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PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR 1973

The Provisional Draft of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1973 was first reviewed at the XX Meeting of the Directing Council, which recognized that the provisional draft contained projects formulated in cooperation with the national authorities. The Council requested the Director to use the provisional draft as the basis for further consultations with the Governments to determine their latest desires and requirements in relation to the health priorities of the countries. These consultations were carried out, and the resulting proposed program and budget for 1973, as presented in Official Document No. 114, was reviewed in detail at the 68th Meeting of the Executive Committee. After consideration of the many factors bearing directly on the proposed program and budget, the Executive Committee adopted the following Resolution IV, which included a recommendation to the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council that it approve the appropriation and assessment resolutions as shown on pages 2 and 3 of Official Document No. 114:

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Bearing in mind that the XX Meeting of the Directing Council recognized that the provisional draft of the program and budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1973 (Official Document No. 107) had been formulated in cooperation with national authorities;

Considering that the provisional draft has been the subject of further consultations with and study by the Governments to determine their latest desires and requirements;

Having carefully considered the proposed program and budget estimates of PAHO for 1973 (Official Document No. 114); and

Bearing in mind Article 14-C of the Constitution of the Organization and Article III, paragraphs 3.5 and 3.6, of the PAHO Financial Regulations,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to study carefully the proposed program and budget estimates with a view to identifying possible areas in which savings could be effected, taking into account the desire expressed by Governments to do so wherever possible.
2. To request the Director to report thereon to the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council.
3. To recommend to the XXI Meeting of the Directing Council that it approve appropriation and assessment resolutions as shown on pages 2 and 3 of Official Document No. 114, with the recommendation that it approve the effective working budget in the amount of \$19,583,540, taking into account the terms of paragraph 2 above.

In accordance with the first operative paragraph of this resolution, the Director has studied carefully the proposed program and budget to identify areas in which savings might be effected. This study has not identified any activities which could be eliminated on the basis of being either unnecessary or of marginal value in meeting the needs of the program desired by the Governments of the Americas. It will be recognized that the full desires of Governments are reflected both in the proposed program and budget and in the Annex 4 of Official Document No. 114, containing nearly seven million dollars of program which could not be included within the proposed budget ceiling. In addition the review did not reveal items where the budget estimate exceeds probable cost. On the contrary, inadequate provision is made in some cases. For example, the provision for the Working Capital Fund is too low to maintain that fund at an adequate level. It can only be hoped that savings not now predictable can be made during the operating year which can be transferred to the Working Capital Fund.

In view of the foregoing, any reduction would have to be made on the basis of relative priorities. The question of needs and priorities in relation to budget level should be discussed in the Directing Council meeting.