REQUEST OF ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

The Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau has the honor to inform the Directing Council that he has received a letter dated 12 May 1981 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, which, on behalf of the Government and in accordance with the provisions of Article 2, paragraph A, of the PAHO Constitution, requests membership for St. Vincent and the Grenadines in the Pan American Health Organization. A copy of this letter and of the reply of the Director are annexed.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines, which previously enjoyed the benefits of membership in the Pan American Health Organization as a Territory of the United Kingdom, became a sovereign state on 27 October 1979. It was admitted into the United Nations on 16 September 1980.

The 86th Meeting of the Executive Committee considered the request of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION VIII

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THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Recommends to the XXVIII Meeting of the Directing Council adoption of the following resolution:

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the formal request for membership in the Pan American Health Organization made on behalf of St. Vincent and the Grenadines by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, in a communication dated 12 May 1981; and
Considering that the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines has declared its readiness to accept all the obligations of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization, to comply with the provisions of the Pan American Sanitary Code, as amended by the Additional Protocol of 24 September 1952, and to contribute by means of a quota assessment to the financial support of the Organization,

RESOLVES:


2. To instruct the Director to transmit this decision to the Member Governments of the Organization.

Annexes
The Minister of Foreign Affairs of St Vincent and the Grenadines presents his compliments to the Director of the Pan American Health Organisation and has the honour to apply on behalf of the Government of St Vincent and the Grenadines for membership in the Pan American Health Organisation in accordance with Article 2A of the Constitution of the Organisation.

St Vincent and the Grenadines is an independent and sovereign state and wishes to become a full member of the Pan American Organisation. This Government will fulfill the financial obligations imposed on Members in accordance with the constitution of the Organisation; will comply with the provisions of the Pan American Sanitary Code as amended by the additional Protocol of 1952; and will co-operate fully with other Member States in the work of the Organisation.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of St Vincent and the Grenadines avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Director of the Pan American Health Organisation the assurances of his highest consideration.

12 May 1981.
Your Excellency,

I acknowledge receipt of your note of 12 May 1981, by means of which your government is seeking membership in the Pan American Health Organization.

We appreciate the interest of your government in becoming a member of the Organization, recognizing the obligations set forth by the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization, the provisions of the Pan American Sanitary Code, as amended by the additional Protocol of 24 September 1952, and accepting to contribute by means of quota assessments to the financial support of the Organization.

The application of St. Vincent and the Grenadines will be submitted to the 86th Meeting of the PAHO Executive Committee which meets in Washington from 22 June to 3 July 1981, and to the XXVIII Meeting of the PAHO Directing Council, which is tentatively scheduled to meet in Washington from 21 September to 3 October. Your government should plan to send a representative to the Directing Council meeting. We look forward to St. Vincent and the Grenadines becoming a member of the Pan American Health Organization.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Héctor R. Acuña
Director

His Excellency
Hudson Tannis
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Tourism
St. Vincent and the Grenadines