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PROVISIONAL PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION

Havana, Cuba

Monday, 15 September 1952, at 10:00 a.m.

Provisional Chairman: Dr. Nacianceno ROMERO Chile
Chairman: Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ Venezuela
Vice-Chairmen: Dr. Francisco BARRERA Cuba
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN Ecuador
Secretary: Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMENTE Pan American
Sanitary Bureau

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11. Expression of sympathy to his Excellency, the President of the Republic of Cuba, General Fulgencio Batista.

PRESENT:Members:

Dr. Ernani de Paiva FERREIRA BRAGA	Brazil
Mr. Ruy Barbosa de MIRANDA E SILVA	
Dr. Nacianceno ROMERO	Chile
Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO	Colombia
Dr. Francisco BARRERA CAÑEDO	Cuba
Dr. Rafael CALVO FONSECA	
Dr. José F. PIMENTEL MENDEZ	
Dr. Nelson C. ESTRUCH	Dominican Republic
Dr. Hipólito SANCHEZ BAEZ	
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES	El Salvador
Barón E. De BEAUVERGER	France
Dr. Roberto GANDARA LACAPE	Guatemala
Dr. Lucien PIERRE NOEL	Haiti
Dr. Jacques DESINOR	
Dr. Felipe GARCIA SANCHEZ	Mexico
Dr. N. H. SWELLENGREBEL	Netherlands
Dr. E. VAN DER KUYP	
Dr. F. J. RUTTEN	
Dr. Germán CASTILLO	Nicaragua
Dr. Alberto CALVO	Panama
Dr. Pedro Hugo PEÑA	Paraguay
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA	Peru
Dr. J. W. P. HARKNESS	United Kingdom
Dr. L. W. FITZMAURICE	
Dr. Frederick J. BRADY	United States
Mr. Howard B. CALDERWOOD	
Mr. Simon N. WILSON	
Mr. Elton D. WOOLPERT	
Rear Admiral RIVERA TRAVIESO	Uruguay
Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ	Venezuela
Dr. Fred L. SOPER (<u>ex-officio</u>)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Other Participants:Governments:

Mr. K. C. BROWN, Observer	Canada
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Inter-Governmental Organizations:

Dr. José Enrique SANDOVAL	International Labor Organization (ILO)
Miss Maude BARRETT	United Nations Organiza- tion (UN)
Dr. Brook CHISOLM, Director General	World Health Organization (WHO)

Non-Governmental Organizations:

Dr. Teodosio VALLEDOR	American College of Chest Physicians
Dr. Félix HURTADO	International Pediatric Association
Dr. Félix HURTADO	Pan American Medical Confederation
Dr. Pedro NOGUEIRA RIVERO	
Dr. José A. BUSTAMANTE	The World Medical Association

TOPIC 1: OPENING BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE V MEETING OF THE
DIRECTING COUNCIL

Dr. Nacianceno ROMERO (Chile), Chairman of the V Meeting of the Directing Council, opened the VI Meeting and welcomed the Representatives and Observers. He said that this Meeting is of special importance, since it will consider the proposed program and budget, the revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, the amendments to the rules of procedure of the Directing Council, and other topics of major interest. The Representatives will also be invited to sign the Additional Protocol to the Pan American Sanitary Code which, by a happy coincidence, was signed in this same city in 1924.

Furthermore, the fiftieth anniversary of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the First Inter-American Congress of Public Health are being held, and a heart-felt tribute will be paid to the memory of the illustrious Cuban scientist Dr. Carlos J. Finlay.

With regard to the fiftieth anniversary of the Bureau, Dr. Romero said that we can look back with pride on the progress made toward the achievement of certain fundamental objectives, such as collaboration with the governments, the encouragement of efforts to improve the physical and mental well-being of the people and to raise the standard of health throughout the Americas. The topics to be dealt with by the Inter-American Congress of Public Health will be a valuable contribution toward the development of public health methods. In conclusion, Dr. Romero again referred to the tribute to be paid to the discoverer of the vector of yellow fever, adding that in extending his greetings to the people of Cuba, he evoked the memory of their eminent scientist, Dr. Carlos J. Finlay.

2. TOPIC 2: ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The Chairman suggested the names of the Representatives of Cuba, El Salvador and Paraguay as members of the Committee on Credentials.

DECISION

The suggestion of the Chairman was unanimously approved, and the Committee on Credentials was established with the Representatives of Cuba, El Salvador and Paraguay as members.

3. TOPIC 3: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND TWO VICE-CHAIRMEN

The CHAIRMAN requested that nominations be made for the position of Chairman of the VI Meeting of the Directing Council.

Dr. ALWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) nominated the Representative of Venezuela.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) nominated the Representative of El Salvador.

Dr. GONZALEZ (Venezuela) thanked the Representative of El Salvador for the honor, but said that other persons were present whose long experience better qualified them for the position. The Representative of Venezuela then nominated the Representative of Mexico.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) seconded the motion of the Representative of Venezuela.

During the voting, the SECRETARY read the pertinent Articles of the Rules of Procedure.

The CHAIRMAN invited the Representatives of Brazil and Panama to serve as tellers.

The result of the voting was as follows:

Venezuela	8 votes
El Salvador	6 votes
Mexico	5 votes
Abstention	1 vote

The CHAIRMAN stated that since the absolute majority as stipulated in the Rules is 11 votes, another vote would be taken, limited to the two candidates having the greatest number of votes.

The result of the second voting was as follows:

Venezuela	12 votes
El Salvador	8 votes

Dr. González (Venezuela) took the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN greeted the Representatives and thanked them on behalf of his country and himself for the honor they had bestowed upon him. He requested their collaboration in achieving results that would be beneficial to the Pan American Sanitary Organization and to continental public health. He expressed appreciation and extended a cordial greeting to the people of Cuba for their generous hospitality. He also greeted Dr. Brock Chisholm, Director-General of the World Health Organization, who was honoring the Directing Council with his presence.

The CHAIRMAN then called for nominations for the two positions of vice-chairman.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) nominated the Representative of Cuba.

Dr. SANCHEZ BAEZ (Dominican Republic) nominated the Representative of Nicaragua.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) nominated the Representative of Paraguay.

Dr. GORDILLO ZULETA (Peru) nominated the Representative of Colombia.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) nominated the Representative of the United States.

Dr. SERRANO CAMARGO (Colombia) nominated the Representative of Ecuador.

The CHAIRMAN asked the Representatives of Guatemala and Haiti to serve as tellers.

During the voting, the SECRETARY read the articles of the Rules of Procedure governing the election of vice-chairmen.

The result of the voting was as follows:

Cuba	13 votes
Colombia	6 votes
Ecuador	6 votes
United States	4 votes
Nicaragua	2 votes
Paraguay	2 votes
Peru	1 vote
Haiti	1 vote

The CHAIRMAN announced that the Representative of Cuba was elected Vice-Chairman and that it would be necessary to repeat the voting because no other Representative had received an absolute majority.

The result of the second voting was as follows:

Ecuador	7 votes
Colombia	4 votes
Nicaragua	4 votes
United States	3 votes
Paraguay	1 vote
Abstention	1

The CHAIRMAN announced that since no candidate had received an absolute majority, it would be necessary to repeat the voting, limiting it to Ecuador and to Colombia and Nicaragua, which had obtained an equal number of votes.

The result of the third vote was as follows:

Ecuador	11 votes
Nicaragua	4 votes
Colombia	4 votes
Abstention	1

The Representatives of Cuba and Ecuador were elected Vice-Chairmen.

4. TOPIC 4: ESTABLISHMENT OF MAIN COMMITTEES:

- a. Committee I (Program and Budget)
- b. Committee II (Administration, Finance and Legal Matters)
- c. General Committee

The SECRETARY reminded the Representatives that each country has the right to be represented on both main committees.

The CHAIRMAN requested nominations for the chairmanship of Committee I.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) nominated the Representative of El Salvador, this motion being seconded by the Representatives of Brazil and Panama.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) suggested that, to save time, nominations be made for both Committees simultaneously, and he proposed the Representative of Panama for Committee I and the Representative of the United States for Committee II.

The proposal of the Representative of El Salvador that nominations be made jointly for the two Committees was accepted, and Dr. ROMERO (Chile) repeated his nomination of the Representative of El Salvador to preside over Committee I, and also nominated the Representative of the United States for chairman of Committee II.

The Representative of the Dominican Republic seconded this motion.

The Representatives of Guatemala and Haiti served as tellers and the result of the vote was as follows:

Committee I

El Salvador	16 votes
Panama	2 votes
Colombia	1 vote
United States	1 vote

Committee II

United States	17 votes
El Salvador	1 vote
Mexico	1 vote
Panama	1 vote

The CHAIRMAN announced the election of the Representatives of El Salvador and the United States to the chairmanships of Committee I and Committee II, respectively.

The SECRETARY pointed out that the General Committee is composed of the Chairman of the Council, the two Vice-Chairmen, the Chairmen of Committee I and Committee II, and two other Representatives named by the full Council, from countries not already represented on the General Committee.

The CHAIRMAN called for nominations for the two remaining positions on the General Committee.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) suggested the Representatives of Colombia and Peru. This motion was seconded by the Representatives of Guatemala and the Dominican Republic.

There being no further nominations, the CHAIRMAN announced that the Representatives of Colombia and Peru had been unanimously elected to serve on the General Committee.

5. TOPIC 5: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Document CD6/1, Rev. 2)

DECISION TAKEN

The Agenda (Document CD6/1, Rev. 2) was approved unanimously without discussion.

6. TOPIC 6: ADOPTION OF THE PROGRAM OF MEETINGS
(Document CD6/2, Rev. 1)

DECISION TAKEN

The Program of Meetings (Document CD6/2, Rev. 1) was approved unanimously without discussion.

7. TOPIC 17: AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL (REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL)

(Documents CD6/3 and CD6/20)

The SECRETARY read Resolution V approved by the Executive Committee at its 17th Meeting.

DECISION TAKEN

The Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council were approved unanimously without discussion.

8. TOPIC 7: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Document CD6/16)

The CHAIRMAN asked Dr. ROMERO (Chile) whether the words he had pronounced in opening the session could be considered as the Report of the Executive Committee.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) said that the documents the representatives had in their possession and the words he had already spoken were enough to give an idea of the work accomplished.

The CHAIRMAN expressed to the Executive Committee the recognition that the Directing Council of the Organization accorded it for its brilliant performance in the exercise of its duties and responsibilities.

9. TOPIC 8: REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU (Document CD6/13)

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that he did not believe it wise to enter into too detailed consideration of his Report because it had not been distributed sufficiently in advance and consequently the Representatives had not yet had time to examine it carefully. He referred to the holding of the First Inter-American Congress of Public Health as being of particular interest because many of the technical points included in the report would be treated in greater detail at the Congress. Dr. Soper added that, in his capacity as Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and Regional Director of the WHO in the Americas, he would like to call attention to certain important points. In 1951 and 1952 one could see the increasing importance being given to the general programs as compared with the specialized programs. He noted that the apparent reduction in the funds allotted to specialized programs was due to the fact that the latter were not included in the general programs. Dr. Soper made special mention of certain activities, such as the Public Health Demonstration Area established in El Salvador, the Workshops in Nursing, and the programs carried out by the Institute of Nutrition of

Central America and Panama in collaboration with all the countries of that region except Nicaragua. He referred particularly to the problem of yellow fever, outbreaks of which have occurred in Central America, and how it has progressed northward and eastward. The continental program for the eradication of Aedes aegypti was proposed by Brazil in 1947, at which time the number of cases was very small, but the events that have occurred since then have fully justified the continent-wide eradication campaign. In connection with the campaign against yaws in Haiti, the Director said everything seems to indicate that it will be successful. He added that the campaign of mass administration of penicillin had been modified in favor of another program that consists of administering penicillin from house to house in rural areas. The Government of Haiti has shown a continuing interest in this program and more funds are now available for carrying it out. As for smallpox, a problem that, it has been recommended, should be of primary concern to the Bureau, the Director noted the application of dry vaccine and glycerinated vaccine in Peru. Those vaccines were kept at room temperature for one month and were applied to both arms of the same person, giving positive results in 35% of the individuals treated with glycerinated vaccine and in 92% of those treated with dry vaccine. This proves the efficacy of dry vaccine in our countries. The Director also mentioned the activities of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center in Brazil and the valuable results that have been obtained, as well as the assistance that the Bureau has been able to contribute to certain research work being carried on by the Center. This program is not part of the activities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau properly speaking, but Dr. Soper was happy to take note of the work being done there for the purpose of preparing a vaccine for foot-and-mouth disease. He also referred to the expansion of activities financed by the Technical Assistance Program of the United Nations and the Organization of American States and to the programs sponsored by UNICEF, the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, and the Rockefeller and Kellogg Foundations. A good part of the funds available comes from sources other than the Pan American Sanitary Bureau or the World Health Organization. The Director stated that he had been informed that in the future the Technical Assistance programs of the United Nations would be subject to approval by the Chairman of the permanent Technical Assistance Board. Some difficulties that had arisen in the negotiations with the Member Governments, he said, were due to requirements of an administrative and regulatory nature, over which the Bureau had no control. Finally, Dr. Soper called attention

to the large number of agreements that had been signed and to the progress of the decentralization program, and he reported that a short time ago an agreement was signed with Mexico for establishing in that country the last Zone Office it is planned to organize.

The CHAIRMAN thanked Dr. Soper, in the name of the Directing Council, for his clear and explicit introduction to the Annual Report. He also congratulated the Director and all the personnel of the Bureau on the efficacy and enthusiasm with which they had carried out the programs of the Bureau and WHO.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) requested that more time be given for studying the Report of the Director. He had observed a noticeable improvement in the presentation of the document, and he congratulated the Director because, in his opinion, the desires of the Representatives that more funds be devoted to the public health programs and less to the central administration were taking shape. He took the opportunity to express to the Director-General of the World Health Organization the appreciation of the American countries for the work from which they had benefited, and at the same time he asked him to try to arrange, as was within his power to do, for a more expeditious way of handling matters of interest to these countries.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Representative of Mexico was unanimously approved, and consideration of the Annual Report of the Director was left for a future plenary session.

10. TOPIC 9: APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO DRAFT THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL TO THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS (Document CD6/17)

The SECRETARY read the background contained in the Document CD6/17, in which the Director asks whether the Directing Council desires to continue to apply the procedure that it decided to employ in its V Meeting, namely, to send the Final Report of the Meeting of the Directing Council and the Report of the Director of the Bureau as the Annual Report of the Directing Council to the Participating Governments.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) concurred in the suggestion offered by the Director in the above-mentioned Document for the purpose of avoiding such delay as had occurred in previous years.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Representative of El Salvador was unanimously approved.

11. EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA, GENERAL FULGENCIO BATISTA

The CHAIRMAN said that, having learned of the bereavement suffered by the family of His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Cuba General Fulgencio Batista, in the death of Mr. Ramiro Fernández Leda, the father of the First Lady of the Republic, Mrs. Marta Fernández de Batista, he would like to suggest that the Directing Council send an expression of deep sympathy.

The proposal of the Chairman was unanimously approved.

The SECRETARY gave an explanation concerning the documents that had been distributed and those that still remained to be distributed, and he announced the meetings of the Committees for the afternoon.

The session adjourned at 12:30 p.m.



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Thursday, 18 September 1952, at 10 a.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ	Venezuela
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Enrique SALADRIGAS	Cuba
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

SUMMARY

1. Topic 24: Status of Working Capital Fund (Document CD6/15)
2. Welcome extended to Dr. Enrique Saladrigas y Zayas, Minister of Health and Social Welfare of Cuba.
3. Topic 24: Status of Working Capital Fund (Document CD6/15)
(Continuation)
4. Topic 28: Buildings and Installations at Headquarters (Document CD6/24)

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PRESENT:

Members:

Dr. Ernani de Paiva FERREIRA BRAGA	Brazil
Dr. Ruy Barbosa de MIRANDA E SILVA	
Dr. Nacianceno ROMERO	Chile
Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO	Colombia
Dr. Oscar VARGAS MENDEZ	Costa Rica
Dr. Enrique SALADRIGAS Y ZAYAS	Cuba
Dr. Rafael CALVO FONSECA	
Dr. Francisco BARRERA CAÑEDO	
Dr. José Francisco PIMENTEL Y MENDEZ	
Dr. Nelson ESTRUCH	Dominican Republic
Dr. Hipólito SANCHEZ BAEZ	
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES	El Salvador
Dr. René LAVOINE	France
Baron Edmond de BEAUVERGER	
Dr. Roberto GANDARA LACAPE	Guatemala
Dr. Lucien PIERRE NOEL	Haiti
Dr. Felipe GARCIA SANCHEZ	Mexico
Dr. N.H. SWELLENGREBEL	Netherlands
Dr. E. VAN DER KUIP	
Dr. Germán CASTILLO	Nicaragua
Dr. Alberto CALVO	Panama
Dr. Pedro Hugo PEÑA	Paraguay
Dr. Amadeo BAEZ ALLENDE	
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA	Peru
Dr. J.W.P. HARKNESS	United Kingdom
Dr. L.W. FITZMAURICE	
Dr. Leonard A. Scheele	United States
Dr. Frederick J. BRADY	
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Mr. Elton D. WOOLPERT	
Dr. Wyman STONE	
Rear Admiral RIVERA TRAVIESO	Uruguay
Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ	Venezuela
Dr. Fred L. SOPER (ex officio)	Pan American San- itary Bureau

Other Participants:

Governments:

Mr. K.C. BROWN, Observer	Canada
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PRESENT: (Cont.)

Inter-Governmental Organizations:

Dr. William MANGER

Dr. Carlos V. PENNA

Miss Maude BARRETT

Dr. Brock CHISHOLM

Organization of
American States (OAS)
United Nations Edu-
cational, Scientific
and Cultural Organ-
ization (UNESCO)
United Nations Organ-
ization (UN)
World Health Organ-
ization (WHO)

Non-Governmental Organizations:

Dr. Antonio NAVARRETE

Dr. Gustavo CABARROUY

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Miss Esther ALFONSO CASTELLANOS

Dr. Félix HURTADO

American College of
Chest Physicians
Finlay Institute
International Council
of Nurses

International Pedi-
atric Association

The CHAIRMAN reminded the Representatives that some of them had not presented their credentials to Dr. Peña (Paraguay), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, and emphasized the need for them to do so as soon as possible.

He announced that the topics to be considered at the meeting were Topic 24, Status of Working Capital Fund (Document CD6/15), in regard to which he called attention to the Report of the Working Party of Committee II (Document CD6/32), and Topic 28, Buildings and Installations at Headquarters (Document CD6/24). At the risk of repeating a fact already known by those present, he declared that by 1 January 1953 there will be a surplus estimated at \$306,000.

He asked the Representatives to indicate if they were in favor of the expenditure of this amount for Bureau activities.

1. TOPIC 24: STATUS OF THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND
(Document CD6/15)

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) presented, in the name of his country and jointly with the Representatives of the Governments of Peru and Colombia, the following draft resolution:

1. That the sum of \$306,000, the estimated surplus of the Working Capital Fund as of 1953, can be spent in its entirety.
2. That the sum of \$75,000 be allotted to carrying out certain phases of the smallpox campaign in the Latin American countries.
3. That \$85,000 be allocated to the Fellowships Program for 1953.
4. That the remaining \$146,000 be applied to the projects of construction, alteration, and improvement of the Headquarters buildings in Washington, D. C.
5. That the Director be authorized to meet the difference between \$146,000 and the amount of \$209,000, the cost of all the projects of construction, alteration, and improvement with any funds authorized in the 1953 budget but not spent or any surplus in revenues received above those estimated for 1953.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) seconded the proposal jointly with the Representatives of Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru.

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) stated that the Representative of El Salvador had presented the day before Document CD6/38 on the topic under discussion, and he believed it should be discussed first.

The CHAIRMAN reminded the Representative that mention had been made of this document at the beginning of the session, and that its first paragraph contained more or less the same idea as the first point in the proposal presented by the Representatives of Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru. He insisted that this first point, which was basic to future deliberations, be settled.

DECISION TAKEN

The CHAIRMAN announced that since no Representative had opposed the motion, the Directing Council approved the spending of the amount of \$360,000.

The CHAIRMAN stated that there were two proposals on the table, one contained in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the draft resolution presented by the Representative of El Salvador (CD6/38), and the other contained in sections 2, 3, and 4 of the joint proposal by Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) stated that in his opinion the proposal of Ecuador was based on an erroneous premise, because the budgetary surplus funds were precisely those mentioned in the document on the status of the Working Capital Fund.

The CHAIRMAN observed that the first thing to be settled was the amount that the Directing Council wished to apply to the construction and alteration work on the Headquarters, after which it could proceed to the distribution of the remainder among the other projects.

In reply to the point raised by the Representative of El Salvador concerning an error in the proposal of the Representatives of Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru, Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) stated that the Government of Peru owed certain sums to the Bureau that it expected to pay during the present year. This would constitute a surplus not included in the revenues estimated in Document CD6/15.

2. WELCOME EXTENDED TO DR. ENRIQUE SALADRIGAS Y ZAYAS,
MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE OF CUBA

The CHAIRMAN interrupted the deliberations to say that he wished to extend a cordial welcome, in the name of the Directing Council and in his own, to the Minister of Health and Social Welfare of Cuba, Dr. Enrique Saladrigas, who honored the Council with his presence at this session.

Dr. SALADRIGAS (Minister of Health and Social Welfare of Cuba) said that it was a great pleasure for him to be present this morning and asked the Representatives to pardon him for not having attended the previous sessions, because of the urgent matters that had arisen in the Ministry of Health. He wished also, in the name of the Government of Cuba, to extend the warmest of welcomes to all the Representatives of the various nations here represented, whose presence was a matter of pride for Cuba, for in view of the geographical position of this small island and its great spirit of inter-American cooperation, all Cubans take great pleasure in the fact that the meeting is being held in Havana. Before closing his brief remarks, he thanked the outgoing Chairman, Dr. Romero, and the

present Chairman, Dr. González, for their kind words about Cuba and for learned Dr. Carlos J. Finlay, who contributed so much to the rapid extermination of yellow fever. Dr. Saladrigas recalled that he was a very small boy when those events took place in Havana, but he could still remember the work of Leonard Wood, the then Governor of Havana, which, thanks to the knowledge contributed by Dr. Finlay and the experiments carried on by the United States Commission, succeeded in eliminating the terrible yellow fever around 1902. In conclusion, he again expressed his tanks and wished the Meeting of the Council and the forthcoming Inter-American Congress of Public Health every success.

The CHAIRMAN thanked the Minister of Public Health and Social Welfare, who is the Representative of the Government of Cuba and Vice-Chairman of the Directing Council, for his remarks.

3. TOPIC 24: STATUS OF WORKING CAPITAL FUND (Document CD6/15)
(Continuation)

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) favored the proposal made by El Salvador because it is more general and imposes fewer limitations.

Dr. SERRANO CAMARGO (Colombia), referring to the remarks of the Representative of Costa Rica, stated that in the original proposal of Ecuador, Peru, and his country, the amount of \$146,000 was suggested for the improvement of Headquarters. Since the sum of \$10,800 had already been appropriated for the publication of a book on Public Health Administration, the amount allotted for improvements to Headquarters would have to be reduced to \$135,180. As for the possibility that this resolution might be returned to the Committee, he thought that since they were meeting in plenary session, the matter could be settled at that session.

Dr. CASTILLO (Nicaragua) supported the proposal of the Representative of El Salvador.

Dr. BRADY (United States) suggested that the discussion be closed and the proposals submitted to the Council put to a vote.

The CHAIRMAN announced that three proposals were involved: one providing the amount of \$209,820 for improvements at Headquarters (Document CD6/32), another submitted by Dr. Allwood Paredes, which would allot \$110,000 for that purpose (Document CD6/38), and still another submitted during this

session by the Representatives of Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru, providing the amount of \$135,180 for the same purpose.

He submitted the proposal of the Representative of El Salvador to a vote, since it differs most from the original proposal.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Representative of El Salvador was rejected with 10 votes against, 7 in favor, and 3 abstentions.

The CHAIRMAN then put the joint proposal of Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru to a vote.

DECISION TAKEN

The joint proposal of Ecuador, Colombia and Peru was approved with 11 votes in favor, 3 against, and 6 abstentions.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) proposed that a resolution be adopted that would agree with the terms of paragraphs 1 and 2 of his Proposed Resolution, replacing in paragraph 2 the sum of \$110,000 by the amount approved, \$135,180.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) pointed out that the proposal of the Representative of El Salvador would annul point 5 of the proposal of Ecuador.

Dr. BRADY (United States) reminded the Representatives that when they approved the sum of \$135,180, it was agreed that any other income available could be added to it, up to a maximum sum of \$209,820.

Dr. GORDILLO ZULETA (Peru) pointed out that no vote had been taken yet on point 5 of the proposal submitted in the name of Ecuador, Colombia, and his country.

Dr. SANCHEZ BAEZ (Dominican Republic) expressed his agreement that the approved amount of \$135,180 be expended in accordance with the decision of the Permanent Subcommittee after consultation with the Director.

The CHAIRMAN thought that the topic had been discussed sufficiently and asked whether the Council approved having the amount of \$135,180 expended in accordance with the decisions reached by the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations after consultation with the Director.

DECISION TAKEN

The Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations was authorized to decide, in consultation with the Director, how the amount of \$135,180, appropriated for the improvement of Headquarters should be spent.

4. TOPIC 28: BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS AT HEADQUARTERS
(Document CD6/24)

The CHAIRMAN submitted for discussion point 5 of the proposal of Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru authorizing the Director to take from any funds authorized in the 1953 budget but not spent or any surplus in revenues received above those estimated for 1953, the difference between the amount allotted and the sum of \$209,820, the latter being the total cost of all construction work, alterations, and improvements.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) stated that, in view of the opinions expressed during the previous discussion, he wished to change point 5 of the joint proposal to read as follows: "To authorize the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations to arrange, in consultation with the Director, for financing the completion of the projects for the improvement of the Headquarters buildings in the amount of \$73,980, which would be paid from the surpluses from credits outstanding and not considered in the 1952 budget".

Dr. CALVO (Panama) proposed that the Executive Committee be requested to study in consultation with the Director of the Bureau the possibility of continuing the alterations to the Headquarters buildings with any surplus of the 1953 budget and that the Committee should submit a report to the next meeting of the Directing Council for consideration.

Dr. BRADY (United States) suggested that the proposal of the Representative of Panama be changed to enable the Executive Committee to take action without first consulting the Directing Council.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) stated that he supported the proposal of the Representative of the United States.

In the name of the Representatives of Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru, Dr. GORDILLO ZULETA (Peru) announced that they withdrew their original proposal and supported that of the Representative of the United States.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that a new proposal had been introduced, not merely an amendment to the proposal of the Representative of Panama. The new proposal would have the Directing Council authorize the Executive Committee, after prior study of the financial status of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, to approve at its 19th Meeting the cost of continuing the construction and alteration work on the Headquarters buildings.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) withdrew his proposal.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the proposals of El Salvador and the United States were before the meeting, and called for a vote on the former.

DECISION TAKEN

With 9 votes against, 3 in favor, and 5 abstentions, the proposal of El Salvador was rejected.

The CHAIRMAN then submitted the proposal of the United States to a vote.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Representative of the United States was approved.

Summarizing the results of the foregoing discussion, the CHAIRMAN stated that the Directing Council had approved: 1, the expenditure of \$306,000 from the Working Capital Fund, the estimated amount of the surplus as of 1 January, 1953; 2, the allocation of the sum of \$135,180 for the construction and alteration work on the buildings of the Interim Headquarters, this amount to be used in such manner as the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations, in consultation with the Director, shall determine; and 3, authorization to the Executive Committee at its 19th Meeting, after study of the financial situation, to approve continuation of the construction and alteration work on the Headquarters buildings.

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) asked whether that authorization to continue the work of reconditioning had set \$209,000 as the ceiling or whether the expenditures could continue increasing, to which Dr. BRADY (United States) replied that the total figure was in effect limited to \$209,000.

The CHAIRMAN announced that the allocation to be made of the remainder of the surplus in the Working Capital Fund remained to be decided, and he asked whether the Directing Council desired to refer this matter to Committee I, taking into account the fact that Committee I had already approved the expenditure of \$10,820 for the publication of a book on public health administration.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) stated that since everyone was already in agreement as to the manner in which the amounts had been distributed for fellowships, the smallpox campaign, and the publication of a book, it was useless to continue discussing the use to be made of the remainder. He considered that the matter was closed.

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) agreed with the Representative of Brazil.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) said that, in view of the importance of the smallpox campaign, they must not run the risk of having this program fail for lack of funds, and to prevent this he suggested that provision be made in forthcoming budgets for the continuation of this campaign until it is completed.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Representative of Panama present his proposal to the Committee on the Program and Budget.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) accepted the suggestion, expressing his hope that all the Representatives would support his proposal at the proper time.

The CHAIRMAN announced that, in connection with Topic 28, the recommendations of the Working Party of Committee II, made on the basis of Resolution IX of the 17th Meeting of the Executive Committee, remained to be considered.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) said that according to those recommendations it was the Directing Council that should establish the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations, work a membership of three to be determined by the Executive Committee.

The CHAIRMAN called for a vote on the recommendations of the Working Party of Committee II, which read as follows:

- "1. To express its thanks to the Subcommittee on Interim Headquarters for the work accomplished.

- "2. To approve the action taken to date by the Subcommittee.
- "3. To interpret the word 'interim' as involving a period of at least ten years.
- "4. To establish a Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations with a membership of three to be determined by the Executive Committee.
- "5. To instruct the Permanent Subcommittee to submit its reports to the Executive Committee to make comments thereon for transmittal to the Directing Council."

DECISION TAKEN

The recommendations of the Working Party of Committee II were approved in the form set forth above.

The session was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.



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PROVISIONAL PRECIS MINUTES OF THE THIRD PLENARY SESSION

Havana, Cuba

Friday, 19 September 1952, at 3:10 p.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ	Venezuela
<u>Vice-Chairmen:</u>	Dr. Enrique SALADRIGAS Y ZAYAS	Cuba
	Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Ecuador
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

SUMMARY

1. First Report of the Committee on Credentials (Document CD6/44)
2. First Report of the Rapporteur of Committee I (Document CD6/42)
3. Report of the Rapporteur of Committee II.
4. Topic 10: Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1953 (Document CD6/42)
5. Topic 25: Translation and Publication of a Textbook in Spanish on Public Health Administration (Document CD6/42)
6. Topic 29: Pan American Public Health Association (Document CD6/42)

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7. Inclusion of Topic 30. Retainment, by the Personnel of International Institutions, of their Positions in their Own Countries (Document CD6/35)
8. Topic 16: Report of the Permanent Committee of the Executive Committee on Revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization (Document CD6/19, CE17/12)
9. Topic 19: Election of Three Member Countries to Fill the Vacancies on the Executive Committee Created by the Termination of the Periods of Office of El Salvador, Peru and the United States of America (Document CD6/9)

PRESENT:

Members:

Dr. Ernani de Paiva FERREIRA BRAGA	Brazil
Dr. Ruy Barbosa de MIRANDA E SILVA	
Dr. Nacianceno ROMERO	Chile
Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO	Colombia
Dr. Oscar VARGAS MENDEZ	Costa Rica
Dr. Rafael CALVO FONSECA	Cuba
Dr. Francisco BARRERA CAÑEDO	
Dr. Nelson ESTRUCH	Dominican Republic
Dr. Hipólito SANCHEZ BAEZ	
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES	El Salvador
Baron Edmond DE BEAUVERGER	France
Dr. René LAVOINE	
Dr. Roberto GANDARA LACAPE	Guatemala
Dr. Lucien PIERRE NOEL	Haiti
Mr. Jacques DESINOR	
Dr. Felipe GARCIA SANCHEZ	Mexico
Dr. N. H. SWELLENGREBEL	Netherlands
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Dr. F. J. RUTTEN	
Dr. Germán CASTILLO	Nicaragua
Dr. Alberto E. CALVO	Panama
Dr. Pedro Hugo PEÑA	Paraguay
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA	Peru
Dr. J. W. P. HARKNESS	United Kingdom
Dr. L. W. FITZMAURICE	
Dr. Horace GILLETTE	
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Dr. Frederick J. BRADY	
Mr. Howard B. CALDERWOOD	
Mr. Simon N. WILSON	
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Dr. Wyman STONE	
Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ	Venezuela
Dr. Fred L. SOPER (<u>ex officio</u>)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Other Participants:

Governments:

Mr. K. C. BROWN, Observer	Canada
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PRESENT: (Cont'd.)

Inter-Governmental Organizations:

Dr. William MANGER

Miss Maude BARRETT

Dr. Brock CHISHOLM

Organization of
American States
United Nations
(UN)
World Health
Organization
(WHO)

1. FIRST REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS
(Document CD6/44)

Dr. BARRERA (Cuba), Rapporteur of the Committee on Credentials, read the first report of the Committee, which proposed the approval of the credentials of the Representatives, Alternates, and Advisers designated by the Member Governments, and those of the Observers.

Dr. SWELLENGREBEL (Netherlands) called attention to the fact that the Advisers in the Delegation of his country are actually Alternates.

Dr. PEÑA (Paraguay), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, said that the listing of credentials had been made on the basis of the documents presented at the Secretariat.

Dr. HARKNESS (United Kingdom) explained that the credentials of Dr. Horace Gillette, of Trinidad, had been submitted only that morning, but that he wished to have his name included in the listing.

The CHAIRMAN stated that after the matter had been considered, the Committee on Credentials could submit a second report, in accordance with the documents presented.

Baron DE BEAUVARGER (France) informed the Committee that Dr. René Lavoine should be the Representative of his country and he himself should be listed as Alternate.

Dr. PEÑA (Paraguay) thought that the Committee lacked the authority to make this change.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) said that in a case like the one presented by the Delegation of France, it would suffice if the Representative authorized the Alternate to take part, in his absence, in the discussions and voting in the name of the country he represents.

The CHAIRMAN replied that, in effect, the Alternate assumes the authority of the Representative in the absence of the latter.

Baron DE BEAUVARGER (France) thanked the assembly for the interest taken in the matter and stated that he preferred not to insist on his request as it is merely a matter of detail.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) remarked that, although he appears as an Adviser, he also submitted his credentials as a Representative.

The CHAIRMAN read the Article of the Rules of Procedure that refers to Alternates and Advisers, and then submitted the report for approval.

DECISION TAKEN

The First Report of the Committee on Credentials, with the changes requested by the Representatives of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, which will be studied by the Committee when it prepares its second report, was unanimously approved.

2. FIRST REPORT OF THE RAPPORTEUR OF COMMITTEE I (Document CD6/42)

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala), Rapporteur of Committee I, read his report.

DECISION TAKEN

The First Report of the Rapporteur of Committee I (Program and Budget) was unanimously approved without discussion.

3. REPORT OF THE RAPPORTEUR OF COMMITTEE II

The CHAIRMAN announced that, since it had not yet been possible to distribute the text of this report, the discussion thereof would be postponed.

4. TOPIC 10: PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1953 (Document CD6/42)

The CHAIRMAN read the text of the draft resolution approved by Committee I at its fourth session, and put it up for discussion.

DECISION TAKEN

The draft resolution on the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1953 (Document CD6/42) was unanimously approved.

5. TOPIC 25: TRANSLATION AND PUBLICATION OF A TEXTBOOK IN SPANISH ON PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
(Document CD6/42)

The CHAIRMAN read the text of the draft resolution approved by Committee I at its fourth session.

DECISION TAKEN

The draft resolution on the translation into Spanish and publication by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau of the textbook entitled "Principles of Public Health Administration", by John J. Hanlon, (Document CD6/42) was unanimously approved.

6. TOPIC 29: PAN AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION
(Document CD6/42)

The CHAIRMAN read the text of the draft resolution approved by Committee I at its fourth session.

DECISION TAKEN

The draft resolution on the Pan American Public Health Association (Document CD6/42) was unanimously approved.

7. INCLUSION OF TOPIC 30: RETAINMENT, BY THE PERSONNEL OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, OF THEIR POSITIONS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES (Document CD6/35)

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) made a brief statement on the draft resolution that he had prepared.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) emphasized the importance of the question raised by the Representative of Chile, and requested, that it be included on the Agenda, for immediate discussion.

The CHAIRMAN called for a vote on the inclusion of this topic.

DECISION TAKEN

As a result of the voting, the inclusion of the topic was approved.

The draft resolution presented by Dr. Romero (Chile) was then put up for discussion.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) said he agreed with the proposal, but felt that it would be difficult to put into effect in his country, unless it were specified that the public health employees who left their home countries would retain their posts in an honorary capacity.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) thought that the suggestion of the Representative of Panama contradicted the existing provisions relating to international employees.

Dr. SCHEELE (United States) said that in his country "retention of rights" is granted in such cases, that is, a government employee ceases to receive his salary upon assuming a position in an international organization, but is reinstated with all his rights upon his return.

Dr. SANCHEZ BAEZ (Dominican Republic) stated that he had abstained from voting on the inclusion of this topic because it involved a new question that might be in conflict with the laws of his country. To avoid such difficulty, he proposed that a resolution be adopted asking the Director of the Bureau to request the Member Governments for an opinion on this matter and to report to the next meeting of the Directing Council.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Representative of the Dominican Republic was approved by a vote of 6 to 3, with 8 abstentions.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) said that he had voted for the proposal of the Representative of the Dominican Republic because he thought it would prove helpful in putting into effect the resolution proposed by the Representative of Chile.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) explained that he had voted against the proposal because he felt that the matter is very urgent, especially for his country, and that a decision thereon should not be delayed.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) stated similar reasons for his negative vote.

Dr. PIERRE NOEL (Haiti) also explained his negative vote, stating that in his opinion, the matter is urgent and should not be postponed.

8. TOPIC 16: REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE CONSTI-
TUTION OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION
(Documents CD6/19, CE17/12)

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States), as a member of the Permanent Committee, submitted the report at the request of the Chairman.

Mr. MARGOLIN (Legal Office, PASB) stated that, with regard to the preliminary draft, replies had been received from 6 or 7 Governments, which had referred the matter to their experts for study. So far no concrete observations on the said preliminary draft have been received.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico), proposed that, in view of the importance of the matter, the decision on the revision of the constitution be postponed until opinions on the matter have been received from the Governments, to whom all the pertinent documents should be transmitted. The Permanent Committee could then submit a new report or reaffirm the present one.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) supported the proposal made by the Representative of Mexico.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) also supported the proposal, but requested that the matter be referred to the VII Meeting of the Directing Council.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) agreed with this suggestion.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) asked if the Permanent Committee member present knew of the report submitted by the Organization of American States.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) said that the Committee had not yet been informed of the said report.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) regretted the delays and procedures that make it impossible to get to the point of actually solving problems. He stated that the Council is a technical body, which provides the governments with orientation in public health matters, and in keeping with the spirit of the organization the Representatives of the various countries are fully authorized to act and should not display indecision when a measure is to be adopted.

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) thought that before postponing the discussion of this subject, it would be advisable to have an exchange of ideas and to hear more details about the proposed revision.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) believed that the Representatives on the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, being public health experts, are not in a position to decide on the problem. He proposed that the matter be postponed so that more documents could be assembled and the members be better prepared for a discussion of the topic at another meeting. However, he was not opposed to having an exchange of ideas and opinions at the meeting, as the Representative of Costa Rica had requested.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) agreed that there be an exchange of ideas on the proposed revision of the constitution.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) regretted the absence of the Chairman of the Committee, Dr. Thomen, who had worked so hard on the proposal. As the report states, there are two main changes, one intended to simplify the structure of the Organization, the other governing the participation of non-Members. With regard to the first point, the Directing Council is abolished and its functions are divided between the Conference and the Executive Committee. In accordance with the desires expressed by the Directing Council, the meetings would be held every two years.

As to the second point, in view of the recommendations that have been made repeatedly, a distinction was made in the new Constitution between Members of the Organization and non-Member participants, that is, the dependent territories of European States.

Other changes were proposed to clarify the text, and these are changes in form rather than in substance.

The CHAIRMAN thanked the members of the Permanent Committee for the work it had done.

Mr. MARGOLIN (Legal Office, PASB) stated that even though on numerous occasions he had discussed the matter personally with the Representatives, it was worthwhile to make a statement at the meeting of the Directing Council. He pointed out that the Director of the Bureau provided the members of the Committee with all possible help in the fulfillment of their task. The text submitted for consideration is simple in form and does not require legal knowledge to be understood. Mr. Margolin thought that the Committee had done excellent work in its effort to retain as much of the present Constitution as possible.

The marginal notes to the text of the preliminary draft are useful for the study and understanding of the proposed changes. The Chief of the Legal Office of the Bureau then enumerated each of the chapters and articles of the preliminary draft and explained the changes made.

The CHAIRMAN thanked Mr. Margolin for his explanation, which clarified the various aspects of the draft.

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) requested the opinion of the Representatives of the Organization of American States and the WHO.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) congratulated the Permanent Committee on its work. Now that he had heard the explanation, he agreed with all the changes that made the work of the Bureau run more smoothly. However, there was one point that completely changes the present structure of the Organization, namely Article 2.

Dr. MANGER (Organization of American States) stated that in the report sent to the Director of the Bureau the opinion of the Council of the Organization of American States is given. This report covers various aspects of the status of the dependent territories of non-American States in relation to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the relations between the latter and the Organization of American States.

Dr. Manger explained the criterion of the Organization he represented regarding these fundamental aspects of the question under consideration. He thought it advisable not to adopt any decisions on the revision of the Constitution. Once the Directing Council has studied the matter, the pertinent documents should be sent to the Governments of the Member Countries for final study. The revision of the Constitution could be approved at a future meeting. In conclusion, he emphasized status of specialized organization with regard to public health that the Pan American Sanitary Organization has within the Organization of American States.

The CHAIRMAN thanked Dr. Manger for his explanation.

Dr. CHISHOLM (Director-General, WHO) stated that he had addressed a letter to the Director of the Regional Office, containing certain comments on the draft.

Dr. SOPER (Director PASB) spoke of the letter from Dr. Chisholm containing comments on the draft of the Constitution.

Dr. SCHEELE (United States) asked that this letter, which does not appear in the annex, be added to the documents.

Dr. SOPER (Director PASB) explained that he had received it recently and that it had not been possible to distribute it..

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) considered that more advice and a thorough study of all the documents would be necessary before a resolution could be adopted.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) praised the spirit that prevailed in the discussion and supported the proposal of the Representative of Mexico.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) repeated his agreement with the proposal of the Representative of Mexico, because the problem encompassed many legal aspects that are not within the competence of public health experts.

Dr. SOPER (Director PASB) admitted that the problem is neither easy nor simple, and recalled that it was in May 1949 that a first agreement with the WHO was reached. A year later the agreement between the Organization of American States and the PASO was signed. It was possible to achieve in public health what was not possible in other fields, that is, the collaboration of the Bureau with the WHO and the OAS. He thought it advisable to approve the proposal of Mexico, which would allow time for further study and make possible a more considered decision.

The Director of the Bureau explained that the letter from the Director-General of the WHO, referred to above, had been a personal one, since the official report sent by the said organization has not yet been received.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) made some observations with regard to the wording of Article 41, which specifies that the Director may make suitable arrangements for consultation and cooperation.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) expressed his thanks for the statements made during the discussion, since they would be of great help to the Permanent Committee.

The CHAIRMAN asked whether the question had not been discussed sufficiently.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) asked for a vote on his proposal.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) seconded the motion.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) expressed his satisfaction with the discussion in view of the valuable information that was brought out.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal submitted by the Representative of Mexico was unanimously approved. It reads as follows:

"THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

"Considering Resolution XV of the 14th Meeting of the Executive Committee, and the Report and Draft Revised Constitution presented by the Permanent Committee on Revision of the Constitution;

"Having been informed of the Report of the Committee on Inter-American Organization of the Council of the Organization of American States on the proposed revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, a document not yet transmitted to the Member Governments; and

"Deeming it advisable to postpone such revision until there is more information on the opinions of the Governments and the interested agencies;

RESOLVES:

1. "To postpone the revision of the Constitution until the opinions of the majority of the Governments and the interested agencies are known.
2. "To refer to the Governments the existing documents, the opinions of other Governments, and the report of the Committee on Inter-American Organizations of the Council of the Organization of American States on the proposed revision of the Constitution.
3. "To transmit the additional documents on the subject to the Permanent Committee on Revision of the Constitution, so that it may prepare a new draft revision or reaffirm the present revised text.

9. TOPIC 19: ELECTION OF THREE MEMBER COUNTRIES TO FILL THE VACANCIES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CREATED BY THE TERMINATION OF THE PERIODS OF OFFICE OF EL SALVADOR, PERU, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(Document CD6/9)

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) requested that the election of the new members of the Executive Committee be held at the Monday morning session.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) asked that the exact time of the election be fixed, to enable the Representatives to attend.

DECISION TAKEN

At the suggestion of the CHAIRMAN it was agreed to hold the election at the Monday session, on 21 September, at 10 a.m. sharp.

The session was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



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PROVISIONAL PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FOURTH PLENARY SESSION
Havana, Cuba

Monday, 22 September 1952, at 9:45 a.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ	Venezuela
<u>Later:</u>	Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Ecuador
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Francisco BARRERA	Cuba
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

SUMMARY

1. Report of Committee II (Document CD6/50, Rev. 1)
2. Topic 19: Election of Three Member Countries to Fill the Vacancies on the Executive Committee Created by the Termination of the Periods of Office of El Salvador, Peru, and the United States (Document CD6/9)
3. Report of Committee II (Document CD6/50, Rev.1)
(continuation)
4. Second Report of Committee I (Document CD6/61)

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Members:

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Dr. Ruy Barbosa de MIRANDA E SILVA	
Dr. Nacianceno ROMERO	Chile
Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO	Colombia
Dr. Oscar VARGAS MENDEZ	Costa Rica
Dr. Francisco BARRERA CAÑEDO	Cuba
Dr. José Francisco PIMENTEL Y MENDEZ	
Dr. Nelson ESTRUCH	Dominican
Dr. Hipólito SANCHEZ BAEZ	Republic
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES	El Salvador
Dr. René LAVOTNE	France
Barón Edmond de BEAUVERGER	
Dr. J. F. MAUZE	
Dr. Roberto GANDARA LACAPE	Guatemala
Dr. Lucien PIERRE-NOEL	Haiti
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Miss Maude BARRETT
Dr. Carlos V. PENNA

United Nations Organization (U.N.)
United Nations Educational,
Scientific and Cultural
Organization (UNESCO)

Non-Governmental Organizations:

Dr. Félix HURTADO

International Pediatric
Association

The CHAIRMAN invited Dr. Vélez Morán (Ecuador) to take the Chair.

1. REPORT OF COMMITTEE II (Document CD6/50, Rev.1)

TOPIC 13: FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR AND REPORT OF THE
EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1951
(Document CD6/10)

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) asked the Director to explain the background that served as a basis for accepting quotas from non-self-governing territories in this Hemisphere. He reminded the Representatives that at the April meetings of the Executive Committee the Observer for the Government of Guatemala objected to the decision made at that time. He said that the Director had been authorized to compute the annual contributions of the territories of France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom, on a proportional population basis. The word "compute" means to count or calculate something by numbers. No matter how liberally this word might be interpreted, it did not in any way authorize the Director to receive quotas from these countries. He added, furthermore, that it was important to know whether the quotas had been accepted from the respective countries, because that would give them the right to speak and vote when the budget is discussed.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that now that this point had been raised it would be advisable to consider the documents presented by the Director to the Executive Committee for consideration at its 16th Meeting held in April of this year.

The CHAIRMAN announced that since it would be necessary to wait until the Secretary brought the requested documents, the discussion on this matter would be interrupted. As it was 10:00 a.m., he proceeded with the election of the new members to the Executive Committee, in accordance with the decision of the Directing Council at its third plenary session on Friday, 19 September.

2. TOPIC 19: ELECTION OF THREE MEMBER COUNTRIES TO FILL
THE VACANCIES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
CREATED BY THE TERMINATION OF THE PERIODS
OF OFFICE OF EL SALVADOR, PERU, AND THE
UNITED STATES (Document CD6/9)

The CHAIRMAN appointed Dr. Vargas (Costa Rica) and Dr. Allwood Paredes (El Salvador) as tellers.

The SECRETARY read the pertinent Articles of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council, Document CD6/3 (Rev.1), Articles 32, 33, and 34, which refer to the election of new members.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) asked whether the Representatives of the non-member countries were entitled to participate in the election.

The SECRETARY quoted Articles 2, 5, 7, and 11 of the present Rules of Procedure and the CHAIRMAN announced that it was in order to include the votes of the Representatives of the territories.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) stated that he reserved the right to express his opinion when the discussion on the action of the Director with regard to receiving quotas from territories is continued.

The CHAIRMAN announced that the three countries to be elected to the Executive Committee would be voted for on a single secret ballot and that the three countries with the largest number of votes would be the ones elected. If two countries received an equal number of votes, another vote would be taken.

Dr. GONZALEZ (Venezuela) recalled that even though the matter was not mentioned in the Rules of Procedure, according to custom any member of the Directing Council was free to propose candidates for the vacancies on the Executive Committee.

On behalf of the group from Central America and Panama and in accordance with the principle of equitable geographic distribution on the Executive Committee, Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) stated that the Governments of the aforesaid group would consider themselves fully represented by any one of them. He proposed Panama for the next term of three years and asked his colleagues to support his proposal.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) supported the proposal in favor of Panama.

Dr. ESTRUCH (Dominican Republic) announced that he supported the candidacy of Panama and, at the same time, nominated Haiti. Dr. CASTILLO (Nicaragua) seconded this proposal.

Dr. GORDILLO ZULETA (Peru) proposed Colombia.

The SECRETARY passed a list of the countries present at the session and announced that the number of countries represented and entitled to vote were 21, namely:

Brazil	Mexico
Chile	Netherlands
Colombia	Nicaragua
Costa Rica	Panama
Cuba	Paraguay
Dominican Republic	Peru
Ecuador	United Kingdom
El Salvador	United States
France	Uruguay
Guatemala	Venezuela
Haiti	

Argentina, Bolivia, and Honduras were absent.

RESULT OF THE VOTE:

Brazil, 13 votes; Colombia, 5; Costa Rica, 1; Haiti, 15; Panama, 19; Paraguay, 9; and Uruguay, 1.

DECISION TAKEN:

Brazil, Haiti, and Panama were elected to the Executive Committee.

3. REPORT OF COMMITTEE II (Document CD6/50, Rev.1) (Continuation)

TOPIC 13: FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR AND REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1951 (Document CD6/10) (Continuation)

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) announced that the problem of dependent territories has been under discussion for several years, and he cited the following documents: CD5/57, 27 September 1951, Financial Participation in the PASO Budget of France, Great Britain, and the Netherlands on Behalf of their Dependent Territories in the Region of the Americas, page 2, paragraphs 3 and 4:

"During 1951 two representative governments of non-self-governing territories, France and the Netherlands, made payments to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau. France made a contribution of \$3,276.25, an amount based on the percentage that the population of its territory in the Western Hemisphere bore to the total population of the Member Nations of the Pan American Sanitary Organization; the percentage being applied against the 1950 figures (\$1,742,035). The Netherlands made a contribution of \$1,500. The basis of arriving at this amount is not known.

"The representative governments of non-self-governing territories have both expressed and demonstrated their willingness to contribute to the Organization but the basis of contribution as indicated above is different, since this basis was figured independently."

In 1950 the Director presented a Draft to the IV Meeting of the Directing Council, Document CD4/AFL/1/Rev.1, suggesting that the population of the respective countries be taken as the basis of contribution. The IV Meeting of the Directing Council referred this matter to the Executive Committee for further study, as did the XIII Conference of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.

In the documents presented to the Executive Committee at its 16th Meeting, April 1952, Topic 20 dealt with the financial participation of France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, on behalf of their dependent territories in the region of the Americas, in the budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Document CE16/11, 26 March 1952. This document states that the Directing Council, at its V Meeting, adopted a resolution (XV) according to which "France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom were granted the right to vote on budget matters of the Pan American Sanitary Organization on behalf of their dependent territories in the Region of the Americas...provided this vote be contingent upon equitable contribution being made by the above-mentioned States to the budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau." In this sense, the Directing Council, at its V Meeting, adopted Resolution XL (Document CD5/74, Rev. 2), which instructed the Director how "to compute the annual contributions in respect to the territories of France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom in the Western Hemisphere."

The Director understood that the Representative of Guatemala had referred to the right to negotiate directly with these countries and to receive their quotas, rather than to the actual computation of these quotas. He noted that if the Council has given these countries the right to vote on budget matters, once they have made an equitable contribution, and if the Council has established the basis for computing the contributions, in accordance with the aforementioned documents, it is obviously necessary to complete arrangements for receiving the quotas, in order to avoid creating a situation in which the countries would not have the right to the vote already granted them by the Directing Council.

He stated that Document CE16/11 was presented to the Executive Committee for consideration as information regarding the action taken, as indicated in paragraph 3 of Resolution XL,

adopted at the V Meeting of the Directing Council (Document CD5/74, Rev. 2), which instructs the Director "to inform the Executive Committee annually of the manner in which the most comparable Member State was selected" (for the computation of the contributions).

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) expressed his thanks for the full information provided by the Director of the PASB. He recalled that at the above-mentioned meetings of the Executive Committee in April of this year, despite the fact that the Director had given all the background, as in this case, the Delegation of Guatemala stated that it was not satisfied with the explanations given. On this occasion he wished it noted and put on the record that the Delegation of Guatemala did not concur in the action of the Director, pointing out that there was no legal basis for it. He added that, considering the report of the Observer for the Organization of American States, which also suggested that a decision be postponed, it would be advisable, if possible, to submit the problem to the OAS for its opinion on the matter--that is, to decide if the action taken by the Director is in accordance with the present Constitution or if there has been a misinterpretation--so that it may be corrected as soon as possible.

Dr. SCHEELE (United States) declared that in his opinion Article 21 (D) of Chapter VI of the Constitution authorizes the Director to accept the contributions under discussion. In addition, he said, there exists the documents referred to, which indicate clearly that the action of the Director was based on resolutions adopted. He repeated that the Government of the United States sees no objection to the action taken.

The CHAIRMAN announced that since there was no further discussion on Topic 13, this topic would be considered as approved, unless a Representative voiced an objection.

DECISION TAKEN

The Draft Resolution on Topic 13, Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for the Financial Year 1951. (Document CD6/50, Rev.1) was approved.

TOPIC 23: PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES (Documents CD6/8, CD6/50, Rev.1)

DECISION TAKEN

The Draft Resolution on Topic 23, contained in Document CD6/50, Rev.1, was adopted without discussion.

TOPIC 14: AMENDMENTS TO THE STAFF RULES OF THE PAN AMERICAN
SANITARY BUREAU (Documents CD6/14, Annex 1 and
CD6/50, Rev. 1)

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) pointed out that the Delegation of Mexico had recommended that the Director study and present at the next meeting of the Directing Council a draft regulation on promotion (escalafón) of the personnel of the Bureau, which would later be submitted to the Executive Committee for study. He suggested that this point be included in the Draft Resolution.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) noted the desirability of defining what is meant by the word escalafón, stating that by chance he had heard it interpreted into English as "wage scale". If this is what is meant, he wished to announce that the "wage scale" in effect is the international one, recognized by several organizations, including the WHO.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) said that on numerous occasions the Government of his country had shown considerable interest in the establishment of this regulation on promotion (escalafón) within the Bureau, and for this purpose it had been suggested that the Director submit a Draft Regulation on promotion (escalafón) to the Executive Committee, for transmittal to the Directing Council. He declared that he supported the proposal of the Representative of Mexico in the sense that this matter be incorporated into Topic 14.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) recalled that at its meetings in April of this year the Executive Committee had taken up this matter, but it was not well understood to what point it was to be carried. He cited as examples the fact that the staff was recently granted an increase designed to meet the rise in the cost of living, rather than an increase in salary, and that often staff members are brought in from the outside, instead of giving priority to qualified personnel already employed.

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) emphasized the importance of the observation made by the Director and expressed the opinion that it should be clarified, and that a more precise explanation should be given of the observations of the Representative of Chile, so that it would be clear that escalafón is not an exact interpretation of "wage scale". To his way of thinking, "wage scale" meant escala de sueldos.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) then stated that he was not speaking of a wage scale but rather of the right of a person in service to be promoted according to his capabilities. If the training

of two persons were equal, the newcomer should be appointed to the post made vacant by the promotion given a competent employee to a vacant post higher than that which he had occupied. Thus the personnel would be encouraged to remain in the service of the Bureau and each employee could estimate the goal that he could hope to reach.

The Representative of Chile added that the report to be presented to the Executive Committee, and consequently to the Directing Council, should provide for the creation of an Administrative Tribunal, not dependent on the Director, to be named by the staff of the Bureau, with power to make decisions with complete freedom of action. If this Tribunal should not prove competent, it would be necessary to name other members.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) asked how the Draft Resolution on Topic 14 would be worded, whereupon the CHAIRMAN suggested the following:

"To instruct the Director / of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau/ to prepare Draft Regulations on the Promotion of Personnel and present them at the next Meeting of the Executive Committee."

DECISION TAKEN

The Draft Resolution on Topic 14 was approved with the addition suggested by the Chairman.

TOPIC 26: LANGUAGE COURSES FOR STAFF MEMBERS OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU (Document CD6/50, Rev.1)

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States), as Chairman of Committee II, suggested that this Draft Resolution be eliminated, inasmuch as it had been rejected by Committee II, and he emphasized that the explanation of the matter was contained in the pertinent report. He pointed out that language courses paid for by the Bureau could not be established without specific authorization.

DECISION TAKEN

The Draft Resolution dealing with Topic 26, Language Courses for Staff Members of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, was eliminated.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) pointed out that it was necessary to make a small editorial change in the Report of Committee II, Administration, Finance, and Legal Matters (Document CD6/50, Rev.1), page 5, point 6, Topic 24, Status of Working Capital Fund, to delete the words "and Topic 28", making the necessary adjustment in the following clause.

The CHAIRMAN submitted Document CD6/50, Rev. 1, for approval.

DECISION TAKEN

Document CD6/50, Rev. 1, was approved with the changes noted.

3. SECOND REPORT OF THE RAPPORTEUR OF COMMITTEE I (Document CD6/61)

TOPIC 11: SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1954 (Document CD6/61)

The CHAIRMAN offered for consideration the draft resolution on Topic 11.

DECISION TAKEN

The Draft Resolution on Topic 11, Summary of Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1954 (Document CD6/61), was approved without discussion.

TOPIC 18: PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, FOR 1954
(Document CD6/61)

DECISION TAKEN

The Draft Resolution concerning Topic 18, Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, for 1954 (Document CD6/61), was approved without discussion.

PER DIEM AND TRAVEL EXPENSES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
EMPLOYEES (Document CD6/61)

DECISION TAKEN

The Draft Resolution on this subject, appearing on page 5 of Document CD6/61, was approved without discussion.

PROGRAM OF ECONOMIES AND DESCENTRALIZATION OF THE PAN
AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU (Document CD6/61)

Dr. CALVO (Panama) observed that during the discussion of this subject the Delegation of Panama had considered it advisable to add two clauses, which were later accepted, after thorough discussion, even by the Representative of Mexico, who at first had opposed them. The first clause had the purpose of allotting the funds made available by economies to additional Zone Office programs, and the second proposed, again as a modification of point 1, that a report be made to the Directing Council.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) suggested that point 2 of this Draft Resolution be eliminated, since he considered it unnecessary in view of the fact that the Executive Committee of the Pan American Sanitary Organization was also acting as the Working Party of the Regional Committee of the WHO.

Dr. BRADY (United States) supported the proposal of the Representative of Panama and suggested that the report be made to the Executive Committee.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) stated that in his opinion too much was being spent for salaries, and he suggested that the Committee that was to make the study proposed in the Draft Resolution under discussion should propose economies in the budget of the WHO for its Regional Office of the Americas.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) proposed that point 2 be changed to read "...in the Office of the World Health Organization for the Americas."

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) withdrew his proposal and supported that of El Salvador.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) reminded the Representatives that the Directing Council, when it was acting as Regional Committee of the Regional Office of the WHO, had just as much authority to introduce changes in the Budget of the WHO for this Regional Office, as when it was acting on behalf of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.

He repeated that he considered point 2 unnecessary.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) stated that after hearing the explanations of the Director of the PASB, he agreed that point 2 should be eliminated, and he supported the proposal of the Representative of the United States.

The CHAIRMAN asked the Representative of El Salvador whether he insisted on his proposal, or whether he would accept a new version incorporating the modifications suggested by the Representatives of Panama and the United States.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) withdrew his proposal but insisted that this discussion should be recorded in the minutes of the session. He proposed, however, that another concept be added in the changes that would be included in the new version, namely that the report should be submitted to the Executive Committee and the Directing Council "periodically".

DECISION TAKEN

The Draft Resolution on a Program of Economies and Decentralization of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CD6/61) was approved with the following changes:

1. To establish a Committee of three members of the Directing Council, charged with studying the measures it would be appropriate to take in order to effect economies and decentralize the activities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and to report periodically hereon to the Executive Committee and the Directing Council at their meetings in 1953 and, if necessary, at their later meetings. Point 2 was deleted, so that point 3 became point 2 and point 4 became point 3. A new point 4 was added, as follows:

4. To authorize the Executive Committee to apply any economies effected to additional projects in field programs.

TOPIC 12: PLAN OF LONG-RANGE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS (Document CD6/61)

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) emphasized the importance of this Topic, which might better be called Pan American Health Policy, and he suggested that the discussion of this point be continued in another plenary session, if necessary, so that all the Representatives could express their opinions on the matter.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB), citing examples, stressed the necessity of continuing a campaign until a disease or its vector had been eradicated not only from a country, but also from any point that might represent a source of reinfection, and he said that in this sense the campaigns that attack problems of this nature should be carried on to a definitive solution, even if, to accomplish this, the Bureau or the Directing Council had to recommend and urge their inclusion in national programs.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) called the attention of the Representatives to the fact that since the annual budgets of the PASB had a fixed ceiling, it was necessary to give a definitive and practical orientation to the programs of the Bureau, and that to this end they should start from a fundamental basis, determining whether the Bureau should take as its programs one based on the requests of the countries or, in contrast, establish priorities in line with the vital statistics on causes of morbidity and mortality. In connection with the latter he cited the ravages wrought on the people and the economic structure of the countries of this Hemisphere by such diseases as tuberculosis, enteric infections and infestations, malnutrition, and the diseases of infancy and childhood.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) proposed that sub-head a. of point 1 be modified as follows:

a. Strengthen the fundamental services of all the countries for promotion, coordination, and assistance in public health programs working toward the long-range solution of such great socio-economic problems of the American countries as tuberculosis, enteric infections and infestations, malnutrition, and the diseases of infancy and childhood, in order definitively to improve the health of their inhabitants,

Since many Representatives seemed to be interested in continuing the consideration of this matter, the CHAIRMAN suggested that the discussion be continued in the afternoon plenary session.

The session was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



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Havana, Cuba
Monday, 22 September 1952, at 3:40 p.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ	Venezuela
(later)	Dr. Enrique SALADRIGAS Y ZAYAS	Cuba
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Ecuador
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

SUMMARY

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3. Topic 31: Program against Smallpox in the Americas (Document CD6/66)
4. Second Report of the Committee on Credentials (Document CD6/65)
5. Topic 8: Report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1951 (Document CD6/13) (Conclusion)
6. Topic 20: Dates of the 20th and 21st Meetings of the executive Committee and the VII Meeting of the Directing Council (Document CD6/11)

Note: These précis minutes are provisional and the Representatives are therefore requested to notify the Secretary within 48 hours of any corrections they wish made in the text.

PRESENT:

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Dr. Ruy Barbosa de MIRANDA E SILVA	
Dr. Nacianceno ROMERO	Chile
Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO	Colombia
Dr. Rafael CALVO FONSECA	Cuba
Dr. Francisco BARRERA CAÑEDO	
Dr. José Francisco PIMENTEL Y MENENDEZ	
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES	El Salvador
Dr. René LAVOINE	France
Dr. J. F. MAUZE	
Dr. Roberto GANDARA LACAPE	Guatemala
Dr. Lucien PIERRE NOEL	Haiti
Dr. Felipe GARCIA SANCHEZ	Mexico
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Dr. F. J. RUTTEN	
Dr. Germán CASTILLO	Nicaragua
Dr. Alberto E. CALVO	Panama
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Mr. Simon N. WILSON	
Mr. Elton D. WOOLPERT	
Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ	Venezuela
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Other Participants:

Governments:

Mr. K. C. BROWN, Observer	Canada
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Inter-Governmental Organizations:

Miss Maude BARRETT

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Mr. Robert DAVEE

United Nations
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Non-Governmental Organizations:

Dr. Filiberto RAMIREZ CORRIA

Cuban Pediatrics
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Miss Zilda ALMEIDA CARVALHO

International Council
of Nurses

Dr. Esmond R. LONG

International Union
against Tuberculosis

Dr. Félix HURTADO

Pan American Medical
Confederation

1. SECOND REPORT OF THE RAPPORTEUR OF COMMITTEE I (PROGRAM AND BUDGET) (Document CD6/61) (Conclusion)

The CHAIRMAN announced that the discussion of the Draft Resolution on Topic 12, which appears on pages 7 and 8 of Document CD6/61, would continue.

Topic 12: Plan of Long-Range Public Health Programs

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) said he wished to submit a proposal that, in his opinion, would cover all the points of view expressed at the previous session. He stated that, to clarify the question as to what public health projects were necessary, all the public health problems of the countries of America would have to be enumerated. He proposed that paragraph 1 (c) of the operative part be deleted and that the determination of the priority to be given to public health problems of continental importance be left to the discretion of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

This proposal was supported by the Representatives of Colombia and Peru.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) pointed out the importance of this topic and added that experience has shown it is not advisable to assign public health projects to the Bureau without taking into account budget limitations. A decision taken without prior study might imply the authorization of a public health policy that the Council itself might not approve later on. He proposed that the operative part of the resolution be worded as follows:

- "1. To postpone decision on this important matter in order to make possible a fuller exchange of information and opinions among the Member States and between them and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
- "2. To request the Director to continue the studies on this topic and to submit the documents he compiles to the Executive Committee for consideration and to the VII Meeting of the Directing Council for final decision."

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) supported the proposal of the Representative of El Salvador and stated that it would be advisable to specify that the documents are to be collected through the Zone Offices, since he thought that the Zone Representatives are those who are best qualified to compile the reports on each region.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) remarked that the proposal he had read at the previous session had been intended to embody the suggestions made by the Representative of El Salvador. Since Dr. Allwood Paredes had now submitted another proposal, he wished to withdraw his own.

The CHAIRMAN submitted the proposal of the Representative of El Salvador to a vote, since it was the one furthest removed in substance from the original draft resolution.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Representative of El Salvador, changing the operative part of the draft resolution to read as quoted above and leaving the preamble unchanged, was approved by a vote of 11 to 3, with 2 abstentions.

Remuneration of the International Staff Members of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

The CHAIRMAN put up for discussion the Draft Resolution on remuneration of the international staff members of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which appears on page 9 of document CD6/61.

DECISION TAKEN

The Draft Resolution was unanimously approved without discussion.

Topic 21: Study of the Fundamental Principles of Pan American Health

The Draft Resolution on study of the fundamental principles of Pan American health, appearing on page 10 of Document CD6/61, was put up for discussion.

DECISION TAKEN

The Draft Resolution was unanimously approved without discussion.

Topic 22: Annual Reports from Member States of the World Health Organization: Recommendations on Form and Content To Ensure Uniformity and Comparability

The CHAIRMAN put up for discussion the Draft Resolution on Topic 22, appearing on page 11 of Document CD6/61.

DECISION TAKEN

The Draft Resolution was unanimously approved without discussion.

Topic 15: Preliminary Report on Evaluation of the Activities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

The Draft Resolution on Topic 15, appearing on page 12 of Document CD6/61, was put up for discussion.

DECISION TAKEN

The Draft Resolution was unanimously approved without discussion.

Appointment of the Committee of the Directing Council on Economies and Decentralization of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

The CHAIRMAN recalled that at the last session the Council had agreed to appoint a Committee of the Directing Council charged with studying the measures that it would be appropriate to take in order to effect economies and decentralize the activities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and that the three members of this Committee had not yet been appointed. He invited the Representatives to propose candidates.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) proposed the Representatives of Chile, El Salvador and the United States.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) seconded these nominations, and pointed out the desirability of having one member from each of the three divisions of the Americas.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) said that he greatly appreciated the fact that his country had been proposed for the said Committee, but he felt that the Representative of Mexico was the one who had shown the greatest interest in the matter. For this reason, and because it would be difficult for a representative of El Salvador to remain absent from his country for a long period of time, he requested that his name be withdrawn and replaced by that of the Representative of Mexico.

Dr. CASTILLO (Nicaragua) said that, in view of the statement made by Dr. Allwood Paredes, he wished to second the nomination of the Representative of Mexico.

The Representatives of Guatemala and Panama also supported this nomination.

DECISION TAKEN

It was unanimously agreed that the Committee would be composed of the Representatives of Chile, Mexico, and the United States.

With the above decision the examination of the Second Report of Committee I was completed.

2. Topic 27: ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CODE (Document CD6/46)

The CHAIRMAN submitted for consideration the Memorandum prepared by the Representative of the United States.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) said that his Government was opposed to the adoption of the Additional Protocol to amend the Pan American Sanitary Code. In view of the fact that the Directing Council had decided to approve the Protocol and had requested the parties concerned to sign it, the Government of the United States had made a further study of the document. He declared that his Government considered the Additional Protocol to be unnecessary and inadequate, and requested that no further step be taken to make it effective.

Dr. PIMENTEL (Cuba) explained the position of his Government with respect to this matter. He stated that there is no discrepancy whatever between the Protocol proposed for signature and the Constitution of the WHO on the one hand and the International Sanitary Regulations on the other. The Pan American

Sanitary Code now in force is a contractual document and he considered it necessary to adapt it legally to the new policies of the WHO. The Protocol would make effective the International Sanitary Regulations approved at the IV World Health Assembly, and his country desired that it be put legally into effect.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) requested that Dr. Félix Hurtado, Observer for the Pan American Medical Confederation, be asked to explain the factors taken into consideration in the preparation of the Protocol.

The CHAIRMAN invited Dr. Hurtado to take the floor.

Dr. HURTADO (Pan American Medical Confederation) thanked the Directing Council for this opportunity to take part in the discussion. He referred briefly to the original proposals concerning the Protocol that were made at the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference (Ciudad Trujillo, 1950). He recalled that an Expert Committee of the WHO had recommended the abrogation of the Pan American Sanitary Code and it was the Delegation of Cuba that had called attention to this fact, recommending that the Director of the Bureau be asked to inform Geneva that the countries of the Americas would oppose the intended abrogation. Subsequently, at the IV World Health Assembly, the Delegations of the American countries succeeded in preventing the adoption of the original proposal and were also successful in having the Pan American Sanitary Code kept in force. In this connection, he praised the efforts made by Dr. Soper, Director of the Bureau, and by another official of the Bureau, Dr. Bica. He stated that the Additional Protocol formally fulfills the precepts established in the Charter of the Organization of American States. He concluded by saying that he would be very happy to see the same overwhelming majority prevail at this Meeting of the Directing Council as at the last Meeting held in Washington, at which the proposal concerning the Additional Protocol had been approved.

Mr. MARGOLIN (Legal Office, PASB) stated that the resolution adopted by the Directing Council, the text of the preliminary draft of the Protocol, and the instructions given to the Director of the Bureau had been transmitted to the Member States together with a circular letter. He added that upon examination of the text of the resolution, it was noted that certain legal formalities would be necessary in order to complete it. The Director gave instructions that the Protocol be drafted as a legal instrument ready for signature. He said that the International Sanitary Regulations will enter into effect automatically except for the case of those Governments that reject

them or make known their reservations regarding them within the given time limit. He added that the Protocol had been sent to the Organization of American States with the request for an opinion thereon.

Dr. SANCHEZ BAEZ (Dominican Republic) remarked that he would sign the Protocol ad referendum and wished this fact to be put on the record.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) requested that it be put on the record that he could not sign the Protocol because his country considered it to be unnecessary. He added that the only text that should be signed is the one approved by the Directing Council at its V Meeting and that the Director of the Bureau was not authorized to introduce any change. The same original text should have been transmitted to the Member Governments.

Mr. MARGOLIN (Legal Office, PASB) explained that the Drafting Committee of the Directing Council had prepared a Draft Protocol at its V Meeting. It was necessary to modify this Draft because quite naturally, it was lacking as regards certain legal formalities since it had been prepared by physicians rather than jurists.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) said that he could not accept an interpretation of the Constitution according to which the Director may act against what the Directing Council had provided. He said that the Director had had a Protocol circulated that was not the one approved.

Dr. PIMENTEL (Cuba) recalled that when the Charter of the Organization of American States was prepared in Bogota, provisions were approved that later on could not be carried out. He did not think that if an error was approved it would have to be perpetuated. There were two articles that needed a legal adaptation and the Organization of American States approved the changes. It is up to the Directing Council, therefore, to approve the procedure of the Director, who fully complied with the mandate given him.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) asked Mr. Margolin to explain what he meant when he said that the Protocol had been sent to the OAS. He thought that the Governments had not approved Article 105 of the International Sanitary Regulations, which stipulates the replacement of certain articles of the Pan American Sanitary Code. On the other hand, he believed that the WHO cannot approve Regulations that replace agreements with which those Regulations are in conflict.

Mr. MARGOLIN (Legal Adviser, PASB) remarked that the Director had considered it advisable to transmit the matter to the Council of the OAS. The Council studied all the pertinent documents and considered the measures taken by the Director to be appropriate.

Dr. PIMENTEL (Cuba) was of the opinion that Articles 21 and 22 of the Constitution of the WHO do not authorize the World Health Assembly to modify international agreements. He added that the Pan American Sanitary Code is the basic public health constitution for the Pan American countries and, since it is an agreement, it can be modified only by another agreement. He was of the opinion that the Protocol gave effect to and legalized the international agreement.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) said that the Representatives who attended the Public Health Conference at New York in 1946 would remember that Articles 21 and 22 were promulgated precisely to avoid the difficulties that might come up in trying to change international treaties. In his opinion, both the Constitution of the WHO and the International Sanitary Regulations are the equivalent of treaties. He pointed out that the Regulations included clauses that facilitate modification in keeping with new discoveries. He repeated that he was opposed to the Additional Protocol precisely because it would destroy the basic purpose of Articles 21 and 22.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) believed it pertinent to make several comments with regard to the observations of the Representative of the United States. He stated that Article 1 of the Additional Protocol abrogates the articles of the Code that refer to subjects already dealt with in the International Sanitary Regulations. Article 2 refers to the amendments that may be necessary in the Code and on which the Pan American Sanitary Conference must pass. He added that as soon as Colombia ratified the Constitution of the WHO, the steps provided for in Article 2 will no longer be necessary.

The CHAIRMAN requested that those Representatives authorized by their Governments to sign the Additional Protocol should take note of the announcement the Secretary would make regarding the formalities of signing.

The SECRETARY announced that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba has made the necessary arrangements for the signing which will take place on Wednesday, 24 September 1952, at 3:30 p.m. in the hall called the Salón de la Mayoría de la Cámara.

3. Topic 31: PROGRAM AGAINST SMALLPOX IN THE AMERICAS
(Document CD6/66)

The SECRETARY stated that Topic 31 on the Program against Smallpox in the Americas would be added to the Agenda if three-fourths of the votes were in favor.

At the invitation of the CHAIRMAN, the Vice-Chairman, Dr. BARRERA (Cuba), took the Chair.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) stated that he saw no need for the clarification made by the Secretary to the effect that the Draft Resolution would have to be transmitted to the Member States.

The CHAIRMAN submitted the inclusion of Topic 31 on the Agenda to a vote.

DECISION TAKEN

The vote resulted in the approval of the inclusion of Topic 31 on the Agenda.

The SECRETARY read the proposal of the Representative of Panama (Document CD6/66).

Dr. BRADY (United States) remarked that, while he acknowledged the importance of the topic, he did not agree with the text submitted. Since the Budget had already been approved, the proposal should be limited to requesting the Director and the Executive Committee, when they prepare the 1954 Budget, to take into account the wish expressed by the Directing Council to carry out a program against smallpox. To this effect he submitted a proposal to amend that of the Representative of Panama.

Dr. PIERRE NOEL (Haiti) recalled that when the 1954 Budget was approved, he was informed that the vote of approval of the said budget was not final and he was surprised, therefore, at the statement just made, in opposing the resolution submitted, that the budget had already been approved.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) said that he had already expressed his country's aspiration to have a continuous program against smallpox. He thought that the Governments should emphasize the importance of this program to the Bureau.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that the 1954 budget to be transmitted to the Member States already contained budgetary provisions for the continuation of the program against smallpox.

The CHAIRMAN submitted the proposal of the Representative of the United States, as an amendment to that of the Representative of Panama, to a vote.

DECISION TAKEN

With 3 votes in favor, 6 against and 8 abstentions, the proposal of the Representative of the United States was rejected.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) requested that he be informed as to the page of the 1954 budget on which the items for the continuation of the program against smallpox are entered.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) cited the Inter-Country Programs among which, on page 101, the sum of \$118,028 is allocated for the program against smallpox. He said that this proposed budget would be transmitted to the Governments and that replies would be received from them before the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

The CHAIRMAN submitted the proposal of the Representative of Panama, contained in Document CD6/66, to a vote.

DECISION TAKEN

With 6 votes in favor and 11 abstentions, with no vote to the contrary, the proposal of the Representative of Panama was approved.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) wished to state for the record that many of the abstentions were undoubtedly due to the belief of the Representatives that the resolution is superfluous. However, that is not so, because the sum necessary to guarantee the continuity of the program is not known.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) also wished to go on record that his vote in favor of the resolution was due to his desire to have the certainty that the program against smallpox would have priority if the various countries should decide later on to reduce the budget.

4. SECOND REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS (Document CD6/65)

Dr. PEÑA (Paraguay), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, submitted the second report of the Committee with the changes made with respect to the delegations of the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, France, and Mexico.

DECISION TAKEN

The Second Report of the Committee on Credentials was unanimously approved.

5. Topic 8: REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1951 (Document CD6/13) (Conclusion)

Dr. SWELLENGREBEL (Netherlands) expressed his gratitude for the opportunity offered him to comment on the Report of the Director of the PASB. He referred to the universal importance of public health science, even though he acknowledged that some phases are exclusively American. He said that there are no barriers between continents and stated that in spite of certain obvious differences there were many similarities between the New World and Europe, Africa, and Asia. He mentioned some campaigns that, like the one being carried on in Haiti against yaws, were of profound interest to him. He concluded saying that Surinam and the Netherlands West Indies were collaborating in the public health campaigns of the American countries.

Dr. BRADY (United States) said that he was extremely pleased with the extent and diversity of public health work being done in the Americas. He would prefer to have the figures in the report refer to a full year and to have a clearer explanation as to what organizations are sponsoring the programs being carried out. He praised the announcement of the Government of Mexico that smallpox no longer exists in Mexico. He also referred to the program of fellowships and training to the workshops and seminars, to the distribution of radioactive isotopes, and to the public information work.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) said that he appreciated the criticisms of the Report he submitted and that he realized that it was not yet satisfactory. However, he thought that this report was better than others submitted before and that it contained important information.

Dr. LAVOINE (France) stated that the epidemiologic reports of the countries of America always reach Geneva very late, and that he learned from the Report of the Director that such information is supplied weekly. He said that his Government asks him to transmit epidemiologic information daily and this is very costly.

The SECRETARY reported that next week Dr. Viraud, Chief of the Epidemiologic Service of the WHO, would arrive in Havana to study these very problems. He affirmed that the Directing Council would receive a report on the matter and requested that Dr. Lavoine submit his observations in writing.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) voiced his concern over the fact that, in spite of the present excellent financial situation of the Bureau, the situation might become less favorable with the gradual expansion of the programs, unless the countries raised their contributions to the budget of the PASB.

DECISION TAKEN

The Report of the Director was approved unanimously.

6. TOPIC 20: DATES OF THE 20TH AND 21ST MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE VII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL (Document CD6/11)

The SECRETARY recalled the statement of the Director that the dates for the meetings of the Executive Committee and Directing Council in 1953 should be fixed approximate by, so that they might be adjusted once the date of the Congress on Malaria and Tropical Diseases, to be held in Turkey, is known.

He therefore proposed that, on the third line of the operative part of the draft resolution, the word "approximately" be added after the word "dates".

DECISION TAKEN

The draft resolution contained in Document CD6/11 was unanimously approved with the above change.

The session was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



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PROVISIONAL PRECIS MINUTES OF THE SIXTH PLENARY SESSION
Havana, Cuba
Wednesday, 24 September 1952, at 5:00 p.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ	Venezuela
<u>Vice-Chairmen:</u>	Dr. Enrique SALADRIGAS Y ZAYAS Dr. Cesar VELEZ MORAN	Cuba Ecuador
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

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Note: These précis minutes are provisional and the Representatives are therefore requested to notify the Secretary within 48 hours of any corrections they wish made in the text.

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Dr. Ruy Barbosa de MIRANDA E SILVA	
Dr. Nacianceno ROMERO	Chile
Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO	Colombia
Dr. Oscar VARGAS MENDEZ	Costa Rica
Dr. Enrique SALADRIGAS Y ZAYAS	Cuba
Dr. Alejandro BARRIENTOS	
Dr. Francisco BARRERA Y CANEDO	
Dr. Alberto RECIO	
Dr. Nelson ESTRUCH	Dominican Republic
Dr. Hipólito SANCHEZ BAEZ	
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES	El Salvador
Dr. René LAVOINE	France
Dr. J. F. MAUZE	
Dr. Roberto GANDARA LACAPE	Guatemala
Dr. Lucien PIERRE NOEL	Haiti
Dr. Felipe GARCIA SANCHEZ	Mexico
Dr. N. H. SWELLENGREBEL	Netherlands
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Dr. F. J. RUTTEN	
Dr. Germán CASTILLO	Nicaragua
Dr. Alberto E. CALVO	Panama
Dr. Pedro Hugo PEÑA	Paraguay
Dr. Amadeo BAEZ ALLENDE	
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA	Peru
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Dr. L. W. FITZMAURICE	
Dr. Horace GILLETTE	
Dr. Leonard A. SCHEELE	United States
Dr. Frederick J. BRADY	
Mr. Howard B. CALDERWOOD	
Mr. Simon N. WILSON	
Mr. Wyman STONE	
Rear Admiral RIVERA TRAVIESO	Uruguay
Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ	Venezuela
Dr. Fred L. SOPER (<u>ex officio</u>)	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Other Participants:

Governments:

Mr. K. C. BROWN, Observer	Canada
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PRESENT: (Continued)

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Mr. Robert DAVEE

Dr. José Enrique DE SANDOVAL

Miss Maude BARRETT

Dr. Brock CHISHOLM, Director-
General

United Nations
International Children's
Emergency Fund (UNICEF)
International Labor
Organization (ILO)
United Nations (UN)

World Health Organiza-
tion (WHO)

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Miss Zilda ALMEIDA CARVALHO

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Health
Cuban Pediatrics
Society
International Council
of Nurses
International Union
against Tuberculosis

1. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE FINAL REPORT (Document CD6/89)

The CHAIRMAN submitted the Final Report (Document CD6/89) for consideration, and the SECRETARY proceeded to read it.

The first part of the Final Report was approved, up to the section referring to the Resolutions.

Then the texts of Resolutions I and II were approved.

When the SECRETARY read Resolution III, thanking the Chairman of the 16th Meeting of the Executive Committee for his report, Dr. ROMERO (Chile), requested that his name be deleted from the text.

The Representatives of Ecuador, Panama, and the Dominican Republic opposed this deletion, and requested that the name of Dr. Romero be kept as it appeared in the text under consideration. It was so agreed.

Following this, the texts of Resolutions IV through XXIV were approved.

When Resolution XXV was read, Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) raised a question in regard to the coincidence of dates of the meetings of the Executive Committee in September 1953. This point was clarified by the SECRETARY.

The text of Resolution XXV was approved.

In connection with Resolution XXVI, Dr. ROMERO (Chile) stated that in the Spanish text, instead of reading "Estados Unidos de América" it should read "Estados Unidos de Norteamérica."

The SECRETARY stated that the official name is Estados Unidos de América, a translation of United States of America.

Dr. SCHEELE (United States) said that he regretted that he was not authorized by his country to change the name.

The text of Resolution XXVI was approved.

The SECRETARY read the text of Resolution XXVII, which contains the votes of thanks of the Directing Council.

The CHAIRMAN reported to the Representatives that the General Committee believed it was interpreting the desires of the full Directing Council when it drafted this resolution.

Dr. SWELLENGREBEL (Netherlands) proposed that special mention be made of the interpreters.

The CHAIRMAN stated that he agreed with the observation of the Representative of the Netherlands, and said that a vote of thanks to the interpreters and translators could be especially mentioned in the minutes. It was so agreed.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) noted that the topics concerning Resolutions XVII (Program of Economies and Decentralization of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau) and XIX (Remuneration of the International Staff Members of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau) did not appear on the Agenda, on page 9 of the Final Report. Moreover, the Representative of El Salvador spoke of the signing of the Additional Protocol to the Pan American Sanitary Code, and he requested that it be put on the record that the signing of the Protocol had taken place under the auspices of the Government of Cuba, and that the Credentials Committee named by the Directing Council to study the documents that

authorized the Representatives to sign the Protocol had acted under the supervision of the Government of Cuba and had presented its report to that Government. This document had been signed before Representatives of the Government of Cuba, and if it was not mentioned in the Final Report it was because it was considered a separate act, although coincident with the Meeting of the Directing Council.

The SECRETARY explained that the two resolutions to which the Representative of El Salvador had referred did not relate to topics that it had formally been agreed to include on the Agenda, but rather arose during the discussions in the form of proposals that were approved by the Directing Council.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) stated that he was satisfied with these explanations.

The approval of the Final Report by parts having been concluded, the complete text was submitted for approval.

DECISION TAKEN

The complete text of the Final Report (Document CD6/89) was unanimously approved.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the observations made by the Representatives of the Netherlands and El Salvador during the consideration of the Final Report would be recorded in the minutes.

2. SIGNING OF THE FINAL REPORT (Document CD6/89)

The Final Report was then signed by the Members of the Directing Council in the order in which the names of their respective countries appear in the document.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

The CHAIRMAN announced that the opening session of the 19th Meeting of the Executive Committee would be held on Thursday, 25 September, at 9:00 a.m. At the same time, he reported that Dr. Victor Sutter, one of the most respected public health physicians in the Hemisphere, had been named Deputy Director-General of the World Health Organization. (Applause)

4. VOTE OF THANKS PROPOSED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF BRAZIL

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) proposed that a vote of thanks be given to the Chairman of the VI Meeting of the Directing Council, to the other officers of the Meeting and the officers of the committees for their magnificent work, and he said that the Representatives could congratulate themselves on the wisdom they showed in electing them. (Applause)

The CHAIRMAN expressed appreciation for these words in the names of the other officers and himself, and thanked the Representatives for having permitted the deliberations to develop so harmoniously and fruitfully. In regard to the statements referring to himself, he requested that his country, Venezuela, be the one to receive those words of encouragement, which he would always remember.

5. CLOSURE OF THE VI MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL BY THE CHAIRMAN

Thereupon the CHAIRMAN delivered the following closing address of the VI Meeting of the Directing Council:

"Honorable Representatives:

"When you were good enough to elect me Chairman of the VI Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, I said that I was accepting for my country that high honor of which I was so underserving myself, with the full conviction that it would be very difficult for me to fulfill the responsibilities that such a position entails. But I also expressed the very strong hope that, with the help of all of you and the cooperation of the Secretariat, we would carry to a successful conclusion the tasks that were before us. Today it gives me great pleasure to say that this hope has been fully realized and that thus this VI Meeting can show a favorable balance, recorded in the group of Resolutions that make up the Final Report we have just signed. I therefore take special satisfaction in expressing my most sincere thanks to the distinguished members of the Directing Council and to the Director and Secretary General of the Bureau. I should also like to make particular mention of the valuable assistance received from the Vice-Chairmen of the Council,

the Chairmen of the Main Committees, and the members of the General Committee, who cooperated with admirable tact and competence in the orientation and conduct of the business before the Council at this Meeting.

"I believe that we may feel well pleased with the way in which this Meeting developed. Each and every one of us has had the opportunity to express his point of view on the various matters that composed the agenda; to offer opinions on the activities of the Organization; to state any pertinent criticism of the work of the Bureau; and, finally, to indicate the measures considered advisable to improve its administrative machinery. Those who have had the good fortune, as I have, to attend previous Meetings, surely will not fail to notice that there has been increasing interest on the part of the Member Countries in knowing the work of the Organization better and supervising it more thoroughly, a laudable and wise attitude, for our Governments and peoples are the interested parties who are affected by the way in which the Pan American Sanitary Bureau administers the programs, performs the services entrusted to it by the Constitution or assigned to it by mandate of its governing bodies, and utilizes the resources contributed by the Governments.

"But the beneficial results of this Meeting are not to be seen merely in the recommendations and decisions adopted as a consequence of the discussions that have taken place in the Committees or in the plenary sessions. They must also be seen in things not written in the minutes or reports and that cannot be measured in material terms, because they belong to the things of the spirit. I refer to the communication of ideas; to the friendly and informal exchange of personal opinions on health social, or economic problems that affect the life of our peoples; to the opportunity for reviving old friendships and making new ones, which enables us to know better those who have the same ideals and face the same hard tasks in behalf of public health; and to the environment that was so propitious for frank and calm expression of the desires, the worries, and the hopes that we public health men all carry deep in our hearts. In other words, meetings like this are a particularly appropriate occasion for keeping permanently alive the old concept of harmony and understanding among men, a subject that has come to the fore recently and is today the object of profound studies in scientific circles under the expressive title "cultivation of human relations".

"Under the stimulus of this mutual understanding, the public health specialists of the New World have for a long time gradually been developing a sense of teamwork and a growing conviction of the interdependence of our countries in matters of public health. It could be said that it is in the field of public health that the ideal of Pan American brotherhood, eulogized by Bolívar more than a century ago, has crystallized in greater and more concrete achievements. And this same sense of solidarity passes beyond our continental limits to project itself, with all firmness and sincerity, on a world-wide scale, through the World Health Organization, for which our Pan American Sanitary Organization serves as Regional Committee and Regional Office for the Americas. It is for this reason that I consider the presence of the Director-General of the World Health Organization to be a fundamental importance for the coordinated and harmonious development of the activities of both Organizations.

"Gentlemen: when I took the Chair I had the honor to present, in the name of the Council, its most sincere thanks to the Government and the people of Cuba for the generous hospitality they extended to us; and for the facilities provided, among them the use of this beautiful and majestic Capitol, where the Meetings of the Executive Committee and the Directing Council have met in magnificent and unusually commodious surroundings. May I repeat today the expressions of our most sincere gratitude.

"I would be unjust if I failed to recognize at this time the conscientious and self-effacing work of the personnel of the Secretariat, who, working long hours day and night, provided the necessary documents when needed; and of the translators and interpreters, who patiently and with such good will and ability enabled all of us to surmount the barriers of language and to follow the proceedings step by step.

"Gentlemen: In the name of the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, I declare the VI Meeting closed."

The session was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.