and provision of technical assistance to those Member Countries that are in greatest need;
- b) To continue to examine the international economic environment and national and international resource allocations to the health and related sectors and to inform the 92nd Meeting of the Executive Committee in 1984 of any significant changes affecting the attainment of health for all by the year 2000;
- c) To advise those Member Governments which may request it on ways to implement the outcome of these studies.

COMMITTEE A

Item 21

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

EVALUATION OF THE PAN AMERICAN CENTER FOR SANITARY ENGINEERING
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

THE XXI PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having reviewed the report on the evaluation of the Pan American Center for Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences (CEPIS) (Document CE88/14);

Considering the provisions of Resolutions XXXI of the XX Pan American Sanitary Conference and XXXI of the XXVI Meeting of the Directing Council; and

Mindful of the significant requirements of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report on the Pan American Center for Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences, and to thank the Member Governments which have actively participated in the evaluation process.

2. To thank the Director for making available the evaluation report and the recommendations of the Evaluation Team of CEPIS.

3. To request the Director:

i) to support and implement, as appropriate and with due caution in regard to direct technical assistance to the countries and to research projects for which CEPIS is responsible, the findings and recommendations of the Evaluation Team;

ii) to continue to seek extrabudgetary resources to further CEPIS' collaboration with Governments in implementing their programs.

4. To request the Governments:

- i) to contribute financial and other support for activities carried out by CEPIS in the countries, for training programs which require national support, for the reproduction of materials initially prepared by CEPIS, and for the general costs of those programs;
- ii) to identify and support national institutions that would join CEPIS as part of a network of collaborating institutions to further training, information exchange, and applied research programs.

5. To thank the Government of Peru for its unflagging support to CEPIS and for generously supplying to the Center all resources needed for the performance of its functions.



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THIRD REPORT OF COMMITTEE A

In its seventh session, held on the morning of 27 September 1982, Committee "A" considered agenda Item 34 and decided that it should take note of the information provided, and did not need to approve a resolution on the matter. In addition, it adopted the following two proposed resolutions, which it submits to the plenary of the Conference for approval:

COMMITTEE A

Item 19

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

DRUG ABUSE

THE XXI PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Taking note of the Director's report on drug abuse (Document CSP21/13);

Considering Resolution XLI of the XXVII Meeting of the Directing Council, which called upon the Member Governments to establish mechanisms for monitoring drug abuse and to integrate drug abuse into their national health programs and plans;

Recognizing Resolution EB69.R9 of the WHO Executive Board concerning obligations under the international conventions and the need for WHO to intensify its efforts to strengthen national drug regulatory mechanisms;

Taking into account Resolution WHA33.27 concerning the need for greater attention to drug abuse in the WHO program;

Being aware of the growing public health, social and economic problems related to the use and misuse of psychotropic and narcotic substances;

Realizing that isolated medical approaches to the prevention and treatment of drug abuse are more costly and provide less relative benefit than innovative multisectoral efforts, in which the health sector's role is defined more broadly;

Realizing the political, administrative and technical deficiencies in the existing national drug regulatory systems and the potentially adverse consequences they may have for the general health and well-being of the public; and

Recognizing the important and valuable role which has been played by the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC) in financing country projects in the Region,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Member Governments to:

- i) Consider concentrating the broad spectrum of health sector drug abuse activities in a single office within the Ministry of Health, with adequate resources to be used for existing health programs such as drug control, health education, epidemiology, and mental health, in accordance with clearly defined program priorities;
- ii) Recognize the need for multisectoral planning and programming as part of an overall national drug abuse plan in which health sector objectives, strategies and responsibilities are clearly identified;
- iii) Adopt policies which will permit and facilitate the integration of drug abuse activities into the general health services system, and in particular to explore new prevention and treatment approaches geared to specific high risk groups (such as adolescents) and covering a wide spectrum of health and social needs;
- iv) To collaborate with the private sector in exploring new prevention and treatment approaches utilizing existing community resources, and in particular, community groups and voluntary organizations;
- v) Strengthen their drug management and regulatory systems with a view to reducing costs and improving the delivery of essential drugs, while at the same time increasing the effectiveness of drug abuse prevention;
- vi) Accede to the international conventions and take steps toward implementing them.

2. To call upon the Director to:

- i) Collaborate with the countries in designing and implementing simple, low-cost systems for monitoring usage patterns and social and public health problems associated with the use and misuse of psychotropic and narcotic substances;

- ii) Continue to work with the countries in strengthening their drug management and regulatory functions;
- iii) Facilitate the transfer of information and technology among the countries of the Region concerning epidemiological methods, innovative low-cost approaches to treatment, the impact of policy on the field of prevention, and training methods and materials which can be used for professional and paraprofessional personnel in the general health services system;
- iv) Assist the countries in seeking extrabudgetary financing for projects.
- v) Report to the XXIX Meeting of the Directing Council on drug abuse prevention efforts in the Region.

COMMISSION A

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Item 35

SELECTION OF THE TOPIC FOR THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD IN 1984
DURING THE XXX MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL OF PAHO, XXXVI MEETING
OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF WHO FOR THE AMERICAS

THE XXI PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having examined the document presented by the Director on this subject (Document CSP21/10);

Bearing in mind the provisions of Rule 7 of the Rules for Technical Discussions;

Aware that the 88th Meeting of the Executive Committee has recommended that "Increasing the operational capacity of the health services for the attainment of the goal of health for all by the year 2000" be selected as the topic for the Technical Discussions to be held in 1984 during the XXX Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXXVI Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Américas; and

In view of considerable expenditure for Technical Discussions by PAHO and the Member Governments, in terms of time and financial and human resources,

RESOLVES:

1. To select "Increasing the operational capacity of the health services for the attainment of the goal of health for all by the year 2000" as the topic for the Technical Discussions to be held in 1984 during the XXX Meeting of the Directing Council of PAHO, XXXVI Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas.

2. To ask the Executive Committee to review carefully all aspects of the Technical Discussions and to submit a report to the XXIX Meeting of the Directing Council with recommendations directed towards maximizing the impact and significance of the Technical Discussions and minimizing the expenditure by the Secretariat and Member Governments in terms of time, human, and financial resources.



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FOURTH REPORT OF COMMITTEE A

In its eighth session, held on the afternoon of Monday, 27 September 1982, Committee "A" adopted the following two resolutions, which it submits to the plenary of the Conference for approval:

COMMITTEE A

Item 23

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

WOMEN IN HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT

THE XXI PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Recognizing the importance of integrating the Five-Year Regional Plan of Action on Women in Health and Development into the Regional Plan of Action to implement the strategies to achieve the goal of health for all by the year 2000;

Acknowledging the progress which has been made in some countries but that information is still scarce and that many activities are in the planning stages;

Mindful of the need for each country to establish a mechanism to coordinate the implementation of activities and collect information on women in health and development on an intersectoral level;

Bearing in mind the urgent need to improve the situation of women in health and development;

Recognizing the value of fellowships as a tool for professional development, and the underrepresentation of women as recipients;

Noting that some progress has been made by the Secretariat in institutional strengthening, training, and recruitment of women to professional posts within the Organization; and

Renewing its commitment to the implementation of the Five-Year Regional Plan of Action on Women in Health and Development,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Special Subcommittee of the Executive Committee on Women in Health and Development for its work in monitoring and reporting on the progress made, and for the cooperation of the PASB.

2. To recommend that Member Governments:
 - a) Establish, in each country, a focal point for women in health and development to coordinate related intersectoral activities;
 - b) Establish mechanisms for the regular collection of information required to monitor and evaluate the progress made and to submit this information to the Secretariat as requested;
 - c) Incorporate the special health needs and requirements of women into ongoing activities without creating new programs focused solely on women, and to incorporate activities of the Five-Year Regional Plan of Action into national health and development strategies and plans;
 - d) Develop and implement national policies to provide for the health and well-being of working women and their dependents, especially for those women employed in unregulated sectors of the economy;
 - e) Enhance training opportunities for women, especially in professions in which they are underrepresented, with particular reference to the PAHO fellowship program;
 - f) Ensure equal opportunities for women in recruitment and selection to professional and senior management positions;
 - g) Encourage and promote intercountry sharing of results of activities carried out in connection with the Five-Year Regional Plan of Action.
3. To request that the Director:
 - a) Encourage and support activities at regional, Area and national levels for the implementation of the Five-Year Regional Plan of Action;
 - b) Intensify efforts to obtain and channel funds in support of activities related to women in health and development;
 - c) Review the mechanisms and human resources needed for the effective coordination and implementation of activities related to the Five-Year Plan of Action and strengthen these where indicated to ensure successful achievement of the goals;
 - d) Develop a simplified, uniform methodology for compiling national and regional information on progress achieved towards reaching the goals of the Five-Year Plan;

- e) Support the continued coordination of activities with other organizations in the Inter-American and United Nations Systems, and other women's organizations;
- f) Strengthen efforts for the recruitment and selection of women for senior professional and managerial posts and further develop the technical skills and leadership potential of women within the Organization;
- g) Promote the greater use of fellowships by Member Governments for the development and training of women;
- h) Convene the Special Subcommittee of the Executive Committee on Women in Health and Development immediately preceding the meeting of the Executive Committee to monitor and evaluate the progress achieved in the implementation of the Five-Year Regional Plan, and to meet again immediately following the meeting of the Directing Council or Sanitary Conference to follow-up on relevant decisions taken during the meeting, and review the achievements of the year.

COMMITTEE A

Item 18

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

AEDES AEGYPTI

THE XXI PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having studied the Final Report of the Meeting of the Technical Group on Aedes aegypti, Dengue and Yellow Fever (Document CSP21/22);

Considering the Regional Plan of Action for the implementation of the Regional Strategies for HFA/2000, with particular reference to those activities relating to the control of vector-borne diseases;

Considering the present status of the program for the eradication of Aedes aegypti in the Americas and the serious problems of reinfestation plaguing many of the countries;

Considering that the risk of urbanization of selvatic yellow fever and the aggravation of the dengue situation in the Americas as the virus has grown more active in many countries, the spread of the disease to new areas, the appearance of the hemorrhagic form, and the occurrence of fatal cases, pose serious threats to the Hemisphere; and

Bearing in mind that the decision taken by the Directing Council at its I Meeting in 1947 is still in effect,

RESOLVES:

1. To maintain the present policy for eradication of Aedes aegypti from the Hemisphere and to recommend to the Governments of the countries and territories still infested by the vector that they take appropriate measures to remove the financial and administrative difficulties that may be hindering the progress of their programs, and that they give such priority as is necessary to the allocation of funds, personnel and materials for the completion of those programs.

2. To ask the Director to take all appropriate measures to promote and support national, subregional and regional activities as specified in the areas of action for the eradication of the vector of urban yellow fever (item 1.1.4 B.3 of the Plan of Action).

3. To recommend to the countries and territories already free of Aedes aegypti that they step up their surveillance efforts with a view to the early detection of any manifestation and to its elimination before it is able to spread.

4. To request the countries that had succeeded in eradicating Aedes aegypti and have later been reinfested to take every appropriate step to eradicate the vector.

5. To recommend that countries still infested give the necessary priority to the implementation of measures to prevent exportation of the vector to other countries, at least increasing surveillance and control efforts based on epidemiological knowledge of local situations.

6. To recommend to the Director that he take all appropriate measures to intensify and accelerate the Hemisphere-wide campaign for the eradication of Aedes aegypti so that the goal of elimination of the vector may be attained as quickly as possible.

7. To recommend to each Government, since the general aim of eradication will not be reached by all the countries in the Region in the short run, and in view of the danger of fresh dengue epidemics and the threat of urbanization of yellow fever, that it draw up an emergency plan to inventory the resources available and a plan of operations for implementation in the event of an epidemic.

8. To recommend that the countries assist each other either directly or through the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, by means of bilateral loans and grants and supplies of equipment and materials, and with technical advisory services to programs for eradication of the vector.

9. To thank the scientists of the meeting in Mérida for their study and evaluation of the present situation of Aedes aegypti, dengue, and yellow fever and take note of their recommendations.

COMMITTEE A

Item 36

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICES

THE XXI PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Bearing in mind Resolution WHA28.72 of the World Health Assembly of 1975 and Resolution XVIII of the XXII International Conference of the Red Cross;

Conscious of the need for effective blood transfusion services for the achievement of the goal of health for all by the year 2000;

Expressing concern over the quality and availability of blood transfusion services in some developing countries of the Region and the lack of effective legislation governing the provision of such services;

Aware of the risk of transmitting disease through lack of effective controls and inadequate training of health providers in the provision of blood transfusion services; and

Convinced that PAHO has the necessary technical and administrative capacity to coordinate cooperation between Member Countries for the development of safe and effective blood transfusion services,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge Member Countries to make provision and control of blood transfusion services a priority item in their national strategies for HFA/2000.

2. To set the year 1990 as the goal for achieving effective blood transfusion services in all countries of the Region, taking into consideration each Member Country's needs and capacity to provide such services.

3. To request the Director to:

- a) Seek the technical cooperation of the League of Red Cross Societies, the International Society of Blood Transfusion, and other international bodies concerned with the use of blood products in the provision of health care.
- b) Assist Member Countries in need to establish cooperative mechanisms for the provision of adequate and safe supplies of blood and other blood transfusion products;
- c) To develop with the international and national organizations an appropriate methodology to evaluate Member Countries' needs and the methods of assistance required for the processing and control of blood and blood products and for the provision of effective blood transfusion services;
- d) Present proposals for the achievement of the goal of effective blood transfusion services by 1990 for the consideration of the 90th Meeting of the Executive Committee and the XXIX Meeting of the Directing Council.

COMMITTEE A

Item 22

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

PAN AMERICAN FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE CENTER

THE XXI PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Bearing in mind that animal health activities have implications for human health and socioeconomic development, and consequently for primary health care;

Realizing the particular importance of harmonizing animal health activities, which are part of the goal of health for all by the year 2000, with the strategy of primary care;

Recognizing that the technical cooperation activities of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center (PANAFTOSA) are an important part of the aims and strategies contained in the Plan of Action for implementation of the Regional Strategies;

Considering that the close interaction between the technical cooperation programs of PANAFTOSA and those of the other units of PAHO's Special Program of Animal Health has resulted in the formation of a valuable pool of international resources at the service of the countries;

Taking account of Resolution XXVI of the XXVI Meeting of the Directing Council, and bearing in mind the desire expressed by the Ministers of Agriculture during the XII Inter-American Meeting, at the Ministerial Level, on Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Zoonoses Control that PANAFTOSA should remain part of PAHO;

Being aware that the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), the International Office of Epizootics, and other international agencies conduct animal health and production programs;

Recognizing the value of international cooperation in matters of animal health; and

Mindful of the views expressed by the Member Governments in this Conference,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to develop a policy, in consultation with the appropriate international agencies (FAO, IICA, etc.) and in accordance with the program priorities and needs of the Member Governments, aimed at maximizing the horizontal cooperation of agencies serving the countries in matters of animal health and veterinary public health, and in so doing to avoid duplication of effort.

2. That the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center shall remain a regular program of PAHO.

3. To thank the countries and international organization that are supporting the Center and particularly the Government of Brazil, for their valuable and continued contribution to the operation of the center.