Topic 37: ORGANIZATION OF A SERVICE UNIT IN MEXICO CITY DURING THE VIII WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

(Topic proposed by the Government of Cuba)

In accordance with the request of the Minister of Public Health and Welfare of Cuba, the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau transmitted to the Member Governments of the Organization, with letter SGC-CL-47-54 of 11 August 1954, the attached proposal of the Government of Cuba, presented to the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference for consideration.

Pursuant to Article 24-C of the Proposed Rules of Procedure, this proposal was included as a topic of the Draft Agenda of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference.

Annex: Proposal of Cuba to the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference
WHEREAS:— The VIII World Health Assembly will take place in Mexico City, United States of Mexico, in May 1955, and all the Member States belonging to the Region of the Americas are equally interested in ensuring its successful outcome, because of the great importance of this event to our peoples.—

WHEREAS:— It is expected that all the Member States from the Region of the Americas will send as many delegates as possible, and in view of the increased attendance by delegations from the American Continent who will participate actively in the work of the Assembly, it is desirable that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau provide the necessary services for the convenience of the delegates, so as to facilitate their work in every possible way.—

WHEREAS:— For this purpose it is necessary to have a special service unit composed of personnel of the Region, a unit that would have at its disposal the Conference staff of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and a sufficient number of stenographers to render their usual efficient service to the Regional delegations, the proposed arrangement being all the more desirable for the fact that our experience at the Assemblies at Geneva Headquarters has shown the lack of such a service, notwithstanding the courtesies of the Regional Director and a Bureau secretary who was obliged to divide her duties and therefore could not render complete assistance.—

THEREFORE:— The XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

RESOLVES:

FIRST:— To add to the proposed budget presented by the Executive Committee of the Organization a special chapter to establish, for this particular occasion, a credit to read: For expenses incurred for the Service Unit for Delegations from the Region of the Americas to the VIII World Health Assembly, to be held in Mexico City in May 1955, $5,000.00.

SECOND:— To charge to this credit the expenses and per diem of the personnel comprising this Service Unit, which should include not less than six junior staff members (typists and stenographers). The personnel who, because of the nature of their work, have already been assigned budget credits for such services, will not be included in this special credit.