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Topic 12: REPORT ON THE COLLECTION OF QUOTA CONTRIBUTIONS

In accordance with Article V, paragraph 5.7, of the Financial Regulations, the Director submits the following report and attached statement on the collection of quota payments to the Pan American Health Organization.

Following Resolution IX of the XI Directing Council Meeting, the Director, in October 1959, communicated with Member Governments through the Ministries of Public Health and of Foreign Affairs, to inform them concerning the financial situation reflected by quota payments in relation to the authorized budget of the Organization and to bring to their attention the urgent need for prompt payment to assure the execution of the programs approved by the governing bodies. By the end of 1959 payment of current year quotas showed a modest improvement, reaching 81.4% compared to 78.25% in 1958. Payment of arrears rose from 50.8% in 1958 to 66.1% in 1959. Although the improvement was encouraging, the level of current quota payments remained lower than any year since 1950, except 1958.

The Executive Committee, at its 40th Meeting, reviewed the status of quota payments of the Pan American Health Organization while considering the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor, and approved Resolution XI, which reads as follows:

"The Executive Committee,

Having examined the Financial Report of the Director for the fiscal year 1959 and the Report of the External Auditor on the audit of the accounts of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1959 (Official Document No. 33);

Considering the continued financial problems of the Pan American Health Organization, resulting from the substantial amount of uncollected quotas;

Considering that the External Auditor has reaffirmed his previous comment to the effect that "it is obvious that the present situation, involving delayed collections of contributions, cannot continue without putting the Organization in such a financial position as to seriously hamper the fulfillment of its aims"; and

Bearing in mind the views expressed during the course of the present meeting,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for the fiscal year 1959, and to transmit them to the XII Meeting of the Directing Council.
2. To urge the Member Governments whose quota contributions are in arrears to pay them at the earliest possible date.
3. To request the Director to bring to the attention of the Member Governments the need for the prompt payment of their quotas, and to take whatever additional action he may deem advisable to this effect, reporting to the XII Meeting of the Directing Council the results of his efforts in this connection."

The Director wishes to report that in May 1960 he communicated to Member Governments the status of payment of quota contributions and brought to their attention the urgent need for prompt payment of their current quotas early in the year as well as payment of their quotas in arrears. In addition, the Director, the Assistant Director and Zone Representatives have taken occasion during their visits to various countries, to discuss with the national authorities the financial situation of the Organization and encourage them to make all possible efforts to pay quotas.

The following table analyzes quota payments as of 30 June 1960. The comparison with the percentage of payments made by the same date in 1959 indicates improvement in 1960 with respect to payments of current quotas.

Quotas	Due 1/1/60 \$	Collected as of 30/VI/60 \$	%	Corresponding % for 1959
Current	4,000,000	300,400	7.51	0.6
Arrears	<u>944,532</u>	<u>414,718</u>	<u>43.91</u>	<u>46.9</u>
Total	<u>4,944,532</u>	<u>715,118</u>	<u>14.46</u>	<u>9.8</u>

The record of modest but steady improvement in quota payments demonstrates the interest of health ministries and other government

leaders in the Organization. This progress, if maintained and improved upon, will provide one of the two main factors for financial stability. The other factor, already approved in principle by the Directing Council, is the inclusion in the budget of an amount for gradually increasing the Working Capital Fund to its authorized level.

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UNPAID QUOTA CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT 30 JUNE 1960

<u>Country</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u> \$	<u>Total</u> \$
Argentina	1960	298,800.00	
	1959	214,252.00 (BAL)	513,052.00
Bolivia	1960	12,000.00	
	1959	11,900.00	
	1958	8,990.00	
	1957	7,130.00	
	1956	6,510.00	
	1955	7,000.00	
	1954	7,400.00	
	1953	7,000.00	
	1952	9,524.00	
	1951	10,690.00	
	1950	5,425.57 (BAL)	93,569.57
Brazil	1960	300,400.00	
	1959	21,225.19 (BAL)	321,625.19
Chile	1960	79,200.00	79,200.00
Costa Rica	1960	12,000.00	
	1959	2,159.80 (BAL)	14,159.80
Cuba	1960	73,600.00	
	1959	64,400.00	138,000.00
Dominican Republic	1960	14,800.00	14,800.00
Ecuador	1960	17,600.00	
	1959	6,674.02 (BAL)	24,274.02
El Salvador	1960	14,800.00	14,800.00
Guatemala	1960	14,800.00	14,800.00
Haiti	1960	12,000.00	12,000.00
Honduras	1960	12,000.00	12,000.00
Nicaragua	1960	12,000.00	12,000.00
Panamá	1960	12,000.00	
	1959	11,900.00	
	1958	7,130.00	31,030.00

<u>Country</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u> \$	<u>Total</u> \$
Paraguay	1960	12,000.00	
	1959	9,450.00	
	1958	7,250.00	28,700.00
Perú	1960	32,400.00	
	1959	13,390.49 (BAL)	45,790.49
United States	1960	2,640,000.00	2,640,000.00
Uruguay	1960	35,200.00	
	1959	35,350.00	
	1958	29,580.00	
	1957	24,840.00	
	1956	642.91 (BAL)	125,612.91
Venezuela	1960	94,000.00	94,000.00
			4,229,413,98