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FINAL REPORT

The XV Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization, XVI Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas, was held in Mexico City, D. F., Republic of Mexico, from 31 August to 11 September 1964, as convoked by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, pursuant to Resolution VII adopted by the Executive Committee at its 50th Meeting.

PARTICIPANTS

The meeting was opened by the Acting President, Dr. Alfonso Boniche Vásquez, Minister of Public Health of Nicaragua and Vice-President of the XIV Meeting. The following Governments were represented: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Kingdom of the Netherlands, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela. The Government of Canada designated an official observer. The meeting was also attended by the Director-General of the World Health Organization, Dr. M. G. Candau, and the Assistant Director-General, Mr. Milton P. Siegel, as well as by observers from the Organization of American States, the Inter-American Development Bank, the International Labour Organisation, the United Nations Children’s Fund, and the Technical Assistance Board of the United Nations. Observers from eight nongovernmental organizations and other interested institutions were also present.

OFFICERS

The President and two Vice-Presidents were elected pursuant to Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure. The officers were as follows:

President: Dr. José Alvarez Amézquita Mexico
Vice-Presidents: Dr. Dionisio González Torres Paraguay
Dr. Bienvenido A. Delgado Billini Dominican Republic
Secretary ex officio: Dr. Abraham Horwitz Director, Pan American Sanitary Bureau

1 The complete list of participants appears in the annex, p. 97.
COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The Committee on Credentials, composed of the following members, was established pursuant to Rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure:

Chairman: Dr. Victorio Vicente Olguín Argentina
Rapporteur: Dr. Francisco J. Aguilar Guatemala
Member: Dr. Roberto Acosta Borrero Colombia

GENERAL COMMITTEE

The Representatives of Brazil, Jamaica, the United States of America, and Venezuela were elected to the General Committee, which pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure was composed as follows:

Dr. José Alvarez Amézquita Mexico
President of the Council
Dr. Dionisio González Torres Paraguay
Vice-President of the Council
Dr. Bienvenido A. Delgado Billini Dominican Republic
Vice-President of the Council
Dr. Manoel José Ferreira Brazil
Representative
Dr. Charles C. Wedderburn Jamaica
Representative
Dr. James Watt United States of America
Representative
Dr. Juan Motezuma Ginnari Venezuela
Representative
Dr. Abraham Horwitz Director, Pan American Sanitary Bureau
Secretary ex officio

INAUGURAL SESSION

The inaugural session was held in Auditorium No. 2 in the Conference Building of the Medical Center of the Mexican Social Security Institute in Mexico City, on 31 August 1964, at 12:00 noon, under the chairmanship of Mr. José Gorostiza, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, representing His Excellency the President of the Republic of Mexico, Adolfo López Mateos, and was attended by the authorities of the Government of Mexico, the Diplomatic Corps, the delegations of the various countries attending the meeting of the Directing Council, and representatives of national and international organizations.

Addresses were delivered by the Secretary of Health and Welfare of Mexico, Dr. José Alvarez Amézquita, by the Representative of Brazil, Dr. Manoel José Ferreira, who spoke on behalf of the delegations to the meeting, by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Dr. Abraham Horwitz, and by Mr. José Gorostiza, who officially opened the XV Meeting of the Directing Council.
AGENDA

The Director of the Bureau, acting pursuant to Article 12-C of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization, had submitted the provisional agenda of the XV Meeting of the Directing Council to the 50th Meeting of the Executive Committee for approval. The Executive Committee approved the provisional agenda and authorized the Director to include therein any additional items proposed in due time by the Governments and by organizations entitled to propose items.

At the first plenary session, the Delegation of Venezuela proposed that Item 10, "Procedures for the Admission of New Members," be deleted, and the Delegation of Cuba proposed the addition of an item entitled "Important Aspects of the Award of Fellowships by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau."

Pursuant to Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure, the Directing Council approved the agenda with the proposed amendments (Document CD15/1, Rev. 2).

Pursuant to Rule 26-b of the Rules of Procedure, the General Committee established the order in which the items on the agenda were to be submitted to the Directing Council for consideration in plenary session.

WORKING PARTIES

Seven working parties were established. The first, entrusted with the study of procedures that would enable Governments to pay their quotas in arrears, was composed of the following representatives: Dr. Manoel José Ferreira (Brazil), chairman; Dr. Daniel Orellana (Venezuela), rapporteur; Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante (Mexico); Dr. Carlos Quiroz Salinas (Peru); and Dr. Charles L. Williams (United States of America).

The second working party was entrusted with the preparation of a draft resolution on Item 35 (Study of the Relationship between Social Security Medical Programs and Those of Ministries of Health or Other Official Health Agencies) and was composed of the following representatives: Dr. James Watt (United States of America), chairman; Dr. Manoel José Ferreira (Brazil); Dr. Roberto Acosta Borrero (Colombia); and Dr. Pedro Daniel Martinez (Mexico).

The third working party was entrusted with the preparation of a draft resolution on Item 30 (Collaboration of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in Administrative Practices of National Health Services) and was composed of the following representatives: Dr. Victorio Vicente Olguín (Argentina); Dr. Roberto Acosta Borrero (Colombia); and Dr. Miguel A. Ortega (Domin-
can Republic); Dr. James Watt (United States of America); and Dr. Juan Motezuma Ginnari (Venezuela).

The fourth working party was entrusted with the preparation of a draft resolution on Item 27 (Status of Smallpox Eradication in the Americas). It was composed of the following representatives: Dr. Roberto Acosta Borrero (Colombia), chairman; Dr. Manoel José Ferreira (Brazil); Dr. Fausto René Villamar (Ecuador); Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante (Mexico); and Dr. Carlos Quirós Salinas (Peru).

The fifth working party, appointed to prepare a draft resolution on Item 19 (Technical Discussions: “Tuberculosis Eradication: A Task for Present Planning and Future Action”), was composed of the following representatives: Dr. Rigoberto Alvarado (Honduras); Dr. Carlos H. Canales (Nicaragua); Dr. Carlos Quirós Salinas (Peru); Dr. James Watt (United States of America); and Dr. Juvenal Curiel (Venezuela).

The sixth working party, which prepared a draft resolution on Item 33 (Review of the Status of the Venereal Disease Problem and Control Programs in the Americas), was composed of the following members: Dr. Antonio Campos Salas (Mexico), chairman; Dr. Basil D. B. Layton (Observer, Canada); Dr. Miguel A. Ortega (Dominican Republic); and Dr. Raymond G. Hyronimus (France).

The seventh working party, appointed to prepare a draft resolution on Items 25 and 36 (Place of the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference, and Study of the Organization of the Pan American Sanitary Conference), was composed of the following representatives: Dr. Victorio Vicente Olguín (Argentina); Dr. Miguel E. Bustamante (Mexico); Dr. Alfonso Boniche Vásquez (Nicaragua); Dr. Carlos Quirós Salinas (Peru); and Dr. Charles L. Williams (United States of America).

The working parties presented the draft resolutions at the fifteenth plenary session. Dr. Emilio Budnik, of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, acted as Technical Secretary of all the working parties.

**ATTENDANCE AT THE NATIONAL HOSPITAL CONGRESS OF MEXICO**

On Thursday, 3 September, at the invitation of Dr. José Alvarez Amézquita, President of the Directing Council and Secretary of Health and Welfare of Mexico, the participants at the meeting attended the inaugural session of the National Hospital Congress, at which His Excellency the President of the Republic, Adolfo López Mateos, presided.

**TRIBUTE TO DECEASED PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS**

The Directing Council paid tribute to the memory of the eminent public
health workers, Dr. René Rachou, PAHO/WHO Consultant in Malaria; Dr. Francisco Vio Valdivieso, PAHO/WHO Administrative Methods Consultant assigned to Panama; and Dr. Manuel A. Sánchez Vigil, Director General of Public Health of Nicaragua, deceased during the year since the last meeting of the Council.

TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

The topic of the Technical Discussions of the Directing Council, which were held on 4 September, was "Tuberculosis Eradication: A Task for Present Planning and Future Action." The officers were as follows:

Moderator: Dr. Manoel José Ferreira Brazil
Rapporteur: Dr. Roberto Acosta Borrero Colombia
Technical Secretary: Dr. Rogelio Valladares Regional Adviser on Tuberculosis, Pan American Sanitary Bureau

At the fifteenth plenary session the Directing Council considered the report on the Technical Discussions and adopted a resolution on that subject, prepared by the working party appointed for that purpose.

SESSIONS

The Directing Council held an inaugural session, fifteen plenary sessions, and a closing session; the Committee on Credentials four sessions; and the General Committee eight sessions.

RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

As a result of its deliberations, the Directing Council approved the following resolutions:

Resolution I

Annual Report of the Chairman of the Executive Committee

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the Annual Report of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. Carlos Quirós Salinas, Representative of Peru (Document CD15/24); and

1 See Official Document PAHO 60 (in preparation).
Bearing in mind the provisions of Article 9-C of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization,

RESOLVES:

To approve the Annual Report of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. Carlos Quirós Salinas, Representative of Peru (Document CD15/24), and to commend him and the other members of the Committee for the work accomplished.

(Approved at the first plenary session, 31 August 1964)

Resolution II

Annual Report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the Annual Report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Regional Office of the World Health Organization for the Americas, for 1963 (Official Document 56),

RESOLVES:

To take note of the Annual Report of the Director for 1963 (Official Document 56), to congratulate him on the excellent work accomplished during the year and the manner in which the Report was presented, and to extend congratulations to the staff of the Bureau.

(Approved at the third plenary session, 2 September 1964)

Resolution III

Epilepsy in the Americas

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having noted the section of the Annual Report of the Director (Official Document 56) relating to mental health; Considering that this document reports the establishment, within the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, of a Mental Health Information Center on Latin America, which is providing a useful service in the collection, analysis, and distribution of information on mental health;
Bearing in mind that epilepsy constitutes a health problem of appreciable significance in many areas; and

Recognizing that in virtually every part of the Hemisphere there exist burdens of misunderstanding and legal and other types of discrimination which are contrary to an enlightened, human approach to programs for the management of this condition,

RESOLVES:

To request the Director to study the incidence and distribution of epilepsy in the Americas, and the legal and other types of discrimination to which sufferers from this condition are subject and which impede programs directed toward the solution of the problem of epilepsy.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session,
5 September 1964)

Resolution IV

Program and Budget of the
Pan American Health Organization for 1965

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

1. To appropriate for the financial year 1965 an amount of $7,190,000 as follows:

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<td>Increase to Assets</td>
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2. That the appropriation shall be financed from:

a. Assessments in respect to:

   i) Member Governments, assessed under the scale adopted by the Council of the Organization of American States in accordance with Article 60 of the Pan American Sanitary Code ................................................................. $7,090,000

   ii) Jamaica (based on assessment of those Member Governments having comparable size and per-capita income) ........................................ 21,270

   iii) Trinidad and Tobago (based on assessment of those Member Governments having comparable size and per-capita income) ........................................ 21,270

   iv) France (Resolutions XV and XL of the V Meeting of the Directing Council) ........................................ 11,373

   v) Kingdom of the Netherlands (Resolutions XV and XL of the V Meeting of the Directing Council) .................. 8,538

   vi) United Kingdom (based on assessment of those Member Governments having comparable size and per-capita income) ........................................ 21,270

b. Miscellaneous Income ........................................ 16,279

   Total .................................................................... $7,190,000

3. That, in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Organization, amounts not exceeding the appropriations noted under paragraph 1 shall be available for the payment of obligations incurred during the period 1 January to 31 December 1965, inclusive.

4. That the Director shall be authorized to transfer credits between parts of the budget, provided that such transfers of credits between parts as are made do not exceed 10 per cent of the part from which the credit is transferred. Transfers of credits between parts of the budget in excess of 10 per cent may be made with the concurrence of the Executive Committee. All transfers of budget credits shall be reported to the Directing Council.

   (Approved at the fourth plenary session, 2 September 1964)

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Resolution V

Proposed Program and Budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1966

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined Official Document 52 submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which contains the Proposed Program and Budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1966; and

Bearing in mind that the aforesaid Proposed Program and Budget is presented to the Directing Council, as Regional Committee of the World Health Organization, for review and transmittal to the Director-General of that Organization, so that he may take it into consideration in the preparation of the proposed budget of WHO for 1966,

RESOLVES:

To approve the Proposed Program and Budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1966, contained in Official Document 52, and to request the Regional Director to transmit it to the Director-General of that Organization so that he may take it into consideration when preparing the WHO budget for 1966.

(Approved at the fourth plenary session,
2 September 1964)

Resolution VI

Regional Projects to be Implemented in 1965-1966 with Funds of the United Nations Expanded Program of Technical Assistance

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the WHO Program of Technical Assistance expected to be financed under the United Nations Expanded Program of Technical Assistance, which appears in Official Document 52 of the Pan American Health Organization;

Noting that in addition to projects requested by countries direct to the Technical Assistance Board there are regional projects which benefit countries throughout the Americas; and
Noting also that the percentage of health projects requested by Governments within the Expanded Program of Technical Assistance has continued to decrease,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve and support for submission to the United Nations Technical Assistance Board the proposed regional projects for the biennium 1965-1966.
2. To urge that the Governments give full consideration to the importance of health activities in social and economic development, and that in the future they increase the proportion of health projects requested within the Expanded Program of Technical Assistance.

(Approved at the seventh plenary session, 3 September 1964)

Resolution VII

Provisional Draft of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1966

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined Official Document 52, presented by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which contains the provisional draft that is to constitute the basis for the preparation of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1966, to be submitted to the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Committee and the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council;

Noting that this provisional draft contains soundly conceived and much needed health projects;

Bearing in mind that it would be advisable for the Pan American Health Organization to increase its contribution to the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama (INCAP) so as to ensure the normal development of the Institute, which is supplying services not only to the nations of the Americas, but to those of other continents as well;

Taking into account the recommendations and comments made by several representatives at the time the provisional draft was considered; and

Considering the provisions of Regulation 3.4 of the Financial Regulations of PAHO,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the provisional draft of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Health Organization for 1966, contained in Official Document 52.
2. To thank the Governments of Central America and of Panama for the moral and financial support that they have given to the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama.

3. To thank the Government of Guatemala for the additional contribution it is making to INCAP by providing it with a new building, which will enable the Institute to have the necessary means and services at its disposal for the better fulfillment of its purposes.

4. To authorize the Director of the PASB to increase the contribution of the Organization to INCAP by $200,000 and to include this sum in the Proposed Program and Budget of PAHO for 1966.

5. To recommend to the Director that, in submitting the Proposed Program and Budget of PAHO for 1966 to the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Committee, he take into account both actual and anticipated budgetary income in the distribution of projects in accordance with priorities.

6. To request the Director to give due consideration to the recommendations and comments made by several representatives, both in his preparation of the Proposed Program and Budget of PAHO for 1966 and in his consultations with Governments on this matter.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session, 5 September 1964)

Resolution VIII


THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,


RESOLVES:


2. To urge Governments that have outstanding quotas to pay them as soon as possible.

3. To recommend that the Director continue in 1965 and 1966 the policy of prudent administration that he has followed in previous years, in order that budgetary expenditures may be maintained within income.

(Approved at the fifth plenary session, 2 September 1964)
Resolution IX

Report on the Collection of Quota Contributions

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the report on the collection of quota contributions (Document CD15/13 and Addendum I),¹ as well as the information and comments on quotas contained in the Financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for 1963 (Official Document 53); and

Considering the importance of prompt and full payment of quota contributions to assure financial support for the entire approved program,

RESOLVES:


2. To urge Governments to make budgetary provision for their quota assessments and to pay quotas as early as possible each year, since they are due on 1 January of the year.

3. To request the Director to make continuous efforts, directly and through PAHO Zone Chiefs and Country Representatives in the respective countries, to have the payment of quotas effected on a current basis and to have arrearages paid as soon as possible.

4. To request the Director to continue his efforts to make arrangements with countries having quotas in arrears more than two years to adopt a financial plan for the payment of outstanding quotas within a definite period.

5. To request the Director and the respective Ministers of Health to bring to the attention of officials and departments responsible for dealing with economic and fiscal policies (ministries of finance, treasury, etc.) the value of health programs as a part of economic development and the importance of providing adequate financial support for the Pan American Health Organization, in order to prevent the interruption of the program of PAHO.

(Approved at the seventh plenary session,
3 September 1964)

¹ Mimeographed document.
Resolution X
Amendment to Article 6 of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the recommended amendment to the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization, formulated by the Executive Committee at its 50th Meeting in Resolution XII (paragraph 8);¹ and

Taking into account Resolution XIII ² adopted at the 50th Meeting of the Executive Committee and the provisions of Article 28 of the PAHO Constitution,

RESOLVES:

To adopt the following amendment to Article 6 of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization:

1. Insert the following paragraph, to be known as paragraph B, after the present paragraph A:

"B. If a Government fails to meet its financial obligations to the Organization by the date of the opening of the Pan American Sanitary Conference or a meeting of the Directing Council, by being in arrears in an amount exceeding the sum of its quotas for two full years, the voting privileges of that Government shall be suspended. Nevertheless, if the Conference or the Directing Council is satisfied that the failure of the Government to pay is due to conditions beyond its control, it may permit the Government to vote."

2. Redesignate the present paragraph B as paragraph C.

(Approved at the sixth plenary session,
3 September 1964)

Resolution XI
Temporary Suspension of the Application of the Amendment to Article 6 of the PAHO Constitution

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind the amendment to Article 6 of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization;

Taking into account the opinions expressed by several representatives with respect to the application of the said amendment; and

¹ Official Document PAHO 57, 28.
² Ibid., pp. 28-29.
Noting the report on the collection of quota contributions (Document CD15/13 and Addendum I),¹

RESOLVES:

To temporarily suspend, for the period of the XV Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization, the application of the amendment to Article 6 of the Constitution.

(Approved at the seventh plenary session, 3 September 1964)

Resolution XII

Payment of Arrears

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the report of the working party charged with studying procedures which, when applied as found necessary and appropriate, will enable the Governments to pay their arrears; and

Bearing in mind the amendment to the Constitution that was approved at this meeting of the Directing Council, which provides that the voting privileges of Governments in arrears in an amount exceeding the sum of their quotas for two full years shall be suspended,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge all Governments in arrears to explore every possible way of paying their outstanding quota contributions, including, if they deem it appropriate, resort to national and international credit institutions.

2. To recommend to the Governments that, whenever appropriate, they establish a plan with the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for the payment of arrears within a specified period, it being understood that should such a financial plan be established and promptly fulfilled, the Pan American Sanitary Conference or the Directing Council may permit the Government concerned to exercise its voting privileges.

3. To instruct the Director of the Bureau to officially inform the Governments, either personally or through a special representative, of the serious consequences that the delay in the payment of quotas has on the normal development of the programs decided on by the Governing Bodies for the benefit of the peoples of America.

¹ Mimeoographed document.
4. To instruct the Executive Committee to conduct an annual review of the situation of the countries in arrears in an amount exceeding the sum of their quotas for two full years, and to recommend such measures as it deems pertinent in each particular case.

(Approved at the fifteenth plenary session, 9 September 1964)

Resolution XIII

Program Review of a Sample of Long-Term Projects of the Organization

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the report of the Director on the program review of a sample of long-term projects of the Organization (Document CD15/8);¹ and Considering Resolution IV² of the 50th Meeting of the Executive Committee and the discussions held by the Committee on this subject,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the review of the program of the Organization (Document CD15/8) and to express its satisfaction with the general progress of the projects covered by the review.

2. To request the Director to continue the evaluation of the Organization’s program, to extend it to all country projects in which the Organization cooperates, and to make a continuing review of the project activities in all stages of their development.

(Approved at the seventh plenary session, 3 September 1964)

Resolution XIV

Amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind the provisions of Staff Regulation 12.2,

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RESOLVES:

To take note of the amendments\(^1\) to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau presented by the Director in the annex to Document CE50/6, and confirmed by the Executive Committee at its 50th Meeting.\(^2\)

(Approved at the seventh plenary session, 3 September 1964)

Resolution XV

Report on Administrative Rationalization in the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the report of the Director on administrative rationalization in the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CD15/18);\(^3\)

Noting the progress made in streamlining structure, procedure, and techniques in the administrative activities of the Bureau;

Bearing in mind the very considerable economies made as a result of the program of rationalization and the opportunity offered for the investment of those funds in services rendered to Governments in the development of programs; and

Recognizing the high degree of initiative displayed by the Secretariat in undertaking and successfully achieving such a fundamental restructuring of the administration of field programs,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on administrative rationalization in the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CD15/18).

2. To express its appreciation to the Secretariat for its initiative and to commend highly the Director and the staff of the Bureau for the success of their efforts to date in effecting substantial economies in administration.

3. To request the Director to continue the program of rationalization and to report progress to future meetings of the Governing Bodies.

(Approved at the seventh plenary session, 3 September 1964)


\(^2\) Resolution VI. *Official Document PAHO* 57, 22-23.

\(^3\) See *Official Document PAHO* 60.
Resolution XVI

Resolutions of the WHO Executive Board and the World Health Assembly of Interest to the Regional Committee

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined Document CD15/9 and Addendum I,¹ in which the Director brought to the attention of the Regional Committee for the Americas a number of resolutions adopted by the Seventeenth World Health Assembly² and by the Thirty-Third³ and Thirty-Fourth⁴ Sessions of the WHO Executive Board; and

Bearing in mind that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau is already dealing with the matters covered by the resolutions of the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board,

RESOLVES:

To take note of the following resolutions in Document CD15/9 and Addendum I: WHA17.2, Report on an Absentee Member of the Executive Board; WHA17.20, Large-Scale Development Programs; WHA17.21, Presentation of Future Program and Budget Estimates; WHA17.22 and EB33.R12, Report on the Development of the Malaria Eradication Program; WHA17.24 and EB33.R6, Status of the Malaria Eradication Special Account; WHA17.25, Placement of the Malaria Eradication Special Account in the Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion; WHA17.33, Members in Arrears in the Payment of their Contributions to an Extent which may invoke Article 7 of the Constitution; WHA17.39, Clinical and Pharmacological Evaluation of Drugs; WHA17.40, Community Water Supply Program; WHA17.41 and EB33.R28, Standards of Drugs; WHA17.43, Smallpox Eradication Program; WHA17.19, Program and Budget Estimates for 1965: Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion; WHA17.38, General Program of Work covering a Specific Period; WHA17.47, Coordination with the International Atomic Energy Agency; and EB34.R25, Program Review: Endemic Treponematoses of Childhood and Venereal Diseases.

(Approved at the eighth plenary session, 3 September 1964)

¹ Mimeographed document.
Resolution XVII

Election of Three Member Governments to the Executive Committee on the Termination of the Periods of Office of Nicaragua, Peru, and Uruguay

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering the provisions of Article 9-B of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization; and

Considering that the Governments of Jamaica, Panama, and Venezuela were elected to the Executive Committee on the termination of the periods of office of Nicaragua, Peru, and Uruguay,

RESOLVES:

1. To declare the Governments of Jamaica, Panama, and Venezuela elected to the Executive Committee for a period of three years.

2. To thank the Governments of Nicaragua, Peru, and Uruguay for the services rendered to the Organization by their representatives on the Executive Committee.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session, 5 September 1964)

Resolution XVIII

Status of Malaria Eradication in the Americas

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the XII Report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on the status of malaria eradication in the Americas (Document CD15/5);¹

Noting the progress that has been achieved as the result of the coordinated efforts of the Governments, the World Health Organization, the Pan American Health Organization, the United Nations Children’s Fund, and the Agency for International Development of the United States of America;

Mindful, however, of the fact that in areas where there are pressing technical and other problems of persistent transmission of the disease, progress has been slow owing to the lack of sufficient funds to finance the supplementary measures required for the total solution of the problem;

Considering that both internal and international migrations from infected areas to others that are free of endemic malaria represent a constant threat of reinfection of these areas, and that this has already occurred in some places;

Considering the wide geographic distribution of malarious or potentially

¹ Scientific Publication PAHO 109 (in preparation).
malarious areas in the Hemisphere, which can give rise to epidemic situations that may hamper the economic and social development programs undertaken there, or even bring them to a total halt;

Bearing in mind that agricultural and stockraising activities, as well as industrial undertakings, benefit immediately and directly from malaria eradication programs conducted in the areas in which they operate; and

Aware of the research carried out by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, in cooperation with certain Governments, and the need to maintain and expand these investigations so as to devise economical methods for speeding up malaria eradication in problem areas,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the XII Report on the status of malaria eradication in the Americas (Document CD15/5).

2. To express its satisfaction with the progress that has been achieved and to reiterate the hope that UNICEF and the Agency for International Development will continue to support the campaign until malaria is eradicated from the Hemisphere.

3. To express its concern over the shortage of sufficient funds to intensify the campaign in areas where the transmission of the disease persists because of technical problems.

4. To again draw the attention of the Governments to the fact that, in providing funds for malaria programs, regard must be had to the problem of human migration from infected areas (with or without technical problems) to areas that are free of the disease, since this can lead to reinfection and thus nullify the results of previous efforts and investments.

5. To recommend to the Governments that, in drawing up their economic and social development programs (land settlement, irrigation, road building, etc.), they give careful attention to the possible repercussions of malaria on such programs.

6. To recommend to the Governments the desirability of studying the possibility of obtaining financial contributions from public or private enterprises engaged in industrial, agricultural, or stockraising activities in malarious or potentially malarious areas.

7. To recommend to the Director that he do everything possible to intensify the research program undertaken by certain Governments with the assistance of the World Health Organization and the Pan American Health Organization, in particular with a view to devising still more economical methods for the eradication of malaria in problem areas.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session, 5 September 1964)
Resolution XIX

Estimated Requirements for the Special Malaria Fund of the Pan American Health Organization

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the report of the Director on the estimated requirements for the Special Malaria Fund of PAHO (Document CD15/6);¹

Bearing in mind the efforts of the Governments to eradicate malaria in their territories in order to attain the objectives established in Title I of the Charter of Punta del Este and in Resolution A.2 appended to the Charter;

Considering that, despite the progress achieved, there are still problem areas in which the transmission of malaria persists and which require greater technical assistance from PAHO;

Bearing in mind that UNICEF continues to provide assistance and is even increasing it wherever supplementary measures are necessary;

Bearing in mind the extremely valuable voluntary contributions to the PAHO Special Malaria Fund made by certain Governments, in particular the Government of the United States of America, through the Agency for International Development; and

Considering that, in making regular contributions to the PAHO Special Malaria Fund, the countries and territories which are already completely or partly free of malaria transmission will indirectly protect their own areas against the reintroduction of this endemic disease,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the amounts needed to meet the requirements of the Special Malaria Fund of PAHO in 1965, as indicated in Document CD15/6.
2. To express appreciation to UNICEF for its decision to continue and even to increase its financial cooperation for the eradication of malaria in those countries which are in need of special assistance in order to interrupt transmission in areas where there are technical problems.
3. To urge the Governments of the countries or territories which are already wholly or partly free of malaria to contribute regularly to the PAHO Special Malaria Fund.
4. To again thank the Governments that have contributed to the PAHO Special Malaria Fund, especially the Government of the United States of America, for their continued contributions to the Fund, to enable the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to provide the technical assistance requested by

¹ Mimeographed document.
the Governments of the Hemisphere.

5. To again emphasize to the Governments of the Americas that malaria eradication should be considered an essential factor in economic development in rural areas, and that they should make every effort to promote the malaria campaign until eradication has been achieved.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session, 5 September 1964)

Resolution XX

Financing of the Malaria Eradication Program
in the Americas

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the reports of the Director on the progress of the malaria eradication program in the Americas (Documents CD15/5 and CD15/6);

Having noted the financial position of the PAHO Special Malaria Fund, which heretofore has been financed on the basis of voluntary contributions;

Recognizing that the program in the Americas is a crucial element in the campaign for the eradication of malaria throughout the world, which was established as an objective of the World Health Organization at the Eighth World Health Assembly, held in Mexico in 1955 (Resolution WHA8.30);¹

Noting Resolutions WHA14.38² and WHA14.15³ of the Fourteenth World Health Assembly, held in 1961, which made provision for incorporating the costs of the malaria eradication program into the regular budget of WHO; and

Believing that it is important to keep constantly in mind the element of urgency in malaria eradication programs, and that proper organization and assured financial support are indispensable,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to consult with the Director-General of the World Health Organization with a view to finding an appropriate method of assuring the financing of the malaria eradication program in the Americas.

2. To request the Director to report on this subject to the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Committee.

(Approved at the ninth plenary session, 5 September 1964)

³ Ibid., p. 7.
Resolution XXI

Status of the Continental Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Program

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the report of the Director on the status of the continental water supply and sewerage program for urban areas (Document CD15/16);¹

Bearing in mind the urgency of providing adequate water supply and sewerage services to urban areas, regardless of their size, in view of the importance of these services to the health and the social and economic progress of the people;

Considering the necessity of providing these services at a rate that will meet the needs of present metropolitan growth, so as to protect the health of these urban concentrations of people;

Noting with satisfaction the progress made in this field since 1961, as reflected by the fact that $500,000,000 have been committed by the Governments and by international credit institutions for the improvement of water supply and sewerage services;

Mindful, however, of the fact that new projects are not developing in accordance with the work schedules established to meet the needs and objectives set forth in the Charter of Punta del Este, or in pace with the present rate of increase of urban populations;

Recognizing that the support provided by the international credit institutions, especially the Inter-American Development Bank, has contributed greatly to progress in the water supply and sewerage programs; and

Noting that the voluntary contributions to the PAHO Community Water Supply Fund made by the Governments of Colombia, the United States of America, Uruguay, and Venezuela have made it possible to expand the Organization’s program of technical assistance in this field,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge each of the Governments to expand its program of urban water supply and sewerage services, and to give special attention to the development of sound project proposals supported by well-conceived plans and feasibility studies so as to ensure acceptance of projects by the international lending agencies, which will make it possible to meet existing and projected needs for these services.

2. To recommend that the Director increase the Organization’s technical assistance programs.

¹ See Official Document PAHO 60.
assistance to Governments and continue to collaborate closely with the Inter-American Development Bank and other agencies in order to advance the programs in this field.

3. To recommend that the Director draw up and submit a plan for financing the Organization's work in the field of urban water supply and sewerage services, taking into account the limitations and uncertainties of the Community Water Supply Fund contributions, and that he propose adjustments in the regular budget of the Organization for that purpose.

4. To request that the Director continue the Organization's program of cooperation in research, education, and training and in the strengthening of engineering schools, as a means of fostering progress in the field of water supply and sewerage services.

(Approved at the twelfth plenary session, 8 September 1964)

Resolution XXII

Progress Report on the Program of Rural Water Supply and Well-Being

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the progress report of the Director on the establishment of the continent-wide program of rural water supply and well-being (Document CD15/10);¹

Bearing in mind the urgency of providing rural community water supplies, in view of their importance to health and to the social and economic progress envisioned by the Alliance for Progress;

Considering the strong endorsement given to rural water supply activities by the XIV Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization (Resolution XX)² and by the Second Annual Meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council at the Ministerial Level (Resolution 19-M/63)³;

Recognizing the increased interest and concern of the Governments in connection with community water supplies, and the world-wide interest reflected by the action taken at the Seventeenth World Health Assembly (Resolution WHA17.40)⁴; and

Viewing with satisfaction the demonstrated interest in and support of the PAHO proposal for a program of rural water supply and well-being,

¹ See Official Document PAHO 60.
² Official Document PAHO 54, 15-16.
RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Director promptly to take all necessary steps to begin the continent-wide program of rural environmental health and well-being along the guidelines set forth in Document ES/RW-1, which calls for the participation of the communities, the establishment of national revolving funds, and for contributions from outside sources, so as to achieve the objectives contained in Resolution A.2 appended to the Charter of Punta del Este.

2. To ask the Director to continue his close collaboration with national and international organizations which are sources for grants or credits, especially the Inter-American Development Bank and the Agency for International Development of the United States of America, with a view to stimulating greater investments in community water supply systems.

3. To instruct the Director to assign high priority to community water supply programs and to expand and redeploy the present advisory services in order to enable the Pan American Health Organization to provide technical services and assist Governments with community organization and the integration of the rural water program with related community development, and to work out with lending and borrowing agencies methods of assuring the financing of technical assistance by the Organization.

4. To recommend that the Governments take appropriate action to establish in their countries adequate and competent organizations supported by the legal and financial provisions necessary for administering the rural water supply program at the national level, keeping in mind the need to integrate in the program related improvements for rural well-being and the social development of rural communities.

5. To recommend that loans for water supply revolving funds made to Governments or their independent agencies by international credit institutions should be at the lowest possible rate of interest and the longest possible repayment period so as to ensure that these programs will be self-sustaining in the future, including repayment through appropriate water rates.

6. To recommend that the Director continue to search for ways and means to secure appropriate international financing, within the framework of the instructions given by the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization and the recommendations of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, which will provide the most effective instrumentality for this program.

(Approved at the eleventh plenary session, 7 September 1964)

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1 See Official Document PAHO 60.
Resolution XXIII
Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the report of the Director on the fluoridation of public water supplies (Document CD15/29); \(^1\)

Considering that dental problems cannot be solved or dental disorders brought under control with the available professional resources and that the relative shortage of dental resources will become more pronounced as the population of Latin America increases;

Considering that the fluoridation of public water supplies is an effective means of preventing dental caries; and

Bearing in mind that, in order to hasten the extension of water fluoridation to areas that are not yet benefiting from this measure, there must be close collaboration and coordination between dentists and sanitary engineers,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the fluoridation of public water supplies (Document CD15/29) and to endorse the policy outlined in it.

2. To note with satisfaction the terms of the recommendations on fluoridation that were adopted by the IX Inter-American Congress of Sanitary Engineering, organized by the Inter-American Association of Sanitary Engineering (AIDIS) and held in Bogotá, Colombia, in July 1964.

3. To suggest to the national authorities responsible for providing public water supplies that they take the necessary steps to begin fluoridation in water systems which have not yet adopted that measure.

4. To recommend that the Director continue his efforts to obtain the funds needed to implement the proposed program.

(Approved at the eleventh plenary session, 7 September 1964)

Resolution XXIV
Status of National Health Planning

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the report of the Director on the status of national health planning (Document CD15/4); \(^2\) and

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\(^1\) See Official Document PAHO 60.

\(^2\) Ibid.
Recognizing the importance of systematic health planning carried out in conjunction with national economic and social development planning,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the report of the Director on the Organization’s collaboration with the Governments in the formulation of national health plans (Document CD15/4).

2. To take note of the substantial support given by the Organization to the training of health planning personnel, and to recommend that this assistance be continued.

3. To recommend that the Governments increase the scope of national training courses on planning for health workers at all levels.

4. To recommend that the Organization increase its collaboration with Governments in the administrative and management aspects of the planning activities, in view of the special skills required in that field during the implementation phase of the planning process.

5. To recommend that the Organization continue its studies, in association with the Governments, of the resources likely to be available for health development during the next ten years, in the light of the expected increase in the number of persons to be served, especially in rural areas that at present lack basic environmental and personal health services.

6. To recommend that the Organization continue its efforts, in conjunction with national and international organizations, to further develop the methodology of national health planning and improve the administrative aspects of health activities.

(Approved at the twelfth plenary session, 8 September 1964)

Resolution XXV
Planning of Hospitals and Health Facilities

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering that the health planning process within national administrations includes defining the relative role of hospitals and other health facilities in orderly national health development;

Considering that national plans are already demonstrating the urgent need for additional hospitals and other health facilities, and for the reorganization of some existing units;

Bearing in mind that hospital construction and operations already account for a substantial percentage of the national health expenditures, from whatever source;
Considering that there is costly overlapping of medical care facilities in some countries, and that the magnitude of costs of this part of national health development deserves special attention; and

Bearing in mind that the Second Annual Meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council at the Ministerial Level made recommendations to the Governments on health matters, including the planning for a more effective utilization of health care facilities,

RESOLVES:

1. To request that the Director of the Bureau, through an advisory committee, study the planning aspects of hospitals and health facilities within the national health planning process, and that he report to the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Committee and to the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council on how the Bureau can best participate in the planning for the construction, staffing, and operation of integrated hospitals and related health facilities designed to serve the community needs in the various countries.

2. To urge that the recommendations on this subject made by the Second Annual Meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council at the Ministerial Level be taken into account.

(Approved at the twelfth plenary session, 8 September 1964)

Resolution XXVI

Report on Buildings and Installations for Headquarters

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering the reports of the Director on the progress of the construction of the new headquarters building and the sale of the property owned by the Organization (Documents CE50/5 and CD15/11), and the report of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations; and

Having noted that the Executive Committee, at its 50th Meeting, designated the Governments of Brazil and Mexico to serve as members of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations,

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2 See Official Document PAHO 60.

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RESOLVES:

1. To thank the W. K. Kellogg Foundation for its generous gift of $5,000,000, and the Government of the United States of America for the donation of the site for the headquarters building.

2. To express its appreciation to the Chairman and the members of the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations for their valuable assistance in the prosecution of all activities related to the construction of the new headquarters building.

3. To request the Director to make further reports to the Executive Committee and the Directing Council on the progress of the construction of the headquarters building and the sale of the property at 1501-1515 New Hampshire Avenue, N. W., in Washington, D. C.

4. To request the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations to study the matter of gifts for the new building, to establish procedures and standards for the acceptance or rejection of gifts, and to communicate with Governments on these procedures and standards.

(Approved at the twelfth plenary session, 8 September 1964)

Resolution XXVII

Emergency Revolving Fund

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the report of the Director on the use of the Emergency Revolving Fund (Document CD15/14 and Addendum I); and

Considering that the Fund must be maintained at the established level if the important purpose of assistance to Governments for which it was created is to be fulfilled,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the use of the Emergency Revolving Fund (Document CD15/14 and Addendum I).

2. To urge Governments requesting assistance from the Fund to reimburse the amounts advanced as soon as possible.

(Approved at the twelfth plenary session, 8 September 1964)
Resolution XXVIII

Status of Aedes aegypti Eradication in the Americas

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the report of the Director on the campaign to eradicate Aedes aegypti in the Americas (Document CD15/20);  
Considering that despite the results obtained in this campaign there is still much to be done before the eradication of the mosquito in the Hemisphere is completed;  
Bearing in mind the provisions of Resolution XXXIV 2 adopted by the Directing Council at its XIII Meeting;  
Having regard to the fact that the resistance of Aedes aegypti to insecticides is a serious obstacle to the progress of the campaign in the Caribbean area; and  
Mindful that, in order not to jeopardize the success of the continent-wide campaign, it is essential to prevent the reinestation of areas already free of the mosquito,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the Governments of the countries and territories still infested by Aedes aegypti to make every effort to eradicate the mosquito as soon as possible.  
2. To remind the Governments of countries and areas from which the vector has been eradicated of the necessity of maintaining active vigilance services to prevent reinestation.  
3. To instruct the Director to intensify the studies now being undertaken for the solution of the resistance problem, and to take appropriate measures to complete Aedes aegypti eradication in the Americas as soon as possible.

(Approved at the thirteenth plenary session, 8 September 1964)

Resolution XXIX

Training of Auxiliary Personnel

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering the urgent need to train a sufficient number of auxiliary workers of a caliber to meet the demands of the economic, social, and health situation in each country;

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1 See Official Document PAHO 60.  
2 Official Document PAHO 41, 34.
Considering the need to set up guidelines for the training of auxiliary workers and of the persons who will teach them; and

Considering the advisability of determining the types, number, and duties of auxiliary workers in relation to professional personnel and to health programs,

RESOLVES:

To instruct the Director to prepare a study on the training of auxiliary workers that may serve as the basis for discussion at a meeting of national authorities experienced or interested in the question, with the collaboration of international experts, for the purpose of presenting, for consideration by the Organization, a policy for the training of auxiliary workers based on the needs of the countries of the Americas.

(Approved at the thirteenth plenary session, 8 September 1964)

Resolution XXX

Intercountry Exchange of Teaching and Other Health Personnel

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having carefully examined the report of the Director of the Bureau on the intercountry exchange of teaching and other health personnel (Document CD15/23), submitted in conformity with Resolution XXV adopted by the Directing Council at its XIV Meeting; and

Considering that the dissemination of information concerning the teaching activities of public and private agencies in the health field should be coordinated so as to facilitate exchange of personnel to the greatest extent possible,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Director for the extensive information contained in his report on the intercountry exchange of teaching and other health personnel (Document CD15/23).

2. To request the Director to study the advisability of establishing a clearinghouse for information about the need for and possibility of intercountry exchanges in the various fields mentioned in the above-mentioned report.

(Approved at the fifteenth plenary session, 9 September 1964)

1 See Official Document PAHO 60.
Resolution XXXI
Research Policy and Program of the Pan American Health Organization

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the report of the Director on the research policy and program of the Pan American Health Organization (Document CD15/19) ¹ and the report of the Third Meeting of the PAHO Advisory Committee on Medical Research; ²

Bearing in mind Resolution XXVI ³ of the XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference, which expressed satisfaction with the research policy and program as presented and requested the Director to submit an annual report to the Directing Council, which has been examined at the present meeting;

Recalling that the Task Force on Health at the Ministerial Level ⁴ took note of the importance of research and suggested that the Governments assess their research and research training resources and accelerate their activities in these fields with a view to the solution of social problems that have been given priority under national plans and in the Charter of Punta del Este;

Considering that the study of the multiple and complex factors affecting campaigns for the control and eradication of communicable diseases, improvement of nutrition, management of chronic and degenerative diseases, environmental sanitation and community development, as well as basic administrative aspects of planning, among others, cannot have a solid foundation unless programs of research are simultaneously developed in order to give the necessary support to those activities and permit periodic evaluations;

Believing that national development planning for health is an integral part of over-all national development, that the health and well-being of populations and of individuals are essential to progress generally, and that studies on population dynamics are necessary elements in the process of planning for health programs; and

Noting with satisfaction that the PAHO Advisory Committee on Medical Research has focused attention, from the scientific point of view, on the environmental determinants of community well-being in relation to urban and rural development,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the program of research that is now under way, with respect to both the scope and depth and the balance of the programmed activities.

¹ See Official Document PAHO 60.
² Document RES 3/8, mimeographed.
³ Official Document PAHO 48, 23.
⁴ Official Document PAHO 51, 39.
2. To recommend that the Organization undertake studies on population
dynamics and population growth, including medical demography, epidemiol-
ogy, and human reproduction as related to socioeconomic development, and
with the participation, when necessary, of schools of medicine and public
health and other research centers in such studies as may be immediately
related to the improvement of health in the various countries.

3. To recommend that the Organization give all possible advisory services
and collaboration for the development in the various countries of research in
the field of public health, as a necessary support to the health activities that
are being conducted by the countries.

4. To recommend to the Governments that they make every effort to improve
the training and research institutions for the development of health manpower
and research activities, giving maximum financial and other support to
ensure the necessary cooperation and coordination on a national and inter-
national basis.

5. To urge that the individual Governments, insofar as their resources
permit, consider the possibility of establishing a permanent national fund for
research on public health problems, assigning it the technical and adminis-
trative autonomy necessary for accomplishing its purposes.

(Approved at the fifteenth plenary session,
9 September 1964)

Resolution XXXII

Training in Preventive Aspects of Pathology

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering that a favorable attitude toward programs of preventive medi-
cine and public health is necessary in order to ensure the proper training
of new generations of physicians; and

Considering that the literature on human pathology should properly
emphasize the preventive aspects of medicine,

RESOLVES:

To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to arrange
for the preparation and publication of textbooks on pathology in which the
preventive aspects of the medical and social problems faced by most of the
countries of the Americas are properly dealt with.

(Approved at the fifteenth plenary session,
9 September 1964)
Resolution XXXIII
Selection of Topics for the Technical Discussions
during the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council of
PAHO, XVII Meeting of the Regional Committee of
WHO for the Americas

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Bearing in mind the provisions of Articles 1, 2, and 7 of the Rules for
Technical Discussions,¹

RESOLVES:

To select the topic “Methods of Improving Vital and Health Statistics” for
the Technical Discussions to be held during the XVI Meeting of the Directing
Council of PAHO, XVII Meeting of the Regional Committee of WHO for
the Americas.

(Approved at the fifteenth plenary session,
9 September 1964)

Resolution XXXIV
Important Aspects of the Award of Fellowships
by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering that one of the fundamental and basic purposes of the Pan
American Sanitary Bureau is the training of professional personnel who will
work in the health programs of the Continent;

Bearing in mind that in the budget approved for the coming year (Official
Document 52) each country is assigned an item for fellowships in the various
programs; and

Taking into account that in the past two years certain difficulties have
arisen that have prevented the Government of Cuba from utilizing the fellow-
ships awarded to it,

RESOLVES:

To request those Member Countries in which are held courses for which
fellowships are awarded by the Organization to grant every facility to the
designated fellows to enable them to attend the courses concerned.

(Approved at the fifteenth plenary session,
9 September 1964)

¹ Official Document PAHO 47, 76, 77.
Resolution XXXV

Status of the Problem of Venereal Diseases and of Venereal Disease Control Programs in the Americas

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having studied the report of the Director on the current status of the problem of venereal diseases in the Americas (Document CD15/30); 1

Considering that, in view of the clear increase in venereal diseases in the countries of the Americas, there is an urgent need for programs to be organized, or intensified, as the case may be, for the control of this group of illnesses; and

Considering the interest of the Pan American Health Organization in providing the Governments with all possible technical assistance, to aid in overcoming the problem of venereal diseases,

RESOLVES:

To request the Director to undertake a special study of the current situation of the venereal disease problem in the countries of the Americas, for the purpose of preparing a proposal for a continental program to control these diseases, and to report thereon to a future meeting of the Directing Council.

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Resolution XXXVI

Technical Discussions on “Tuberculosis Eradication: A Task for Present Planning and Future Action”

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the Final Report of the Technical Discussions on “Tuberculosis Eradication: A Task for Present Planning and Future Action”; 2

Considering that this report is an accurate summation of the contents of the working documents 3 and of the views expressed by the participants;

Considering that this report may be of practical use as a basic guide in the development of tuberculosis control programs; and

Bearing in mind the urgent need for the theoretical and practical training

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1 See Official Document PAHO 60.
2 Document CD15/DT/3, mimeographed.
3 Documents CD15/DT/1 and Add.1, CD15/DT/2, mimeographed.
of medical officers in the epidemiological, clinical, and administrative aspects of the diseases that constitute the major health problems,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Final Report and to express its satisfaction with the preparation and conduct of the Technical Discussions on "Tuberculosis Eradication: A Task for Present Planning and Future Action."

2. To request the Director to publish the working documents and the Final Report of the Technical Discussions, and to give them wide distribution.¹

3. To recommend to the Organization and to the Governments that in the matter of tuberculosis policy they take into account the guidelines contained in the report on these Technical Discussions, especially with respect to the training of medical officers.

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Resolution XXXVII

Collaboration of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in Administrative Practices of National Health Services

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the report of the Director on the administrative advisory services provided to Governments by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CD15/21); ²

Recognizing the continuing need for improvement, within the national health services, of the administrative machinery and procedures necessary to assure the efficient operation of the programs; and

Considering that, in the achievement of this objective, great importance is assigned to the establishment of basic standards which, within the framework of the legislation and the interests of each country, will make administrative research easier and ensure the uniform orientation of personnel devoted to specific administrative tasks,

RESOLVES:

1. To commend the Director on the efforts made to date by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in collaborating with the ministries of health to

¹ To be published in Spanish in the Boletín de la Oficina Sanitaria Panamericana and in the PAHO Scientific Publications series.
² See Official Document PAHO 60.
promote better administrative organization and practices.

2. To recommend to the Governments that they devote special attention to research in administration for the purpose of improving the practices and procedures employed in health administration.

3. To instruct the Bureau to undertake a study, in agreement with the various Governments, of basic standards and guidelines for courses aimed at training administrative personnel for health services.

4. To instruct the Director to report further on this matter to future meetings of the Governing Bodies.

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Resolution XXXVIII

Second Annual Meetings of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, and Related Matters

The Directing Council,

Having examined the report of the Director (Document CD15/7) on the Second Annual Meetings of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (IA-ECOSOC) at the Expert and the Ministerial Level;

Mindful that health is a basic component of economic and social development, that failure to incorporate plans for the effective control of preventable diseases in economic and social development projects interferes with the progress of such projects, and that these costly delays could have been avoided or minimized if the health sector at the national and international levels had participated in the planning and execution of these works;

Considering that the Act of Bogotá and the Charter of Punta del Este recognized the importance of having the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, as the representative of the health sector, take part in governmental and intergovernmental activities and programs relating to the planning of economic and social development so as to ensure the harmonious integration of these plans and programs;

Bearing in mind the need for including individual and collective health care in economic and social development activities;

Considering that the pattern of making loan funds available from international lending agencies at highly favorable terms has already been established in order to speed the progress of malaria eradication programs and overcome this obstacle to economic development; and

Bearing in mind the resolutions adopted by the Second Annual Meetings

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1 Mimeographed document.
of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, in particular Resolutions A-21/E63, A-11/E63, A-22/E63, C-4/E63, and 19-M/63, as well as the "Recommendations on Health" of the Final Report of the Second Annual Meeting of the IA-ECOSOC at the Ministerial Level,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the Second Annual Meetings of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council at the Expert and the Ministerial Level (Document CD15/7), and to commend him for the active part played by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in those meetings.

2. To instruct the Director to continue to provide such cooperation as he deems appropriate and necessary in order to ensure the full participation of the Bureau, at both the national and the international level, in the planning and implementation of the economic and social development programs of the Americas, especially in connection with large-scale national or intercountry programs.

3. To instruct the Director to continue his efforts to implement the resolutions and recommendations regarding health which were adopted by the IA-ECOSOC, in particular those referring to the program of rural environmental health and well-being and its integration in other community development programs, and those relating to the economic significance of foot-and-mouth disease.

4. To instruct the Director to support the Governments of the Organization in their efforts to have international credit organizations, when approving loans for the construction of large-scale irrigation, road building, and urbanization works, etc., assign sufficient funds to cope with the health problems to which such works give rise and to organize health services in the areas concerned.

5. To encourage Governments to seek and use effectively and rapidly loans from international lending agencies so as to complete the eradication of malaria within national borders.

6. To encourage Governments to assign representatives of the ministries of health to their delegations to the Annual Meetings of the IA-ECOSOC, as well as to other national commissions working with the Inter-American Committee of the Alliance for Progress (CIAP) or other international agencies or groups in planning for or evaluating national programs for development.

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Resolution XXXIX

Organization of the Pan American Sanitary Conference

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the preliminary report of the Director on the study of the organization of the Pan American Sanitary Conference (Document CD15/26 and Addendum),¹ and the working documents on the place of the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference (Document CD15/27 and Addendum);² and

Bearing in mind Resolution XXXVIII³ of the XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference, Resolution VIII⁴ of the 50th Meeting of the Executive Committee, and the opinions expressed in the discussion of these topics,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Director to inform the Member Governments of the Organization of the constitutional amendments proposed to the present meeting and those that may be received in good time before the 52nd Meeting of the Executive Committee.

2. To instruct the Executive Committee to submit a report to the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council on the organization, structure, and place of the meetings of the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Health Organization.

3. To transmit the proposals on the meeting place of the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference to the XVI Meeting of the Directing Council so that it may decide as it deems fit.

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Resolution XL

Study of the Relationship between Social Security Medical Programs and those of Ministries of Health or Other Official Health Agencies

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the report of the Director on the relationship between social security medical programs and those of ministries of health or other

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² Mimeographed document.
official health agencies (Document CD15/15); ¹

Considering that it is necessary to improve the procedures designed to achieve active health planning, extend the coverage of health services, coordinate the financing schemes, and integrate preventive and curative activities; and

Considering that the social security agencies are in a position to give assistance in the preventive programs of governmental agencies responsible for serving the entire population,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of and thank the Director for his report on the relationship between social security medical programs and those of ministries of health or other official health agencies (Document CD15/15).

2. To instruct the Director to continue to provide advisory services to the countries at their request and to promote the coordination of international organizations interested in this subject.

3. To recommend to the Director that he convene a Study Group to present to the Organization a report containing its views regarding the promotion of better coordination among the public health services and the medical care programs provided by the social security agencies and other organizations, and that he transmit that report to the Governments in due course.

4. To authorize the Director to take into account, when implementing the program and budget for 1965, such new needs as may arise from this resolution.

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Resolution XLI

Status of Smallpox Eradication in the Americas

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having considered the report of the Director on the status of smallpox eradication in the Americas (Document CD15/22),² and the program of the PAHO/WHO in this regard (Resolution WHA17.43);³

¹ See Official Document PAHO 60.
² Ibid.
Bearing in mind that smallpox has already disappeared from several countries of the Americas and that in others it is being eliminated through intensive vaccination campaigns, whereas in some the disease persists and no suitable smallpox campaign has been initiated;

Taking into account the fact that the Governments of the countries that are now free of the disease are concerned about the threat posed by the foci of smallpox that persist in the Americas;

Mindful of Resolution XIX \(^1\) adopted at the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference; and

Considering that contributions of vaccine have been made by countries in this Region as well as in other Regions of WHO,

RESOLVES:

1. To pay tribute to the memory of those public health workers who have faced great difficulties in the course of their work and have on occasion given their lives in fulfillment of their duty.

2. To again emphasize the urgent necessity of eradicating smallpox from the Hemisphere as part of the world-wide program for the purpose.

3. To express its satisfaction with the fact that smallpox has already disappeared from many countries of the Americas as a result of extensive eradication campaigns, and that other countries within the Hemisphere are carrying out intensive nation-wide campaigns to eliminate this disease.

4. To recommend to the Governments of countries that have eradicated smallpox that they maintain a high level of immunization and maintain constant vigilance against the recurrence of the disease.

5. To again urge the Governments of countries where smallpox still exists to institute eradication programs or to intensify those under way, to continue their efforts to overcome all administrative and financial difficulties in the way of these programs, and to assign such programs the high priority they deserve.

6. To instruct the Director to take all necessary steps to support and to provide the Governments with advisory services, to enable them to eradicate smallpox.

7. To authorize the Director, under special circumstances, to request and accept contributions of equipment, personnel, material, or other collaboration required to achieve the objective desired.

8. To recommend to the countries producing smallpox vaccine that they adopt measures designed to establish a "smallpox vaccine pool" through voluntary contributions of vaccine, so that supplies may be sent without

\(^1\) PAHO Publication 261, 159-160.
delay to countries where emergency situations arise.

9. To recommend to the Governments that they adopt special measures for the confirmation by all available means, and particularly laboratories, of any suspected case of smallpox found within their territory.

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Resolution XLII
Inter-American Investigation of Mortality

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined the report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on the progress of the Inter-American Investigation of Mortality (Document CD15/28);¹

Considering that this Investigation has revealed variations in death rates for malignant neoplasms according to site, for cardiovascular diseases, as well as for other causes, which warrant further investigation; and

Considering that additional information is being obtained through interviews with physicians and from laboratory and autopsy findings, in order to arrive at a more precise assignment of the underlying cause of death,

RESOVLES:

1. To recommend that the Governments and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau make full use of the results of the Inter-American Investigation of Mortality in order to develop studies to determine the factors responsible for the differences revealed by that Investigation.

2. To recommend that the Governments take the necessary steps to improve mortality statistics and medical certification, so that such data may be better utilized in both research and health programs.

3. To recommend that the Governments make full use of the results of the Inter-American Investigation of Mortality in their specific control programs.

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¹ See Official Document PAHO 60.
Resolution XLIII

Programs for the Eradication of Communicable Diseases

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Considering that programs for the eradication of communicable diseases which are implemented through special campaigns are exposed to serious risks of failure as they enter the phases of consolidation and vigilance, owing to the lack of a health infrastructure capable of maintaining their activities; and bearing in mind that it is precisely these communicable diseases that are the main causes of infant mortality in rural areas, which contain over 50 per cent of the population of Latin America,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to request UNICEF to include among its programs those designed to provide a health infrastructure in rural areas.

2. To request the Director to encourage and advise the Governments in the organization of this type of service.

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Votes of Thanks

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Expresses its thanks to His Excellency the President of the Republic of the United States of Mexico, Adolfo López Mateos, and to the Government of Mexico, in particular to Mr. José Gorostiza, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and Dr. José Alvarez Amézquita, Secretary of Health and Welfare, for the warm welcome accorded to the members of the Directing Council and the Secretariat of the XV Meeting, as well as for the excellent facilities that have ensured the successful prosecution of its work;

To the other Mexican authorities and public institutions and private organizations that have so generously assisted all the delegations;

To the members of the Mexican Committee designated to cooperate with the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in organizing the XV Meeting, for the
magnificent collaboration provided both before and during the meeting, and to the gracious ladies of the Hospitality Committee for their many kindnesses to the wives of the representatives; and

To the Director and the officers of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and to all the personnel of the Secretariat Services, for their efficient work, which made possible the satisfactory conduct of the work of the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the President of the Directing Council and the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Secretary ex officio, sign the present Final Report in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE in the City of Mexico, D. F., on the eleventh day of September 1964. The Secretary shall deposit the original texts in the archives of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and shall send copies thereof to the Governments of the Organization.

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