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XV Pan American Sanitary Conference

RESOLUTIONS

CSP15.R1 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined the annual report of the Executive Committee, presented by Mr. Humberto Olivero, delegate of Guatemala and Chairman of the 33rd, 34th and 35th Meetings of the Committee; and

Considering the terms of Article 8-C of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization,

Resolves:

To approve the annual report of the Chairman of the Executive Committee and to congratulate the Chairman, Mr. Humberto Olivero, and all members of the Committee on the work accomplished.

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CSP15.R2 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined the Annual Report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1957 and his quadrennial report on the activities of the Pan American Sanitary Organization during the period between the XIV (1954) and the XV (1958) Pan American Sanitary Conferences (Official Document 25),

Resolves:

To approve the Annual Report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Regional Office of the World Health Organization for the Americas, for 1957 and the Quadrennial Report (January 1954–December 1957) of the Director to the Member Governments of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, congratulating him on the effective work accomplished in the past four years and on the form of presentation of the reports, and extending its congratulations to the staff of the Bureau.

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CSP15.R3 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Resolves:

1. To approve the Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Organization for 1959 contained in Document CSP15/9, including the additional projects listed in Part B of that document.
2. To appropriate for the financial year 1959 an amount of \$3,600,000, as follows:

Purpose of Appropriation

PART I	PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION	\$ 217,162
PART II		1,276,464
PART III	PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU-HEAD-QUARTERS	2,106,374
	PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU-FIELD AND OTHER PROGRAMS	-----
		\$ 3,600,000
	Total-All Parts	
	Less:	

Estimated miscellaneous income		
Contributions of France, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom	\$ 64,714	
Total	35,286	
Total Estimated Receipts		100,000
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Total for assessment	-----
		\$ 3,500,000
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3. [To approve that] amounts not exceeding the appropriations noted under paragraph 2 be [made] available for the payments of obligations, in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Bureau, incurred during the period 1 January to 31 December 1959, inclusive.

4. [To approve that] the appropriations as noted above be financed by contributions from the Member Governments according to Article 60 of the Pan American Sanitary Code; contributions of France, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom according to Resolutions XV and XL of the V Meeting of the Directing Council; and miscellaneous income accruing to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

5. [To authorize] the Director to transfer credits between parts of the budget, provided that such transfers of credits between parts 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.

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CSP15.R4 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined Official Document 24 submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and containing the Proposed Program and Budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1960; and

Bearing in mind that the aforesaid Proposed Program and Budget is submitted to the Conference, as Regional Committee of the World Health Organization, for review and transmittal to the Director-General of the Organization so that he may take it into consideration in the preparation of the proposed budget of WHO for 1960,

Resolves:

1. To approve the transmittal of the Proposed Program and Budget of the World Health Organization for the Region of the Americas for 1960, and to request the Regional Director to transmit it to the Director-General of the Organization so that he may take it into consideration when preparing the WHO budget for 1960.
2. To recommend that in future programs special attention be given to the activities of public health administration, environmental sanitation, training of personnel, maternal and child health, and tuberculosis.

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CSP15.R5 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined Official Document 24 submitted by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and containing the provisional draft of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Organization for 1960; and

Taking into account the fact that the provisional draft, when approved, will serve as the basis for the preparation of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Organization for 1960 to be submitted to the 37th Meeting of the Executive Committee for consideration, and to the XI Meeting of the Directing Council in 1959 for final approval,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the provisional draft of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Organization for 1960.
2. To recommend that, in the preparation of future programs and budgets special attention be given to the activities of public health administration, environmental sanitation, training of personnel, maternal and child health, and tuberculosis.

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CSP15.R6 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Bearing in mind that smallpox is still an important public health problem in some countries of the Americas;

Considering that it is essential to eradicate this disease in all countries to safeguard the peoples of the Continent; and

Taking into account the resolutions on this subject adopted by the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Sanitary Organization and the World Health Organization, especially Resolution WHA11.54 of the Eleventh World Health Assembly,

Resolves:

1. To declare the eradication of smallpox to be a public health necessity that urgently requires the attention of all the countries of the Americas.
2. To urge the Governments of the countries where smallpox still exists to carry out nation-wide plans for the eradication of this disease.
3. To request the cooperation of the Member Governments in supplying smallpox vaccine and technical advice, with a view to achieving eradication on a continent-wide scale.
4. To recommend that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau take all necessary measures to reach this goal, including collaboration in the production of vaccine, advice in the organization of nation-wide campaigns, and the holding of intercountry meetings for the purpose of coordinating activities in this field.

5. To request the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to undertake the necessary studies to establish a definition of eradication suitable for uniform application in the different countries.

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CSP15.R7 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined the draft Rules for Technical Discussions in the Conference and the Directing Council,

Resolves:

To approve the Rules for Technical Discussions at meetings of the Pan American Sanitary Conference and of the Directing Council.¹

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CSP15.R8 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined the Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for 1957 (Official Document N° 26); and

Bearing in mind that the Executive Committee approved the aforesaid reports at its 34th Meeting (Resolution IV),

Resolves:

To approve the financial Report of the Director and the Report of the External Auditor for the fiscal year 1957.

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CSP15.R9 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Bearing in mind that the External Auditor, in his report for the fiscal year 1957 (Official Document 26) pointed out the danger that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau might encounter serious financial difficulties if its Working Capital Fund is not maintained at an appropriate level; and

Considering that Resolution VI, adopted by the Directing Council at its X Meeting, authorized the establishment of the Working Capital Fund at a level of 60 per cent of the budget approved for the fiscal year,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report of the Director on the collection of quota contributions contained in Document CSP15/14.
2. To express the concern of the Conference at the condition of the Working Capital Fund as reflected in the report of the External Auditor for the fiscal year 1957.
3. To point out that it is desirable for the quota payments to be made as early as possible within the year they are due.
4. To request of the Member Governments that, bearing in mind the need to maintain the Working Capital Fund at the level established by the Directing Council at its X Meeting, and to the end that the work of the Pan American Sanitary Organization not be hampered, they endeavor in every way to make the payment of their arrearages as promptly as possible.

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CSP15.R10 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined the report presented by the Director on the Emergency Revolving Fund (Document CSP15/11), in which an account is given of the activities in connection with the Fund,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the report presented by the Director on the Emergency Revolving Fund.
2. To express its satisfaction with the way in which the Governments reimburse the sums advanced from the Emergency Revolving Fund, and at the efficiency with which the Pan American Sanitary Bureau has taken action in the urgent cases that have required its services.

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CSP15.R11 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Acting pursuant to Staff Regulation 12.2,

Resolves:

To take note of the amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, approved by the Director and confirmed by the Executive Committee at its 34th and 35th Meetings, which appear in Document CE35/2, Annex.

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CSP15.R12 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having taken note of the report presented by the Director of the Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama (INCAP) on the organization and work of that institution, which is an outstanding example of the success of coordination among countries for the study and solution of their most important public health problems,

Resolves:

1. To congratulate the Director of INCAP on the effective work accomplished by the Institute.
2. To consider nutrition a fundamental public health problem in the countries of the Americas.
3. To recommend to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau that regional plans for the study of nutrition problems in countries with similar conditions be prepared and that the necessary technical advice be provided.
4. To recommend to the Governments of the Member Countries of the Organization that they intensify their surveys of nutritional conditions, the enrichment of foods, and the exchange of basic food products in such a way as to make it possible to overcome the chief nutritional deficiencies existing in the countries of the Americas.
5. To recommend to the Governments of the Member Countries that, in the curricula of medical schools and in postgraduate studies in the field of public health, nutrition be considered a basic subject, and that it be given the importance that is its due, bearing in mind its great significance to the individual and to society.
6. To express appreciation to UNICEF, to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and to the Cooperative for American Remittances to Everywhere (CARE) for their collaboration in the programs of supplementary feeding in the various countries, and to express the hope that this valuable aid will be continued.

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CSP15.R13 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering that endemic goiter is still a grave public health problem that must be solved in a number of countries in the Americas,

Resolves:

1. To recommend to the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau that surveys on the incidence of endemic goiter be promoted in those countries of the Americas in which they have not yet been made, and that the solution of this problem be facilitated through the preparation of adequate plans, the provision of technical advice, and the enactment of special laws.
2. To recommend to the Governments of the Member Countries of the Organization that have not carried out campaigns for the prevention of endemic goiter that they carry them out on an over-all basis, in view of the seriousness of this deficiency disease to the individual and to society.

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CSP15.R14 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined the report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on the status of malaria eradication in the Americas;¹

Taking into account the considerable efforts, both technical and financial, being made by the Member Countries of the Organization to achieve the eradication of this disease; and

Taking into account the resolutions adopted by the Governing Bodies, especially Resolution XLII of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference and Resolution WHA8.30 of the Eighth World Health Assembly,

Resolves:

1. To congratulate the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on the documented report presented, and to express the satisfaction of the Conference at the diligent work carried out by the technical staff of the Bureau in the development of eradication programs.
2. To express the deep appreciation of the Conference for the assistance provided by UNICEF for the development of the continent-wide eradication program and to reiterate the hope that this cooperation will continue until the total eradication of malaria in the Americas has been achieved.

3. To express, also, the thanks of the Conference to the International Cooperation Administration of the United States of America (ICA) for its effective contribution to the continent-wide eradication campaign.
4. To express the appreciation of the Conference to the Governments of Venezuela, Haiti, the United States of America, and the Dominican Republic for their voluntary contributions to the Special Malaria Fund of PASO.
5. To recognize the importance of international collaboration for the success of the malaria eradication program, and of the participation of the United Nations Technical Assistance Program in the plan of activities that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the various Member Governments are jointly carrying out in this field.
6. To express the appreciation of the Conference to Brazil, Mexico, Venezuela, Guatemala, and Jamaica for their effective cooperation in the training of personnel for the campaign.
7. To recommend that the Member Governments continue their eradication programs in accordance with the technical plans outlined, and establish all possible coordination for the development of their campaigns in border areas.
8. To recommend that the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau promote research on the problem of resistance to insecticides and on the preparation of new insecticides and antimalarial drugs.

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CSP15.R15 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

The Pan American Sanitary Conference elected Brazil, the United States of America, and Honduras to the Executive Committee upon termination of the periods of office of Nicaragua, Cuba, and Bolivia, and thanked the Governments of these countries for the valuable services rendered to the Organization by their representatives on the Committee.

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CSP15.R16 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Bearing in mind the terms of Article 7, paragraph A, of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization,

Resolves:

To express its appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Argentina, and to accept its invitation to have the XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference held in the city of Buenos Aires.

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CSP15.R17 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Bearing in mind the work done as head of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau by Dr. Fred L. Soper, who will remain as a constant example of willing service and noble devotion to the cause of the health of the peoples of the Americas; and

Considering that the term of office of Dr. Fred L. Soper will expire on 1 February 1959, and that his work deserves the gratitude, affection, and admiration not only of the Pan American Sanitary Organization but of all the countries of the Hemisphere as well,

Resolves:

1. To declare Dr. Fred L. Soper Director Emeritus of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
2. To recommend to the XI Meeting of the Directing Council that, in an official ceremony, it present to Dr. Fred L. Soper a scroll in which this designation is recorded.
3. To present to Dr. Fred L. Soper a gold medal, the obverse of which will bear his likeness and the reverse will bear an inscription reading "Fred L. Soper, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, 1947–1959" in the center,

encircled by the words "In recognition of his work in behalf of continental health."1

4. To authorize the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to make the necessary funds available, within the budget, for carrying out the decision above.

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CSP15.R18 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined the Regional projects under the United Nations Expanded Program of Technical Assistance, which appear in Official Document 24 of the Pan American Sanitary Organization,

Resolves:

To approve the Regional projects that will be financed in 1959 with funds from the aforesaid Expanded Program and that are to be submitted to the United Nations Technical Assistance Board.

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CSP15.R19 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined the report on the fellowship program,1 presented by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in compliance with Resolution XV adopted by the Directing Council at its X Meeting,

Resolves:

1. To express to the Director of the Bureau the congratulations of the Conference on the content of the report presented on the fellowship program.

2. To recommend to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau that it continue [to broaden] the fellowship program and to coordinate it effectively with similar programs of other organizations.
3. To recommend to the Director of the Bureau that he study the possibility of considering special types of fellowships for high officials in the fields of health and teaching that will include greater facilities and be in keeping with the rank of such officials.
4. To recommend to the Governments of the Member Countries of the Organization that they draw up their fellowship programs in advance, in accordance with national needs; that they adopt the most appropriate procedures for the proper selection of candidates; that they make available to the fellows the necessary means to enable them to complete their studies effectively and without anxiety; and that, on completion of their training, they be given an appropriate position that will ensure the utilization of their knowledge in the best interest of public health.
5. To recommend to the Director that he put into practice the necessary measures for a continuing evaluation of the fellowship program.

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CSP15.R20 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined the proposal concerning the holding of Inter-American Congresses of Public Health,¹

Resolves:

1. To accept, in principle, the desirability of holding Inter-American Congresses of Public Health once every four years.
2. To instruct the Executive Committee to study, with the assistance of the Director, the procedures for holding such congresses, keeping in mind the desirability that they take place before each quadrennial meeting of the Pan American Sanitary Conference, replacing the Technical Discussions at these meetings.

3. To instruct the Executive Committee to give special attention to:

- a) The costs of such congresses, and their distribution between the Pan American Sanitary Organization and the host country;
- b) The nature and duration of the proposed discussions; and
- c) The establishment of rules of procedure for the congresses.

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CSP15.R21 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined the report of the Director on the work performed by the Technical Committee of Experts assigned to prepare a manual containing recommended minimum standards of sanitation in hotels, restaurants, transportation facilities, and tourist centers,

Resolves:

- 1. To take note of the report presented by the Director, in which it is stated that the Technical Committee of Experts has completed a draft of the manual, and that once it has been reviewed the manual will be transmitted to the Member Governments and to interested organizations for information and whatever action they deem appropriate.
- 2. To express to the members of the Technical Committee its appreciation of the valuable collaboration they are rendering in this task.

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CSP15.R22 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined Document CSP15/35,1 presented by the Delegation of Panama, on the advertising of medicinal products,

Resolves:

To instruct the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to include on the agenda of the XI Meeting of the Directing Council a topic on the problems arising from the advertising of medicinal products.

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CSP15.R23 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having seen Document CSP15/18, in which the Director has submitted to the Regional Committee for the Americas Resolutions WHA11.42, WHA11.16, WHA11.54, EB22.R23, EB21.R48, and EB21.R53; and

Bearing in mind that the Conference has adopted specific resolutions on the eradication of malaria, the eradication of smallpox, WHO participation in the Expanded Program of Technical Assistance, and the review of salaries, allowances, and benefits,

Resolves:

To take note of Resolutions WHA11.42 (Malaria Eradication Program), WHA11.16 (Malaria Eradication Special Account), WHA11.54 (Eradication of Smallpox), EB22.R23 (Organizational Study on Regionalization), EB21.R48 (WHO Participation in the Expanded Program of Technical Assistance), and EB21.R53 (Review of Salaries, Allowances, and Benefits).

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CSP15.R24 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having considered the interesting paper on diabetes presented by the Delegation of Uruguay (Document CSP15/33);¹ and

Bearing in mind that the number of diabetes cases tends to rise with the increase in life expectancy and from causes that are not well defined,

Resolves:

To recommend to the Governments of the Member Countries of the Organization that they draw up, in their plans for preventive medicine, programs to intensify the early diagnosis of diabetes and encourage the use of public and private resources for the proper treatment and care of diabetics.

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CSP15.R25 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having taken note of the document on the topic "Drug Registration and Related Problems," presented by the Delegation of Venezuela, and the supplementary information submitted by the Director (Document CSP15/20);¹ and

Considering the proper control of foods and drugs to be of the utmost importance to public health,

Resolves:

1. To express the satisfaction of the Conference at the establishment of a food and drug control program in the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
2. To recommend that countries that export pharmaceutical products, and whose legislation permits, adopt the pertinent measures to control the quality of these products.
3. To recommend that the Member Governments of the Organization take the necessary measures for the control of foods and pharmaceutical products, and that they authorize the importation of only such foods, drugs, and therapeutic products as have been authorized for domestic consumption in the exporting countries.
4. To recommend that the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau attempt in future programs to give the widest possible distribution to publications on advances made in therapeutics and pharmacology, that regional meetings for the

study of the food and drug control problem be organized, and that a larger number of fellowships be awarded for the training of specialists in control techniques, with a view to improving the quality of such products.

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CSP15.R26 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Bearing in mind that the word "Sanitary" in the name of the Pan American Sanitary Organization does not express fully or accurately the character of the Organization or its functions in the broad field of health as established in Article 1 of the Constitution;

Considering that the substitution of the word "Health" for "Sanitary" in the name of the Organization, in the four official languages (in English, Pan American Health Organization; in French, Organisation panaméricaine de la Santé; in Portuguese, Organização Pan-Americana da Saúde; and in Spanish, Organización Panamericana de la Salud), would correct this situation and, by promoting a better understanding of the Organization's activities, would gain greater support on the part of the general public; and

[Taking into account] the provisions of Article 25 of the Constitution,

Resolves:

To replace the name "Pan American Sanitary Organization" by "Pan American Health Organization" in Articles 1, 2 (paragraph A), 3, 19 (paragraph B), and 21 (paragraph A) of the Constitution.

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CSP15.R27 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering Resolutions I and III adopted by the Executive Committee at its 29th and 34th Meetings, respectively,

Resolves:

To amend Article 15 of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization to read as follows:

The Executive Committee shall elect from among its members a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, who shall hold office until their successors are elected. The election shall take place each year at the first meeting of the Executive Committee following the election of its new members.

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CSP15.R28 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Bearing in mind that Article 12, paragraph C, of the Constitution lists among the functions of the Executive Committee that of preparing, with the cooperation of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, the proposed program and budget;

Bearing in mind that it would be advisable for the Director, in addition to cooperating with the Executive Committee, to be able to present on his own part the proposed program and budget that he deems most appropriate in each instance; and

Considering that this procedure is already established in Article 55 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization with respect to the Director-General of that Organization,

Resolves:

1. To amend Article 12, paragraph C, of the Constitution to read as follows:

To consider and submit to the Conference or to the Council the proposed program and budget prepared by the Director, with such recommendations as it deems advisable.

2. To make the corresponding changes in Article III of the Financial Regulations of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which will read as follows:

3.1 The proposed annual program and budget shall be prepared by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

3.2 The estimates shall cover expenditures for the financial year to which they relate, and shall be presented in U.S. dollars.

3.3 The annual budget estimates shall be divided into parts, sections, chapters, and articles, and shall be accompanied by such information annexes and explanatory statements as may be requested on behalf of the Conference or the Directing Council, and such further annexes or statements as the Director may deem necessary and useful.

3.4 The Director shall submit the proposed annual program and budget to the Executive Committee for examination.

3.5 The Executive Committee shall examine the Director's proposed program and budget and shall make such recommendations thereon as it deems appropriate.

3.6 The proposed program and budget shall be submitted to the Conference or the Directing Council for consideration, together with the recommendations made thereon by the Executive Committee. The proposed program and budget shall be transmitted to all the Member States at least 30 days prior to the meeting of the Conference or of the Directing Council.

3.7 The budget for the following financial year shall be adopted by the Conference or by the Directing Council.

3.8 Supplementary estimates may be submitted by the Director when and as he may deem necessary.

3.9 The Director shall prepare supplementary estimates in a form consistent with the annual estimates and shall submit such estimates to the Executive Committee for examination and recommendation. The Director shall [thereafter] submit the supplementary estimates, together with the comments of the Executive Committee, to the Conference or the Directing Council for consideration.

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CSP15.R29 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having noted the critical need for permanent Headquarters accommodations for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the requirements for Zone Office accommodations,

Resolves:

1. To take note of the action of the Director in obtaining Zone Office accommodations.
2. To instruct the Director to continue negotiations with the Government of the United States of America with the objective of solving at the earliest possible time the matter of a site for the Headquarters of the Bureau; to prepare suggestions on the financing of, and construction plans for, the permanent Headquarters building; and to report thereon to the 37th Meeting of the Executive Committee, so that a proposal may be submitted to the XI Meeting of the Directing Council for consideration.

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CSP15.R30 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering that neither the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization nor the regulations in force establish a clear and detailed procedure for the election of the Director, and that they do not set forth the terms and duration of his post;

Bearing in mind that the Member Governments have encountered difficulties of interpretation in consulting the Constitution and the regulations, and that, as may be seen from the report of the Committee appointed to study Article 53 of the Rules of Procedure of the XV Conference, the need to clarify the texts of these documents has become apparent; and

Considering that a method for selecting and nominating candidates should be adopted sufficiently in advance of a Conference,

Resolves:

To recommend to the Executive Committee the establishment of a working party that, with legal counsel, will make a study of the problems inherent in the election of the Director and present, after consultation with the Member Governments, a proposal to the XIII Meeting of the Directing Council, so that it may adopt a specific procedure governing the election of the Director.¹

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CSP15.R31 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering that, in order to assure uniformity of conditions of employment, the Pan American Sanitary Bureau since 1949 has adopted essentially the Staff Rules and Regulations relating to salaries, allowances, benefits, and other conditions of employment of the World Health Organization;

Considering that full realization of efforts to establish uniform and equitable conditions of employment for the staff of the international health agencies has not been achieved, notably in the matter of minus post adjustments, which have not been implemented by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, this decision having been confirmed by the Executive Committee at its 31st Meeting¹ and the Directing Council at its X Meeting;

Considering that present salaries, allowances, benefits, and other conditions of employment are no longer adequate to attract many health workers to appointments in the international health agencies;

Considering that the conditions of employment should facilitate the policy of rotation of professional staff;

Considering that the Director-General of the World Health Organization has invited the X Meeting of the Regional Committee to express its views on the subject of suitable staff regulations on salaries and allowances adapted to the needs of international health organizations; and

Considering that the 34th Meeting of the Executive Committee, in Resolution V, recommended approval and implementation through negotiation with the

Executive Board of the World Health Organization of the principles contained in Document CSP15/12 as a general guide for the development of an improved system of personnel administration for international health agencies,

Resolves:

1. To approve the statement of basic principles contained in Document CSP15/12, Rev. 1,2 with the exception of the statement on family allowances, which was rejected by the X Meeting of the Directing Council, as a general guide for the development of an improved system of personnel administration for the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and to recommend these principles for adoption by the World Health Organization.
2. To recommend that the World Health Organization adopt a policy of nonimplementation of minus post adjustments, like that applied by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and confirmed by unanimous vote of the Directing Council.
3. To recommend prompt action in increasing the salaries of professional personnel of the World Health Organization and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau in order to attract the [most highly] qualified public health workers.
4. To recommend that the World Health Organization and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau devise means for facilitating the rotation of professional personnel.
5. To authorize the Executive Committee to negotiate with the Executive Board of the World Health Organization for the implementation of these principles through the adoption of [a set of] revised Staff Rules and Regulations based thereon.
6. To recommend that the World Health Organization invoke, if necessary, Staff Regulation 3.2, so as to permit any deviation from the United Nations scale of salaries and allowances that may be necessary for the requirements of the World Health Organization.

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CSP15.R32 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Recognizing that a high degree of mutual respect and understanding has developed among the health leaders of the Americas, which facilitates the conduct of business in meetings of the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Sanitary Organization;

Considering that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau has won the full confidence of the members of the Organization;

Considering that efficient conference techniques have now become well established and facilitate the dispatch of business;

Considering the desirability of maximum economy in the administration of meetings;

Considering that Article 14, paragraph A, of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization provides that the Executive Committee shall meet at least every six months; and

Believing that a saving in time and expense can be made in future meetings by improved scheduling,

Resolves:

To instruct the Director that, when he convokes the Pan American Sanitary Conference, the Directing Council, and the Executive Committee, he plan the meetings so that they will be held with the fewest possible sessions, of the shortest possible duration, and with the greatest economy possible, within limits compatible with the requirements of their respective agenda.

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CSP15.R33 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Bearing in mind Article 4, paragraph E, of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, which provides that the Conference shall elect the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau by a two-thirds vote of the countries represented and with a right to vote;

Bearing in mind that the XII Pan American Sanitary Conference adopted a resolution that provides that the term of office of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall be four years; and

Bearing in mind Article 4 of the Agreement between the World Health Organization and the Pan American Sanitary Organization, and Articles 49 and 52 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, which establish the procedure for the appointment of the Regional Director of the World Health Organization,

Resolves:

1. To declare Dr. Abraham Horwitz elected Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for a period of four years to begin 1 February 1959.
2. To apprise the Executive Board of the World Health Organization of the designation of Dr. Abraham Horwitz, for appointment as Regional Director for the Americas.

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CSP15.R34 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Bearing in mind the suggestion contained in paragraph 4 of the report of the special committee appointed by the Conference to consider Article 53 of the Rules of Procedure (Document CSP15/47),¹ to the effect that the Executive Committee make a study, with legal advice, of the texts of the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure of the Conference for the purpose of achieving greater clarity of expression and adequate equivalence of meaning between the English and the Spanish texts; and

Considering that the discussions at this Conference have brought to light the need for these texts to be more adequate for their own objectives,

Resolves:

1. To instruct the Executive Committee to undertake, with legal advice, a thorough study of the Constitution of the Organization and the Rules of Procedure of the XV Conference, in order that it may prepare suggestions (a) to

improve their clarity and the equivalence of meaning between the English and the Spanish texts of these basic documents, and (b) to the end that the aforementioned texts may be more adequate for their own objectives.

2. To suggest to the Executive Committee that it consider the advisability of naming a subcommittee to make the said study.

3. To instruct the Executive Committee to request the opinion of the Governments with respect to its suggestions, and thereafter to submit its recommendations to a future meeting of the Directing Council for appropriate action.

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CSP15.R35 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Bearing in mind the reports presented at this Conference on the status of the eradication of *Aedes aegypti* for Bolivia, Brazil, British Honduras, the Canal Zone, Ecuador, French Guiana, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay, according to which those countries and territories are declared to be free of *Aedes aegypti*, after satisfactorily meeting the standards on which the criteria established by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for this purpose are based,

Resolves:

To accept the reports that have been presented, in which it is declared that Bolivia, Brazil, British Honduras, the Canal Zone, Ecuador, French Guiana, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay are free of *Aedes aegypti*, and to appeal to the other countries and territories that are still infested to intensify their anti-*aegypti* activities under the terms of the resolution approved at the XI Pan American Sanitary Conference at Rio de Janeiro.

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CSP15.R36 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering that the XII Pan American Sanitary Conference in 1947, the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference in 1950, and the VIII Meeting¹ of the Directing Council in 1955 recommended to the Member Countries that had not already done so that they adopt a system of full-time employment for their technical personnel, guaranteeing them stability of employment, promotion on a merit basis, and adequate compensation;

Considering that the Summary of Four-Year Reports on Health Conditions in the Americas² shows that there are still many countries that have not followed these recommendations, and that in these countries many physicians who work in the health services are employed on a part-time basis;

Bearing in mind the fact that the financial resources of the Governments and of the Pan American Sanitary Organization and the World Health Organization are not advantageously used when spent for fellowships and training for part-time public health personnel; and

Considering that all the countries in the Americas have an interest in the establishment of adequately staffed health services in every country because of the interdependence of the countries in matters affecting the health of their populations,

Resolves:

To recommend to those Member States that have not already done so that they establish a system of full-time employment for specialized public health personnel ensuring: (a) security of tenure in a career service; (b) selection and promotion of adequately trained personnel on a merit basis; and (c) adequate compensation.

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CSP15.R37 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Considering that the Summary of Four-Year Reports on Health Conditions in the Americas,¹ prepared for this Conference, represents an obvious advance in

providing data for the planning of national and international public health programs;

Considering that, for the preparation of a report of the same nature to be presented at the XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference, it will be very useful to have available, from all the countries, the most complete information possible, which would include the greatest [amount] of data concerning vital and public health statistics; and

Considering that the Eleventh World Health Assembly, in Resolution WHA11.38, has invited the Member Governments to present reports on the period 1957–1960 in order to prepare its second report on the world health situation,

Resolves:

1. To recommend to the Member Countries that they take the necessary measures to have their reports on health conditions, which they will prepare for the XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference, include complete information in the various fields of statistics.
2. Likewise, to recommend to the Member Countries that they improve the information presented with a view to making it possible to determine what the problems are and to know what resources are available--factors [that are] essential for the most effective planning of national and international health programs.
3. To request the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to collaborate by providing technical services to aid the countries in obtaining the statistical information that they will have to prepare for the four-year report to be presented to the XVI Pan American Sanitary Conference and for the second report of WHO on the world situation.

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CSP15.R38 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Having examined the report presented by Dr. Héctor Gómez (Colombia), Rapporteur of the Technical Discussions on "The Prevention of Accidents in Childhood,"¹ held during the present Conference under the chairmanship of the Moderator, Dr. Félix Hurtado (Cuba), following the presentation of the topic by the expert, Dr. James L. Goddard, Chief, Accident Prevention Program, United States Public Health Service,

Resolves:

To take note of the report on the Technical Discussions, expressing the satisfaction of the Conference with the manner in which they were conducted and the accuracy with which the report has interpreted them.

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CSP15.R39 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Bearing in mind the excellence of the performance of Dr. Fred L. Soper during the twelve years he served as Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau;

Taking into account the efforts which Dr. Soper, that eminent worker, made to advance the cause of health in the Continent;

Recognizing his as the exceptional case of a scientist who has carried out a practical task on behalf of the peoples of an entire continent, and even of the entire world, with insuperable skill; and

Considering that these facts and circumstances merit the highest recognition by the Governments and the peoples,

Resolves:

1. To declare by acclamation that Dr. Fred L. Soper, symbol of the continent-wide progress in health achieved to the present day, is deserving of the title of Citizen of the Americas.
2. To forward this resolution, together with the minutes of the sessions at which it was proposed and adopted, to the Organization of American States with the

request that it study the possibility of giving solemn and concrete expression to the unanimous wish of this Conference.

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CSP15.R40 The XV Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Bearing in mind the provisions of Articles 1, 2, and 7 of the Rules for Technical Discussions during the meetings of the Pan American Sanitary Conference and the Directing Council,

Resolves:

1. To select the general topic "Water" for the Technical Discussions that will take place during the XI Meeting of the Directing Council, XI Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas.
2. To request the Executive Committee to determine the aspects of the aforesaid general topic that should be examined in the discussions.
3. To authorize the Director to designate three experts (one sanitary engineer, one public health physician, and one economist) to present an introductory statement on the topic chosen.

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