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IV MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE  
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PRECIS MINUTES  
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PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FIRST PLENARY SESSION  
Havana, Cuba  
Monday, 15 September 1952, at 10:00 a.m.

Provisional Chairman: Dr. Nacianceno ROMERO Chile  
Chairman: Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ Venezuela  
Vice-Chairmen: Dr. Francisco BARRERA Cuba  
Y CAÑEDO  
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN Ecuador  
Secretary: Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE Pan American  
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2. Topic 2: Establishment of Committee on Credentials
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8. Topic 7: Annual Report of the Chairman of the Executive Committee (Document CD6/16)
9. Topic 8: Report of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CD6/13-Corr. 1)
10. Topic 9: Appointment of a Committee to Draft the Annual Report of the Directing Council to the Participating Governments (Document CD6/17)
11. Expression of Sympathy to His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Cuba, General Fulgencio Batista

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Dr. Pedro NOGUEIRA RIVERO	
Dr. José A. BUSTAMANTE	World Medical Association

1. TOPIC 1: OPENING BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE V MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

Dr. Nacienceno ROMERO (Chile), Chairman of the V Meeting of the Directing Council, opened the VI Meeting and welcomed the Representatives and Observers. He said that this Meeting is of special importance, since it will consider the proposed program and budget, the revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, the amendments to the rules of procedure of the Directing Council, and other topics of major interest. The Representatives will also be invited to sign the Additional Protocol to the Pan American Sanitary Code which, by a happy coincidence, was signed in this same city in 1924.

Furthermore, the fiftieth anniversary of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the First Inter-American Congress of Public Health are being held, and a heart-felt tribute will be paid to the memory of the illustrious Cuban scientist, Dr. Carlos J. Finlay.

With regard to the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the Bureau, Dr. Romero said that we can look back with pride on the progress made toward the achievement of certain fundamental objectives, such as collaboration with the governments, the encouragement of efforts to improve the physical well-being of the people and to raise the standard of health throughout the Americas. The topics to be dealt with by the Inter-American Congress of Public Health will be a valuable contribution toward the development of public health methods. In conclusion, Dr. Romero again referred to the tribute to be paid to the discoverer of the vector of yellow fever, adding that in extending his greetings to the people of Cuba, he evoked the memory of their eminent scientist, Dr. Carlos J. Finlay.

2. TOPIC 2: ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The Chairman suggested the names of the Representatives of Cuba, El Salvador, and Paraguay as members of the Committee on Credentials.

DECISION TAKEN

The suggestion of the Chairman was unanimously approved, and the Committee on Credentials was established with the Representatives of Cuba, El Salvador, and Paraguay as members.

3. TOPIC 3: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND TWO VICE-CHAIRMEN

The CHAIRMAN requested that nominations be made for the position of Chairman of the VI Meeting of the Directing Council.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) nominated the Representative of Venezuela.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) nominated the Representative of El Salvador.

Dr. GONZALEZ (Venezuela) thanked the Representative of El Salvador for the honor, but said that other persons were present whose long experience better qualified them for the position. He then nominated the Representative of Mexico.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) seconded the motion of the Representative of Venezuela.

During the voting, the SECRETARY read the pertinent articles of the Rules of Procedure.

The CHAIRMAN invited the Representatives of Brazil and Panama to serve as tellers.

The result of the voting was as follows:

Venezuela	8 votes
El Salvador	6 votes
Mexico	5 votes
Abstention	1

The CHAIRMAN stated that since the absolute majority as stipulated in the Rules is 11 votes, another vote would be taken, limited to the two candidates having the greatest number of votes.

The result of the second voting was as follows:

Venezuela	12 votes
El Salvador	8 votes

Dr. González (Venezuela) took the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN greeted the Representatives and thanked them on behalf of his country and himself for the honor they had bestowed upon him. He requested their collaboration in achieving results that would be beneficial to the Pan American Sanitary Organization and to continental public health. He extended a cordial greeting to the Government and the people of Cuba and expressed the appreciation of the Organization for their generous hospitality. He also greeted Dr. Brock Chisholm, Director-General of the World Health Organization, who was honoring the Directing Council with his presence.

The CHAIRMAN then called for nominations for the two positions of vice-chairman.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) nominated the Representative of Cuba.

Dr. SANCHEZ BAEZ (Dominican Republic) nominated the Representative of Nicaragua.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) nominated the Representative of Paraguay.

Dr. GORDILLO ZULETA (Peru) nominated the Representative of Colombia.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) nominated the Representative of the United States.

Dr. SERRANO CAMARGO (Colombia) nominated the Representative of Ecuador.

The CHAIRMAN asked the Representatives of Guatemala and Haiti to serve as tellers.

During the voting, the SECRETARY read the articles of the Rules of Procedure governing the election of vice-chairmen.



The result of the voting was as follows:

Cuba	13 votes
Colombia	6 votes
Ecuador	6 votes
United States	4 votes
Nicaragua	2 votes
Paraguay	2 votes
Peru	1 vote
Haiti	1 vote

The CHAIRMAN announced that the Representative of Cuba was elected Vice-Chairman and that it would be necessary to repeat the voting because no other Representative had received an absolute majority.

The result of the second voting was as follows:

Ecuador	7 votes
Colombia	4 votes
Nicaragua	4 votes
United States	3 votes
Paraguay	1 vote
Abstention	1

The CHAIRMAN announced that since no candidate had received an absolute majority, it would be necessary to repeat the voting, limiting it to Ecuador and to Colombia and Nicaragua, which had obtained an equal number of votes.

The result of the third vote was as follows:

Ecuador	11 votes
Nicaragua	4 votes
Colombia	4 votes
Abstention	1

The Representatives of Cuba and Ecuador were elected Vice-Chairmen.

4. TOPIC 4: ESTABLISHMENT OF MAIN COMMITTEES:

- a. Committee I (Program and Budget)
- b. Committee II (Administration, Finance, and Legal Matters)
- c. General Committee

The SECRETARY reminded the Representatives that each country has the right to be represented on both main committees.

The CHAIRMAN requested nominations for the chairmanship of Committee I.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) nominated the Representative of El Salvador, this motion being seconded by the Representatives of Brazil and Panama.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) suggested that, to save time, nominations be made for both Committees simultaneously, and he proposed the Representative of Panama for Committee I and the Representative of the United States for Committee II.

The proposal of the Representative of El Salvador that nominations be made jointly for the two Committees was accepted, and Dr. ROMERO (Chile) repeated his nomination of the Representative of El Salvador to preside over Committee I, and also nominated the Representative of the United States for chairman of Committee II.

The Representative of the Dominican Republic seconded this motion.

The Representatives of Guatemala and Haiti served as tellers and the result of the vote was as follows:

Committee I

El Salvador	16 votes
Panama	2 votes
Colombia	1 vote
United States	1 vote

Committee II

United States	17 votes
El Salvador	1 vote
Mexico	1 vote
Panama	1 vote

The CHAIRMAN announced the election of the Representatives of El Salvador and the United States to the chairmanships of Committee I and Committee II, respectively.

The SECRETARY pointed out that the General Committee is composed of the Chairman of the Council, the two Vice-Chairmen, the Chairmen of Committee I and Committee II, and two other Representatives named by the full Council, from countries not already represented on the General Committee.

The CHAIRMAN called for nominations for the two remaining positions on the General Committee.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) suggested the Representatives of Colombia and Peru. This motion was seconded by the Representatives of Guatemala and the Dominican Republic.

There being no further nominations, the CHAIRMAN announced that the Representatives of Colombia and Peru had been unanimously elected to serve on the General Committee.

5. TOPIC 5: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA (Document CD6/1, Rev. 2)

DECISION TAKEN

The Agenda (Document CD6/1, Rev. 2) was approved unanimously without discussion.

6. TOPIC 6: ADOPTION OF THE PROGRAM OF MEETINGS  
(Document CD6/2, Rev. 1)

DECISION TAKEN

The Program of Meetings (Document CD6/2, Rev. 1) was approved unanimously without discussion.

7. TOPIC 17: AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL (REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL) (Documents CD6/3 and CD6/20)

The SECRETARY read Resolution V approved by the Executive Committee at its 17th Meeting.

DECISION TAKEN

The amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council were approved unanimously without discussion.<sup>1/</sup>

8. TOPIC 7: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Document CD6/16)

The CHAIRMAN asked Dr. ROMERO (Chile) whether the words he had pronounced in opening the session could be considered as the Report of the Executive Committee.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) said that the documents the Representatives had in their possession and the words he had already spoken were enough to give an idea of the work accomplished.

The CHAIRMAN expressed to the Executive Committee the appreciation of the Directing Council for its splendid performance in the exercise of its duties and responsibilities.<sup>2/</sup>

9. TOPIC 8: REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU (Document CD6/13- Corr.1)

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that he did not believe it wise to enter into too detailed consideration of his Report because it had not been distributed sufficiently in advance and consequently the Representatives had not yet had time to examine it carefully. He referred to the holding of the First Inter-American Congress of Public Health as being of particular interest because many of the technical points included in the report would be treated in greater detail at the Congress. Dr. Soper added that, in his capacity as Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and Regional Director of the WHO in the Americas, he would like to call attention to certain important points. In 1951 and 1952 one could see the increasing importance being given to the general programs as compared with the specialized programs. He noted that the apparent reduction in the funds allotted to specialized programs was due to the fact that the latter were now included in the general programs. Dr. Soper made special mention of certain activities, such as the Public Health Demonstration Area established in El Salvador, the Workshops in Nursing, and the programs carried out by the Institute of Nutrition of

<sup>1/</sup> See Final Report of the VI Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, IV Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization, Resolution I.  
<sup>2/</sup> Ibid., Resolution III.

Central America and Panama in collaboration with all the countries of that region except Nicaragua. He referred particularly to the problem of yellow fever, outbreaks of which have occurred in Central America, and how it has progressed northward and eastward. The continental program for the eradication of Aedes aegypti was proposed by Brazil in 1947, at which time the number of cases was very small, but the events that have occurred since then have fully justified the continent-wide eradication campaign. In connection with the campaign against yaws in Haiti, the Director said everything seems to indicate that it will be successful. He added that the campaign of mass administration of penicillin has been modified in favor of another program that consists of administering penicillin from house to house in rural areas. The Government of Haiti has shown a continuing interest in this program and more funds are now available for carrying it out. As for smallpox, a problem that, it has been recommended, should be of primary concern to the Bureau, the Director noted the application of dry vaccine and glycerinated vaccine in Peru. Those vaccines were kept at room temperature for one month and were applied to both arms of the same person, giving positive results in 35% of the individuals treated with glycerinated vaccine and in 92% of those treated with dry vaccine. This proves the efficacy of dry vaccine in our countries. The Director also mentioned the activities of the Pan American Foot-and-Mouth Disease Center in Brazil and the valuable results that have been obtained, as well as the assistance that the Bureau has been able to contribute to certain research work being carried on by the Center. This program is not part of the activities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau properly speaking, but Dr. Soper was happy to take note of the work being done there for the purpose of preparing a vaccine for foot-and-mouth disease. He also referred to the expansion of activities financed by the Technical Assistance Program of the United Nations and the Organization of American States and to the programs sponsored by UNICEF, the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, and the Rockefeller and Kellogg Foundations. A good part of the funds available comes from sources other than the Pan American Sanitary Bureau or the World Health Organization. The Director stated that he had been informed that in the future the Technical Assistance programs of the United Nations would be subject to approval by the Chairman of the permanent Technical Assistance Board. Some difficulties that had arisen in the negotiations with the Member Governments, he said, were due to requirements of an administrative and regulatory nature, over which the Bureau had no control. Finally, Dr. Soper called attention

to the large number of agreements that had been signed and to the progress of the decentralization program, and he reported that a short time ago an agreement was signed with Mexico for establishing in that country the last Zone Office it is planned to organize.

The CHAIRMAN thanked Dr. Soper, in the name of the Directing Council, for his clear and explicit introduction to the Annual Report. He also congratulated the Director and all the personnel of the Bureau on the efficacy and enthusiasm with which they had carried out the programs of the Bureau and WHO.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) requested that more time be given for studying the Report of the Director. He had observed a noticeable improvement in the presentation of the document, and he congratulated the Director because, in his opinion, the desires of the Representatives that more funds be devoted to the public health programs and less to the central administration were taking shape. He took the opportunity to express to the Director-General of the World Health Organization the appreciation of the American countries for the work from which they had benefited, and at the same time he asked him to try to arrange, as was within his power to do, for a more expeditious way of handling matters of interest to these countries.

#### DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Representative of Mexico was unanimously approved, and consideration of the Annual Report of the Director was left for a future plenary session.

10. TOPIC 9: APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO DRAFT THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL TO THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS (Document CD6/17)

The SECRETARY read the Background contained in Document CD6/17, in which the Director asks whether the Directing Council desires to continue to apply the procedure that it decided to employ in its V Meeting, namely, to send the Final Report of the Meeting of the Directing Council and the Report of the Director of the Bureau as the Annual Report of the Directing Council to the Participating Governments.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) concurred in the suggestion offered by the Director in the above-mentioned document for the purpose of avoiding such delay as had occurred in previous years.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Representative of El Salvador was unanimously approved. 3/

11. EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA, GENERAL FULGENCIO BATISTA

The CHAIRMAN said that, having learned of the bereavement suffered by the family of His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Cuba, General Fulgencio Batista, in the death of Mr. Ramiro Fernández Leda, the father of the First Lady of the Republic, Mrs. Marta Fernández de Batista, he would like to suggest that the Directing Council send an expression of deep sympathy.

The proposal of the Chairman was unanimously approved.

The SECRETARY gave an explanation concerning the documents that had been distributed and those that still remained to be distributed, and he announced the meetings of the Committees for the afternoon.

The session was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

3/ Ibid., Resolution II.

PRECIS MINUTES OF THE SECOND PLENARY SESSION  
Havana, Cuba  
Thursday, 18 September 1952, at 10:00 a.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ	Venezuela
<u>Vice-Chairmen:</u>	Dr. Enrique SALADRIGAS Y ZAYAS	Cuba
	Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Ecuador
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

SUMMARY

12. Topic 24: Status of Working Capital Fund (Documents CD6/15, CD6/38)
13. Welcome Extended to Dr. Enrique Saladrigas y Zayas, Minister of Health and Social Welfare of Cuba
14. Topic 24: Status of Working Capital Fund (Document CD6/15, CD6/38) (Conclusion)
15. Topic 28: Buildings and Installations at Headquarters (Documents CD6/24, CD6/32-Rev. 1, CE17/10 A-B)



PRESENT:

Members:

Dr. Ernani de Paiva FERREIRA BRAGA	Brazil
Dr. Ruy Barbosa de MIRANDA E SILVA	
Dr. Nacienceno ROMERO	Chile
Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO	Colombia
Dr. Oscar VARGAS MENDEZ	Costa Rica
Dr. Enrique SALADRIGAS Y ZAYAS	Cuba
Dr. Rafael CALVO FONSECA	
Dr. Francisco BARRERA Y CAÑEDO	
Dr. José Francisco PIMENTEL Y MENENDEZ	
Dr. Nelson ESTRUCH	Dominican Republic
Dr. Hipólito SANCHEZ BAEZ	
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES	El Salvador
Dr. René LAVOINE	France
Baron Edmond DE BEAUVERGER	
Dr. Roberto GANDARA LACAPE	Guatemala
Dr. Lucien PIERRE NOEL	Haiti
Dr. Felipe GARCIA SANCHEZ	Mexico
Dr. N.H. SWELLENGREBEL	Netherlands
Dr. E. VAN DER KUYP	
Dr. Germán CASTILLO	Nicaragua
Dr. Alberto CALVO	Panama
Dr. Pedro Hugo PEÑA	Paraguay
Dr. Amadeo BAEZ ALLENDE	
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA	Peru
Dr. J.W.P. HARKNESS	United Kingdom
Dr. L.W. FITZMAURICE	
Dr. Leonard A. SCHEELE	United States
Dr. Frederick J. BRADY	
Mr. Howard B. CALDERWOOD	
Mr. Elton D. WOOLPERT	
Mr. Wyman STONE	
Rear Admiral RIVERA TRAVIESO	Uruguay
Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ	Venezuela
Dr. Fred L. SOPER ( <u>ex officio</u> )	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Other Participants:

Governments:

Mr. K.C. BROWN, Observer	Canada
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PRESENT: (Cont'd.)

Inter-Governmental Organizations:

Dr. William MANGER	Organization of American States (OAS)
Dr. Carlos V. PENNA	United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
Miss Maude BARRETT	United Nations Organization (UN)
Dr. Brock CHISHOLM, Director-General	World Health Organization (WHO)

Non-Governmental Organizations:

Dr. Antonio NAVARRETE	American College of Chest Physicians
Dr. Gustavo CABARROUY	Finlay Institute
Miss Zilda ALMEIDA CARVALHO	International Council of Nurses
Miss Esther ALFONSO CASTELLANOS	International Pediatric Association
Dr. Félix HURTADO	

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The CHAIRMAN reminded the Representatives that some of them had not presented their credentials to Dr. Peña (Paraguay), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, and emphasized the need for them to do so as soon as possible.

He announced that the topics to be considered at the session were Topic 24, Status of Working Capital Fund (Document CD6/15), which had been examined previously by Committee II and in regard to which he called attention to the Report of the Working Party of that Committee (Document CD6/32), and Topic 28, Buildings and Installations at Headquarters (Document CD6/24). At the risk of repeating a fact already known by those present, he declared that by 1 January 1953 there will be a surplus estimated at \$306,000.

He asked the Representatives to indicate if they were in favor of the expenditure of this amount for Bureau activities.

12. TOPIC 24: STATUS OF WORKING CAPITAL FUND  
(Documents CD6/15, CD6/38)

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) presented, in the name of his country and jointly with the Representatives of Peru and Colombia, a proposal providing:

1. That the sum of \$306,000, the estimated surplus of the Working Capital Fund as of 1953, can be spent in its entirety.
2. That the sum of \$75,000 be allotted to carrying out certain phases of the smallpox campaign in the Latin American countries.
3. That \$85,000 be allocated to the Fellowships Program for 1953.
4. That the remaining \$146,000 be applied to the projects of construction, alteration, and improvement of the Headquarters buildings in Washington, D. C.
5. That the Director be authorized to meet the difference between \$146,000 and the amount of \$209,000, the cost of all the projects of construction, alteration, and improvement, with any funds authorized in the 1953 budget but not spent or any surplus in revenues received above those estimated for 1953.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) seconded the joint proposal of the Representatives of Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru.

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) stated that the Representative of El Salvador had presented the day before Document CD6/38 on the topic under discussion, and he believed it should be discussed first.

The CHAIRMAN reminded the Representatives that mention had been made of this document at the beginning of the session, and that its first paragraph contained more or less the same idea as the first point in the proposal presented by the Representatives of Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru. He urged that this first point, which was basic to future deliberations, be settled.

DECISION TAKEN

The CHAIRMAN announced that since no Representative had opposed the motion, the Directing Council approved the spending of the amount of \$306,000. 4/

The CHAIRMAN stated that there were two proposals on the table, one contained in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the draft resolution presented by the Representative of El Salvador (CD6/38), and the other contained in sections 2, 3, and 4 of the joint proposal of Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) stated that in his opinion the proposal of Ecuador was based on an erroneous premise, because the budgetary surplus funds were precisely those mentioned in the document on the status of the Working Capital Fund.

The CHAIRMAN observed that the first thing to be settled was the amount that the Directing Council wished to apply to the construction and alteration work on the Headquarters, after which it could proceed to the distribution of the remainder among the other projects.

In reply to the point raised by the Representative of El Salvador concerning an error in the proposal of the Representatives of Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru, Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) stated that he had been informed that the Government of Peru owed certain sums to the Bureau that it expected to pay during the present year. This would constitute a surplus not included in the revenues estimated in Document CD6/15.

13. WELCOME EXTENDED TO DR. ENRIQUE SALADRIGAS Y ZAYAS,  
MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE OF CUBA

The CHAIRMAN interrupted the deliberations to say that he wished to extend a cordial welcome, in the name of the Directing Council and in his own, to the Minister of Health and Social Welfare of Cuba, Dr. Enrique Saladrigas, who honored the Council with his presence at this session.

Dr. SALADRIGAS (Minister of Health and Social Welfare of Cuba) said that it was a great pleasure for him to be present this morning and asked the Representatives to pardon him for not having attended the previous sessions, because of the urgent matters that had arisen in the Ministry of Health. He wished also, in the name of the Government of Cuba, to extend the warmest of welcomes to all the Representatives of the various nations here represented, whose presence was a matter of pride for Cuba, for in view of the geographical position of this small island and its great spirit of inter-American cooperation, all Cubans take great pleasure in the fact that the meeting is being held in Havana. Before closing his brief remarks, he thanked the outgoing Chairman, Dr. Romero, and the

present Chairman, Dr. González, for their kind words about Cuba and for learned Dr. Carlos J. Finlay, who contributed so much to the rapid extermination of yellow fever. Dr. Saladrigas recalled that he was a very small boy when those events took place in Havana, but he could still remember the work of Leonard Wood, the then Governor of Havana, which, thanks to the knowledge contributed by Dr. Finlay and the experiments carried on by the United States Commission, succeeded in eliminating the terrible yellow fever around 1902. In conclusion, he again expressed his thanks and wished the Meeting of the Council and the forthcoming Inter-American Congress of Public Health every success.

The CHAIRMAN thanked the Minister of Health and Social Welfare, who is the Representative of the Government of Cuba and Vice-Chairman of the Directing Council, for his remarks.

14. TOPIC 24: STATUS OF WORKING CAPITAL FUND (Documents CD6/15, CD6/38) (Conclusion)

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) favored the proposal made by El Salvador because it is more general and imposes fewer limitations.

Dr. SERRANO CAMARGO (Colombia), referring to the remarks of the Representative of Costa Rica, stated that in the original proposal of Ecuador, Peru, and his country, the amount of \$146,000 was suggested for the improvement of Headquarters. Since the sum of \$10,800 had already been appropriated for the publication of a book on Public Health Administration, the amount allotted for improvements to Headquarters would have to be reduced to \$135,180. As for the possibility that this resolution might be returned to the Committee, he thought that since they were meeting in plenary session, the matter could be settled at this session.

Dr. CASTILLO (Nicaragua) supported the proposal of the Representative of El Salvador.

Dr. BRADY (United States) suggested that the discussion be closed and the proposals submitted to the Council be put to a vote.

The CHAIRMAN announced that three proposals were involved: one providing the amount of \$209,820 for improvements at Headquarters (Document CD6/32), another submitted by Dr. Allwood Paredes, which would allot \$110,000 for that purpose (Document CD6/38), and still another submitted during this

session by the Representatives of Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru, providing the amount of \$135,180 for the same purpose.

He submitted the proposal of the Representative of El Salvador to a vote, since it differs most from the original proposal.

#### DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Representative of El Salvador was rejected with 10 votes against, 7 in favor, and 3 abstentions.

The CHAIRMAN then put the joint proposal of Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru to a vote.

#### DECISION TAKEN

The joint proposal of Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru was approved with 11 votes in favor, 3 against, and 6 abstentions. 5/

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) proposed that a resolution be adopted that would agree with the terms of paragraphs 1 and 2 of his proposed resolution, replacing in paragraph 2 the sum of \$110,000 by the amount approved, \$135,180.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) pointed out that the proposal of the Representative of El Salvador would annul point 5 of the proposal of Ecuador.

Dr. BRADY (United States) reminded the Representatives that when they approved the sum of \$135,180, it was agreed that any other income available could be added to it, up to a maximum sum of \$209,820.

Dr. GORDILLO ZULETA (Peru) pointed out that no vote had been taken yet on point 5 of the proposal submitted in the name of Ecuador, Colombia, and his country.

Dr. SANCHEZ BAEZ (Dominican Republic) expressed his agreement that the approved amount of \$135,180 be expended in accordance with the decision of the Permanent Subcommittee. after consultation with the Director.

The CHAIRMAN thought that the topic had been discussed sufficiently and asked whether the Council approved having the amount of \$135,180 expended in accordance with the decisions reached by the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations after consultation with the Director.

DECISION TAKEN

The Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations was authorized to decide, in consultation with the Director, how the amount of \$135,180, appropriated for the improvement of Headquarters, should be spent. 6/

15. TOPIC 28: BUILDINGS AND INSTALLATIONS AT HEADQUARTERS  
(Documents CD6/24, CD6/32-Rev. 1, CE17/10 A-B)

The CHAIRMAN submitted for discussion point 5 of the proposal of Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru authorizing the Director to take from any funds authorized in the 1953 budget but not spent or any surplus in revenues received above those estimated for 1953, the difference between the amount allotted and the sum of \$209,820, the latter being the total cost of all construction work, alterations, and improvements.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) stated that, in view of the opinions expressed during the previous discussion, he wished to change point 5 of the joint proposal to read as follows: "To authorize the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations to arrange, in consultation with the Director, for financing the completion of the projects for the improvement of the Headquarters buildings in the amount of \$73,980, which would be paid from the surpluses from credits outstanding and not considered in the 1952 budget."

Dr. CALVO (Panama) proposed that the Executive Committee be requested to study, in consultation with the Director of the Bureau, the possibility of continuing the alterations to the Headquarters buildings with any surplus of the 1953 budget and that the Committee should submit a report to the next meeting of the Directing Council for consideration.

Dr. BRADY (United States) suggested that the proposal of the Representative of Panama be changed to enable the Executive Committee to take action without first consulting the Directing Council.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) supported the proposal of the Representative of the United States.

In the name of the Representatives of Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru, Dr. GORDILLO ZULETA (Peru) announced that they withdrew their original proposal and supported that of the Representative of the United States.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that a new proposal had been introduced, not merely an amendment to the proposal of the Representative of Panama. The new proposal would have the Directing Council authorize the Executive Committee, after prior study of the financial status of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, to approve at its 19th Meeting the cost of continuing the construction and alteration work on the Headquarters buildings.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) withdrew his proposal.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the proposals of El Salvador and the United States were before the meeting, and called for a vote on the former.

#### DECISION TAKEN

With 9 votes against, 3 in favor, and 5 abstentions, the proposal of El Salvador was rejected.

The CHAIRMAN then submitted the proposal of the United States to a vote.

#### DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Representative of the United States was approved. 7/

Summarizing the results of the foregoing discussion, the CHAIRMAN stated that the Directing Council had approved: (1) the expenditure of \$306,000 from the Working Capital Fund, the estimated amount of the surplus as of 1 January 1953; (2) the allocation of the sum of \$135,180 for the construction and alteration work on the buildings of the Interim Headquarters, this amount to be used in such manner as the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations, in consultation with the Director, shall determine; and (3) authorization to the Executive Committee at its 19th Meeting, after study of the financial situation, to approve continuation of the construction and alteration work on the Headquarters buildings.

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) asked whether that authorization to continue the work of reconditioning had set \$209,820 as the ceiling or whether the expenditures could continue increasing, to which Dr. BRADY (United States) replied that the total figure was in effect limited to \$209,820

7/ Ibid., Resolution IV.



The CHAIRMAN announced that the allocation to be made of the \$170,820 remainder of the surplus in the Working Capital Fund remained to be decided, and he asked whether the Directing Council desired to refer this matter to Committee I, taking into account the fact that Committee I had already approved the expenditure of \$10,900 for the publication of a book on public health administration.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) stated that since everyone was already in agreement as to the manner in which the amounts had been distributed for fellowships, the smallpox campaign, and the publication of a book, it was useless to continue discussing the use to be made of the remainder. He considered that the matter was closed.

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) agreed with the Representative of Brazil.

The CHAIRMAN then pointed out that this would mean that the Directing Council had decided that the \$170,820 would be expended as follows: \$10,900 for the translation and publication of the textbook on public health administration; \$84,920 for the fellowships program in 1953; and the remaining \$75,000 for the smallpox eradication program in the Western Hemisphere. He said that if no objections were raised, this decision would stand.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) said that, in view of the importance of the smallpox campaign, one must not run the risk of having this program fail for lack of funds and to prevent this he suggested that provision be made in forthcoming budgets for the continuation of this campaign until it is completed.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Representative of Panama present his proposal to the Committee on the Program and Budget.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) accepted the suggestion, expressing his hope that all the Representatives would support his proposal at the proper time.

The CHAIRMAN announced that, in connection with Topic 28, the recommendations of the Working Party of Committee II, made on the basis of Resolution IX of the 17th Meeting of the Executive Committee, remained to be considered.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) said that according to those recommendations it was the Directing Council that should establish the Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations with a membership of three to be determined by the Executive Committee.

The CHAIRMAN called for a vote on the recommendations of the Working Party of Committee II (Document CD6/32-Rev. 1).

DECISION TAKEN

The recommendations of the Working Party of Committee II were approved as follows:

- "1. To express its thanks to the Subcommittee on Interim Headquarters for the work accomplished.
- "2. To approve the action taken to date by the Subcommittee on Interim Headquarters.
- "3. To interpret the word 'interim' as involving a period of at least ten years.
- "4. To establish a Permanent Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations with a membership of three to be determined by the Executive Committee, for the purpose of advising the Director and the constituent bodies of the Organization on questions relating to buildings and installations at Headquarters.
- "5. To instruct the Permanent Subcommittee to submit its reports to the Executive Committee to make comments thereon for transmittal to the Directing Council."<sup>8/</sup>

The session was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

<sup>8/</sup> Ibid., Resolution V.

PRECIS MINUTES OF THE THIRD PLENARY SESSION  
Havana, Cuba  
Friday, 19 September 1952, at 3:10 p.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ	Venezuela
<u>Vice-Chairmen:</u>	Dr. Enrique SALADRIGAS Y ZAYAS	Cuba
	Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Ecuador
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

SUMMARY

16. First Report of the Committee on Credentials (Document CD6/44)
17. Report of the Rapporteur of Committee II
18. First Report of the Rapporteur of Committee I (Document CD6/42)

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SUMMARY (Cont'd.)

19. Inclusion of Topic 30: Retainment, by the Personnel of International Institutions, of their Positions in their Own Countries (Document CD6/35)
20. Topic 16: Report of the Permanent Committee of the Executive Committee on Revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization (Documents CD6/19, CE17/12 and Annex I)
21. Topic 19: Election of Three Member Countries to Fill the Vacancies on the Executive Committee Created by the Termination of the Periods of Office of El Salvador, Peru, and the United States of America (Document CD6/9)

PRESENT:

Members:

Dr. Ernani de Paiva FERREIRA BRAGA	Brazil
Dr. Ruy Barbosa de MIRANDA E SILVA	
Dr. Nacienceno ROMERO	Chile
Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO	Colombia
Dr. Oscar VARGAS MENDEZ	Costa Rica
Dr. Rafael CALVO FONSECA	Cuba
Dr. Francisco BARRERA Y CAÑEDO	
Dr. Nelson ESTRUCH	Dominican
Dr. Hipólito SANCHEZ BAEZ	Republic
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES	El Salvador
Baron Edmond DE BEAUVERGER	France
Dr. René LAVOINE	
Dr. Roberto GANDARA LACAPE	Guatemala
Dr. Lucien PIERRE NOEL	Haiti
Mr. Jacques DESINOR	
Dr. Felipe GARCIA SANCHEZ	Mexico
Dr. N. H. SWELLENGREBEL	Netherlands
Dr. E. VAN DER KUYP	
Dr. F. J. RUTTEN	
Dr. Germán CASTILLO	Nicaragua
Dr. Alberto E. CALVO	Panama
Dr. Pedro Hugo PEÑA	Paraguay
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA	Peru
Dr. J. W. P. HARKNESS	United Kingdom
Dr. L. W. FITZMAURICE	
Dr. Horace GILLETTE	
Dr. Leonard A. SCHEELE	United States
Dr. Frederick J. BRADY	
Mr. Howard B. CALDERWOOD	
Mr. Simon N. WILSON	
Mr. Elton D. WOOLPERT	
Mr. Wyman STONE	
Dr. Carlos Luis GCNZALES	Venezuela
Dr. Fred L. SOPER ( <u>ex officio</u> )	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Other Participants:

Governments:

Mr. K. C. BROWN, Observer	Canada
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PRESENT: (Cont'd.)

Inter-Governmental Organizations:

Dr. William MANGER

Miss Maude BARRETT

Dr. Brock CHISHOLM,  
Director-General

Organization of American  
States (OAS)

United Nations Organiza-  
tion (UN)

World Health Organization  
(WHO)

16. FIRST REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS  
(Document CD6/44)

Dr. BARRERA (Cuba), Rapporteur of the Committee on Credentials, read the first report of the Committee, which proposed the approval of the credentials of the Representatives, Alternates, and Advisers designated by the Member Governments, and those of the Observers.

Dr. SWELLENGREBEL (Netherlands) called attention to the fact that the Advisers in the Delegation of his country are actually Alternates.

Dr. PEÑA (Paraguay), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, said that the listing of credentials had been made on the basis of the documents presented at the Secretariat.

Dr. HARKNESS (United Kingdom) explained that the credentials of Dr. Horace Gillette, of Trinidad, had been submitted only that morning, but that he wished to have his name included in the listing.

The CHAIRMAN stated that after the matter had been considered, the Committee on Credentials could submit a second report, in accordance with the documents presented.

Baron DE BEAUVARGER (France) informed the Committee that Dr. René Lavoine should be the Representative of his country and he himself should be listed as Alternate.

Dr. PEÑA (Paraguay) thought that the Committee lacked the authority to make this change.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) said that in a case like the one presented by the Delegation of France, it would suffice if the Representative authorized the Alternate to take part, in his absence, in the discussions and voting in the name of the country he represents.

The CHAIRMAN replied that, in effect, the Alternate assumes the authority of the Representative in the absence of the latter.

Baron DE BEAUVARGER (France) thanked the assembly for the interest taken in the matter and stated that he preferred not to insist on his request as it is merely a matter of detail.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) remarked that, although he appears as an Adviser, he also submitted his credentials as a Representative.

The CHAIRMAN read the article of the Rules of Procedure that refers to Alternates and Advisers, and then submitted the report for approval.

#### DECISION TAKEN

The First Report of the Committee on Credentials, with the changes requested by the Representatives of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, which will be studied by the Committee when it prepares its second report, was unanimously approved.

#### 17. REPORT OF THE RAPPORTEUR OF COMMITTEE II

The CHAIRMAN announced that, since it had not yet been possible to distribute the text of this report, the discussion thereof would be postponed.

#### 18. FIRST REPORT OF THE RAPPORTEUR OF COMMITTEE I (Document CD6/42)

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala), Rapporteur of Committee I, read his report.

#### DECISION TAKEN

The First Report of the Rapporteur of Committee I (Program and Budget) was unanimously approved without discussion.

- a) Topic 10: Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1953 (Documents CD6/4, CE16/4, CE16/54)

The CHAIRMAN read the text of the draft resolution approved by Committee I at its fourth session and annexed to the First Report of the Rapporteur, and put it up for discussion.

#### DECISION TAKEN

The draft resolution on the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1953 (Document CD6/42) was unanimously approved. 9/



- b) Topic 25: Translation and Publication of a Textbook in Spanish on Public Health Administration  
(Document CD6/22)

The CHAIRMAN read the text of the draft resolution approved by Committee I at its fourth session and annexed to the First Report of the Rapporteur.

DECISION TAKEN

The draft resolution on the translation into Spanish and publication by the Pan American Sanitary Bureau of the textbook entitled "Principles of Public Health Administration", by John J. Hanlon, (Document CD6/42) was unanimously approved. 10/

- c) Topic 29: Pan American Public Health Association  
(Document CD6/30)

The CHAIRMAN read the text of the draft resolution approved by Committee I at its fourth session and annexed to the First Report of the Rapporteur.

DECISION TAKEN

The draft resolution on the Pan American Public Health Association (Document CD6/42) was unanimously approved. 11/

19. INCLUSION OF TOPIC 30: RETAINMENT, BY THE PERSONNEL OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, OF THEIR POSITIONS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES (Document CD6/35)

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) made a brief statement on the draft resolution that he had prepared on this topic.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) emphasized the importance of the question raised by the Representative of Chile and requested that it be included on the Agenda, for immediate discussion.

The CHAIRMAN called for a vote on the inclusion of this topic.

DECISION TAKEN

As a result of the voting, the inclusion of the topic was approved.

The draft resolution presented by Dr. Romero (Chile) was then put up for discussion.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) said he agreed with the proposal, but felt that it would be difficult to put into effect in his country unless it were specified that the public health employees who left their home countries would retain their posts in an "honorary" capacity.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) thought that the suggestion of the Representative of Panama contradicted the existing provisions relating to international employees.

Dr. SCHEELE (United States) said that in his country "retention of rights" is granted in such cases, that is, a government employee ceases to receive his salary upon assuming a position in an international organization, but is reinstated with all his rights upon his return.

Dr. SANCHEZ BAEZ (Dominican Republic) stated that he had abstained from voting on the inclusion of this topic because it involved a new question that might be in conflict with the laws of his country. To avoid such difficulty, he proposed that a resolution be adopted asking the Director of the Bureau to request the Member Governments for an opinion on this matter and to report to the next meeting of the Directing Council.

#### DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Representative of the Dominican Republic was approved by a vote of 6 to 3, with 8 abstentions. 12/

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) said that he had voted for the proposal of the Representative of the Dominican Republic because he thought it would prove helpful in putting into effect the resolution proposed by the Representative of Chile.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) explained that he had voted against the proposal because he felt that the matter is very urgent, especially for his country, and that a decision thereon should not be delayed.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) stated similar reasons for his negative vote.

Dr. PIERRE NOEL (Haiti) also explained his negative vote, stating that, in his opinion, the matter is urgent and should not be postponed.

20. TOPIC 16: REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION (Documents CD6/19, CE17/12 and Annex I)

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States), as a member of the Permanent Committee, submitted the report at the request of the Chairman.

Mr. MARGOLIN (Legal Office, PASB) stated that, with regard to the preliminary draft, replies had been received from 6 or 7 Governments, which had referred the matter to their experts for study. So far no concrete observations on the said preliminary draft have been received.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) proposed that, in view of the importance of the matter, the decision on the revision of the Constitution be postponed until opinions on the matter have been received from the Governments, to whom all the pertinent documents should be transmitted. The Permanent Committee could then submit a new report or reaffirm the present one.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) supported the proposal made by the Representative of Mexico.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) also supported the proposal, but requested that the matter be referred to the VII Meeting of the Directing Council.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) agreed with this suggestion.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) asked if the Permanent Committee knew of the report submitted by the Organization of American States.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) said that the Committee had not yet been informed of the said report.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) regretted the delays and procedures that make it impossible to get to the point of actually solving problems. He stated that the Council is a technical body, which provides the Governments with orientation in public health matters, and in keeping with the spirit of the organization the Representatives of the various countries are fully authorized to act and should not display indecision when a measure is to be adopted.

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) thought that, before postponing the discussion of this subject, it would be advisable to have an exchange of ideas and to hear more details about the proposed revision.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) believed that the Representatives on the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, being public health experts, are not in a position to decide on the problem. He proposed that the matter be postponed so that more documents could be assembled and the Members better prepared for a discussion of the topic at another meeting. However, he was not opposed to having an exchange of ideas and opinions at the meeting, as the Representative of Costa Rica had requested.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) agreed that there should be an exchange of ideas on the proposed revision of the Constitution.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) regretted the absence of the Chairman of the Committee, Dr. Thomen, who had worked so hard on the proposal. As the report states, there are two main changes, one intended to simplify the structure of the Organization, the other governing the participation of non-Members. With regard to the first point, the Directing Council is abolished and its functions are divided between the Conference and the Executive Committee. In accordance with the desires expressed by the Directing Council, the meetings would be held every two years. As to the second point, in view of the recommendations that have been made repeatedly, a distinction was made in the new Constitution between Members of the Organization and non-Member participants, that is, the dependent territories of European States. Other changes were proposed to clarify the text, and these are changes in form rather than in substance.

The CHAIRMAN thanked the members of the Permanent Committee for the work they had done.

Mr. MARGOLIN (Legal Office, PASB) pointed out that the Director of the Bureau provided the members of the Committee with all possible help in the fulfillment of their task. The text submitted for consideration is simple in form and does not require legal knowledge to be understood. Mr. Margolin thought that the Committee had done excellent work in its effort to retain as much of the present Constitution as possible. The marginal notes to the text of the preliminary draft are useful for the study and understanding of the proposed changes.

The Chief of the Legal Office of the Bureau then enumerated each of the chapters and articles of the preliminary draft and explained the changes made.

The CHAIRMAN thanked Mr. Margolin for his explanation, which clarified the various aspects of the draft.

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) requested the opinion of the Representatives of the Organization of American States and the WHO.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) congratulated the Permanent Committee on its work. Now that he had heard the explanations, he agreed with all the changes that made the work of the Bureau run more smoothly. However, there was one point that completely changes the present structure of the Organization, namely Article 2.

Dr. MANGER (Organization of American States) stated that in the report sent to the Director of the Bureau the opinion of the Council of the Organization of American States is given. This report covers various aspects of the status of the dependent territories of non-American States in relation to the Pan American Sanitary Organization and the relations between the latter and the Organization of American States.

Dr. Manger explained the criterion of the Organization he represented regarding these fundamental aspects of the question under consideration. He thought it advisable not to adopt at this time any decisions on the revision of the Constitution. Once the Directing Council has studied the matter, the pertinent documents should be sent to the Governments of the Member Countries for final study. The revision of the Constitution could be approved at a future meeting. In conclusion, he emphasized the status of specialized organizations, with regard to public health, that the Pan American Sanitary Organization has within the Organization of American States.

The CHAIRMAN thanked Dr. Manger for his explanation.

Dr. CHISHOLM (Director-General, WHO) stated that he had addressed a letter to the Director of the Regional Office, containing certain comments on the draft Constitution.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) spoke of the letter from Dr. Chisholm containing comments on the draft of the Constitution.

Dr. SCHEELE (United States) asked that this letter, which does not appear in the annex to Document CE17/2, be added to the documents.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) explained that he had received it recently and that it had not been possible to distribute it.

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) considered that more advice and a thorough study of all the documents would be necessary before a resolution could be adopted.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) praised the spirit that prevailed in the discussion and supported the proposal of the Representative of Mexico.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) said that he agreed with the proposal of the Representative of Mexico, because the problem encompassed many legal aspects that are not within the competence of public health experts.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) admitted that the problem is neither easy nor simple and recalled that it was in May 1949 that a first agreement with the WHO was reached. A year later the agreement between the Organization of American States and the PASO was signed. It was possible to achieve in public health what was not possible in other fields, that is, the collaboration of the Bureau with the WHO and the OAS. He thought it advisable to approve the proposal of Mexico, which would allow time for further study and make possible a more considered decision.

The Director of the Bureau explained that the letter from the Director-General of the WHO, referred to above, had been a personal one, since the official report sent by the said organization has not yet been received.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) made some observations with regard to the wording of Article 41, which specifies that the Director may make suitable arrangements for consultation and cooperation.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States), speaking as a member of the Permanent Committee, expressed his thanks for the statements made during the discussion, since they would be of great help to the Permanent Committee. He expressed the hope that the Representatives present would submit to the Director in writing any comments they might wish to make concerning the Constitution, for transmittal to the Committee.

The CHAIRMAN asked whether the question had not been discussed sufficiently.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) asked for a vote on his proposal.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) seconded the motion.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) said he was very satisfied with the discussion because of the valuable information that was brought out.

#### DECISION TAKEN

The proposal submitted by the Representative of Mexico was unanimously approved. It reads as follows:

"THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

"Considering Resolution XV of the 14th Meeting of the Executive Committee, and the Report and Draft Revised Constitution presented by the Permanent Committee on Revision of the Constitution;

"Having been informed of the Report of the Committee on Inter-American Organizations of the Council of the Organization of American States on the proposed revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, a document not yet transmitted to the Member Governments; and

"Deeming it advisable to postpone such revision until there is more information on the opinions of the Governments and the interested agencies,

#### RESOLVES:

- "1. To postpone the revision of the Constitution until the opinions of the majority of the Governments and the interested agencies are known.
- "2. To refer to the Governments the existing documents, the opinions of other Governments, and the report of the Committee on Inter-American Organizations of the Council of the Organization of American States on the proposed revision of the Constitution.
- "3. To transmit the additional documents on the subject to the Permanent Committee on Revision of the Constitution, so that it may prepare a new draft revision or reaffirm the present revised text." 13/

21. TOPIC 19: ELECTION OF THREE MEMBER COUNTRIES TO FILL THE VACANCIES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CREATED BY THE TERMINATION OF THE PERIODS OF OFFICE OF EL SALVADOR, PERU, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
(Document CD6/9)

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) requested that the election of the new members of the Executive Committee be held at the Monday morning session.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) asked that the exact time of the election be fixed, to enable the Representatives to attend.

DECISION TAKEN

At the suggestion of the CHAIRMAN it was agreed to hold the election at the Monday session, on 22 September, at 10 a.m. sharp.

The session was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FOURTH PLENARY SESSION  
Havana, Cuba

Monday, 22 September 1952, at 9:45 a.m.

Chairman: Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ Venezuela  
(Later) Dr. César VELEZ MORAN Ecuador

Vice-Chairman: Dr. Francisco BARRERA Cuba  
Y CAÑEDO

Secretary: Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE Pan American  
Sanitary Bureau

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PRESENT:

Members:

Dr. Ernani de Paiva FERREIRA BRAGA	Brazil
Dr. Ruy Barbosa de MIRANDA E SILVA	
Dr. Nacienceno ROMERO	Chile
Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO	Colombia
Dr. Oscar VARGAS MENDEZ	Costa Rica
Dr. Francisco BARRERA Y CAÑEDO	Cuba
Dr. José Francisco PIMENTEL Y MENENDEZ	
Dr. Nelson ESTRUCH	Dominican
Dr. Hipólito SANCHEZ BAEZ	Republic
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES	El Salvador
Dr. René LAVOINE	France
Barón Edmond DE BEAUVARGER	
Dr. J. F. MAUZE	
Dr. Roberto GANDARA LACAPE	Guatemala
Dr. Lucien PIERRE NOEL	Haiti
Mr. Jacques DESINOR	
Dr. Felipe GARCÍA SANCHEZ	Mexico
Dr. N. H. SWELLENGREBEL	Netherlands
Dr. E. VAN DER KUIJP	
Dr. F. J. RUTTEN	
Dr. Germán CASTILLO	Nicaragua
Dr. Alberto E. CALVO	Panama
Dr. Pedro Hugo PEÑA	Paraguay
Dr. Amadeo BAEZ ALLENDE	
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA	Peru
Dr. J.W.P. HARKNESS	United Kingdom
Dr. L.W. FITZMAURICE	
Dr. Horace GILLETTE	
Dr. Leonard A. SCHEELE	United States
Dr. Frederick J. BRADY	
Mr. Howard B. CALDERWOOD	
Mr. Simon N. WILSON	
Mr. Elton D. WOOLPERT	
Mr. Wyman STONE	
Rear Admiral RIVERA TRAVIESO	Uruguay
Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ	Venezuela
Dr. Fred L. SOPER ( <u>ex officio</u> )	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Other Participants:

Governments:

Mr. K. C. BROWN, Observer

Canada

PRESENT: (Cont'd;)

Inter-Governmental Organizations:

Dr. Carlos V. PENNA	United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
Mr. Robert DAVEE	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)
Miss Maude BARRETT	United Nations Organization (UN)

Non-Governmental Organizations:

Miss Zilda ALMEIDA CARVALHO	International Council of Nurses
Dr. Félix HURTADO	International Pediatric Association

The CHAIRMAN invited Dr. Vélez Morán (Ecuador) to take the Chair.

22. REPORT OF COMMITTEE II (Document CD6/50, Rev.1) (Continuation)

a) Topic 13: Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for the Financial Year 1951  
(Documents CD6/10, CE16/8)

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) asked the Director to explain the background that served as a basis for accepting quotas from non-self-governing territories in this Hemisphere. He reminded the Representatives that at the April meeting of the Executive Committee the Observer for the Government of Guatemala objected to the decision made at that time. He said that the Director had been authorized to compute the annual contributions of the territories of France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom, on a proportional population basis. The word "compute" means to count or calculate something by numbers. No matter how liberally this word might be interpreted, it did not in any way authorize the Director to receive quotas from these countries. He added, furthermore, that it was important to know whether the quotas had been accepted from the respective countries, because that would give them the right to speak and vote when the budget is discussed.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that now that this point had been raised it would be advisable to consider the documents presented by the Director to the Executive Committee for consideration at its 16th Meeting held in April of this year.

The CHAIRMAN announced that since it would be necessary to wait until the Secretary brought the requested documents, the discussion on this matter would be interrupted. As it was 10:00 a.m., he proceeded with the election of the new members to the Executive Committee, in accordance with the decision of the Directing Council at its third plenary session on Friday, 19 September.

23. TOPIC 19: ELECTION OF THREE MEMBER COUNTRIES TO FILL THE VACANCIES ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CREATED BY THE TERMINATION OF THE PERIODS OF OFFICE OF EL SALVADOR, PERU, AND THE UNITED STATES (Document CD6/9) (Conclusion)

The CHAIRMAN appointed Dr. Vargas (Costa Rica) and Dr. Allwood Paredes (El Salvador) as tellers.

The SECRETARY read the pertinent articles of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council, Document CD6/3 (Rev.1), Articles 32, 33, and 34, which refer to the election of new members.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) asked whether the Representatives of the non-member countries were entitled to participate in the election.

The SECRETARY quoted Articles 2, 5, 7, and 11 of the present Rules of Procedure and the CHAIRMAN announced that it was in order to include the votes of the Representatives of the territories.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) stated that he reserved the right to express his opinion when the discussion on the action of the Director with regard to receiving quotas from territories is continued.

The CHAIRMAN announced that the three countries to be elected to the Executive Committee would be voted for on a single secret ballot and that the three countries with the largest number of votes would be the ones elected. If two countries received an equal number of votes, another vote would be taken.

Dr. GONZALEZ (Venezuela) recalled that even though the matter was not mentioned in the Rules of Procedure, according to custom any member of the Directing Council was free to propose candidates for the vacancies on the Executive Committee.

On behalf of the group from Central America and Panama and in accordance with the principle of equitable geographic representation on the Executive Committee, Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) stated that the Governments of the aforesaid group would consider themselves fully represented by any one of the group. He proposed Panama for the next term of three years and asked his colleagues to support his proposal.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) supported the proposal in favor of Panama.

Dr. ESTRUCH (Dominican Republic) announced that he supported the candidacy of Panama and, at the same time, nominated Haiti. Dr. CASTILLO (Nicaragua) seconded this proposal.

Dr. GORDILLO ZULETA (Peru) proposed Colombia.

The SECRETARY called the role of the countries present at the session and announced that the number of countries represented and entitled to vote were 21, namely:

Brazil	Mexico
Chile	Netherlands
Colombia	Nicaragua
Costa Rica	Panama
Cuba	Paraguay
Dominican Republic	Peru
Ecuador	United Kingdom
El Salvador	United States
France	Uruguay
Guatemala	Venezuela
Haiti	

Argentina, Bolivia, and Honduras were absent.

#### RESULT OF THE VOTE:

Brazil, 13 votes; Colombia, 5; Costa Rica, 1; Haiti, 15; Panama, 19; Paraguay, 9; and Uruguay, 1.

#### DECISION TAKEN

Brazil, Haiti, and Panama were elected to the Executive Committee. 14/

#### 24. REPORT OF COMMITTEE II (Document CD6/50, Rev.1) (Conclusion)

##### a) Topic 13: Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for the Financial Year 1951 (Documents CD6/10, CE16/8) (Conclusion)

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) announced that the problem of dependent territories has been under discussion for several years, and he cited the following document: CD5/57, 27 September 1951, Financial Participation in the PASO Budget of France, Great Britain, and the Netherlands on Behalf of their Dependent Territories in the Region of the Americas, page 2, paragraphs 3 and 4:

"During 1951 two representative governments of non-self-governing territories, France and the Netherlands, made payments to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau. France made a contribution of \$3,276.25, an amount based on the percentage that the population of its territory in the Western Hemisphere bore to the total population of the Member Nations of the Pan American Sanitary Organization; the percentage being applied against the 1950 figures (\$1,742,035). The Netherlands made a contribution of \$1,500. The basis of arriving at this amount is not known.

"The representative governments of non-self-governing territories have both expressed and demonstrated their willingness to contribute to the Organization but the basis of contribution as indicated above is different, since this basis was figured independently."

In 1950 the Director presented a report to the IV Meeting of the Directing Council, Document CD4/AFL/1/Rev.1, suggesting that the population of the respective countries be taken as the basis of contribution. The IV Meeting of the Directing Council referred this matter to the Executive Committee for further study, as did the XIII Conference of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.

In the documents presented to the Executive Committee at its 16th Meeting, April 1952, Topic 20 dealt with the financial participation of France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom, on behalf of their dependent territories in the Region of the Americas, in the budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, Document CE16/11, 26 March 1952. This document states that the Directing Council, at its V Meeting, adopted a resolution (XV) according to which "France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom were granted the right to vote on budget matters of the Pan American Sanitary Organization on behalf of their dependent territories in the Region of the Americas... provided this vote be contingent upon equitable contribution being made by the above-mentioned States to the budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau." In this sense, the Directing Council, at its V Meeting, adopted Resolution XL (Document CD5/74, Rev. 2), which instructed the Director how "to compute the annual contributions in respect to the territories of France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom in the Western Hemisphere."

The Director understood that the Representative of Guatemala had referred to the right to negotiate directly with these countries and to receive their quotas, rather than to the actual computation of these quotas. He noted that if the Council has given these countries the right to vote on budget matters, once they have made an equitable contribution, and if the Council has established the basis for computing the contributions, in accordance with the afore-mentioned documents, it is obviously necessary to complete arrangements for receiving the quotas, in order to avoid creating a situation in which the countries would not have the right to the vote already granted them by the Directing Council.

He stated that Document CE16/11 was presented to the Executive Committee for consideration as information regarding the action taken, in accordance with paragraph 3 of Resolution XL,

adopted at the V Meeting of the Directing Council (Document CD5/74, Rev. 2), which instructs the Director "to inform the Executive Committee annually of the manner in which the most comparable Member State was selected" (for the computation of the contributions).

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) expressed his thanks for the full information provided by the Director of the Bureau. He recalled that at the above-mentioned meeting of the Executive Committee in April of this year, despite the fact that the Director had given all the background, as in this case, the Delegation of Guatemala stated that it was not satisfied with the explanations given. On this occasion he wished it noted and put on the record that the Delegation of Guatemala did not concur in the action of the Director, pointing out that there was no legal basis for it. He added that, considering the report of the Observer for the Organization of American States, which also suggested that a decision be postponed, it would be advisable, if possible, to submit the problem to the OAS for its opinion on the matter--that is, to decide if the action taken by the Director is in accordance with the present Constitution or if there has been a misinterpretation--so that it may be corrected as soon as possible.

Dr. SCHEELE (United States) declared that in his opinion Article 21 (D) of Chapter VI of the Constitution authorizes the Director to accept the contributions under discussion. In addition, he said, there are the documents referred to, which indicate clearly that the action of the Director was based on resolutions adopted. He repeated that the Government of the United States sees no objection to the action taken.

The CHAIRMAN announced that since there was no further discussion on Topic 13, this topic would be considered as approved, unless an objection were voiced.

#### DECISION TAKEN

The draft resolution on Topic 13, Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for the Financial Year 1951. (Document CD6/50, Rev.1) was approved. 15/

b) Topic 23: Privileges and Immunities (Document CD6/8)

#### DECISION TAKEN

The draft resolution on Topic 23, contained in Document CD6/50, Rev.1, was adopted without discussion. 16/

15/ Ibid., Resolution XI.  
16/ Ibid., Resolution XII.



c) Topic 14: Amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CD6/14, Annex 1)

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) pointed out that the Delegation of Mexico had recommended that the Director study and present at the next meeting of the Directing Council a draft regulation on promotion (escalafón) of personnel from within the Bureau, which would later be submitted to the Executive Committee for study. He suggested that this point be included in the proposed resolution.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) noted the desirability of defining what is meant by the word escalafón, stating that by chance he had heard it interpreted into English as "wage scale". If this is what is meant, he wished to announce that the "wage scale" in effect is the international one, recognized by several organizations, including the WHO.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) said that on numerous occasions the Government of his country had shown considerable interest in the establishment of this regulation on promotion (escalafón) within the Bureau, and for this purpose it had been suggested that the Director submit a draft regulation on promotion (escalafón) to the Executive Committee, for transmittal to the Directing Council. He supported the proposal of the Representative of Mexico in the sense that this matter be incorporated into Topic 14.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) recalled that at its meeting in April of this year the Executive Committee had taken up this matter, but it was not well understood to what point it was to be carried. He cited as examples the fact that the staff was recently granted an increase designed to meet the rise in the cost of living, rather than an increase in salary, and that often staff members are brought in from the outside, instead of giving priority to qualified personnel already employed.

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) emphasized the importance of the observation made by the Director and expressed the opinion that this point should be clarified, and that a more precise explanation should be given of the observations of the Representative of Chile, so that it would be clear that escalafón is not an exact interpretation of "wage scale". To his way of thinking, "wage scale" meant escala de sueldos.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) then stated that he was not speaking of a wage scale but rather of the right of a person in service to be promoted according to his capabilities. If the training

of two persons were equal, the newcomer should be appointed to the post made vacant by the promotion given a competent employee to a vacant post higher than that which he had occupied. Thus the personnel would be encouraged to remain in the service of the Bureau and each employce could estimate the goal that he could hope to reach.

The Representative of Chile added that the report to be presented to the Executive Committee, and consequently to the Directing Council, should provide for the creation of an Administrative Tribunal, not dependent on the Director, to be named by the staff of the Bureau, with power to make decisions with complete freedom of action. If this Tribunal should not prove competent, it would be necessary to name other members.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) asked how the draft resolution on Topic 14 would be worded, whereupon the CHAIRMAN suggested the following text:

"To request the Director [ ] of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau/ to prepare draft regulations on the promotion of personnel and present them at the next Meeting of the Executive Committee."

#### DECISION TAKEN

The draft resolution on Topic 14 was approved with the addition suggested by the Chairman. 17/

- d) Topic 26: Language Courses for Staff Members of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Documents CD6/23, CE17/15)

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States), as Chairman of Committee II, suggested that this draft resolution be eliminated inasmuch as it had been rejected by Committee II, and he emphasized that the explanation of the matter was contained in the Committee's report. He pointed out that language courses paid for by the Bureau could not be established without specific authorization.

#### DECISION TAKEN

The draft resolution dealing with Topic 26, Language Courses for Staff Members of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, was eliminated.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) pointed out that it was necessary to make a small editorial change in the Report of Committee II, Administration, Finance, and Legal Matters (Document CD6/50, Rev.1), page 5, point 6, Topic 24, Status of Working Capital Fund, to delete the words "and Topic 28", making the necessary adjustment in the following clause.

The CHAIRMAN submitted Document CD6/50, Rev. 1, for approval.

DECISION TAKEN

Document CD6/50, Rev. 1, was approved with the changes noted.

25. SECOND REPORT OF COMMITTEE I (Document CD6/61)

- a) Topic 11: Summary of Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1954 (Documents CD6/5, CE17/4)

The CHAIRMAN offered for consideration the draft resolution on Topic 11.

DECISION TAKEN

The draft resolution on Topic 11, Summary of Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1954 (Document CD6/61), was approved without discussion.18/

- b) Topic 18: Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, for 1954 (Documents CD6/6, CE17/5, CE17/23-Rev. 1)

The draft resolution on Topic 18, Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, for 1954 (Document CD6/61), was approved without discussion.19/

- c) Per Diem and Travel Expenses of Technical Assistance Employees (Document CD6/61)

DECISION TAKEN

The draft resolution on this subject, appearing on page 5 of Document CD6/61, was approved without discussion. 20/

18/ Ibid, Resolution XIV.

19/ Ibid, Resolution XV.

20/ Ibid, Resolution XVI.

d) Program of Economies and Decentralization of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CD6/61)

Dr. CALVO (Panama) observed that during the discussion of this subject in Committee I, the Delegation of Panama had considered it advisable to add two clauses to the proposal of Mexico, which were later accepted, after thorough discussion, even by the Representative of Mexico, who at first had opposed them. The first clause had the purpose of allotting the funds made available by economies to additional Zone Office programs, and the second proposed, as a further modification of point 1 of the proposal, that a report be made to the Directing Council.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) suggested that point 2 of the draft resolution on this topic be deleted, since he considered it unnecessary in view of the fact that the Executive Committee of the Pan American Sanitary Organization also acts as the Working Party of the Regional Committee of the WHO.

Dr. BRADY (United States) supported the proposal of the Representative of Panama and suggested that the report be made to the Executive Committee.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) stated that in his opinion too much was being spent for salaries, and he suggested that the Committee that was to make the study proposed in the draft resolution under discussion should propose economies in the budget of the WHO for its Regional Office of the Americas.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) proposed that point 2 be changed to read "...in the Office of the World Health Organization for the Americas."

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) withdrew his proposal and supported that of El Salvador.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) reminded the Representatives that the Directing Council, when it is acting as Regional Committee of the Regional Office of the WHO, has just as much authority to introduce changes in the Budget of the WHO for this Regional Office, as when it takes action on behalf of the Pan American Sanitary Organization. He repeated that he considered point 2 unnecessary.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) stated that after hearing the explanations of the Director of the Bureau, he agreed that point 2 should be deleted, and he supported the proposal of the Representative of the United States.

The CHAIRMAN asked the Representative of El Salvador whether he insisted on his proposal, or whether he would accept a new version incorporating the modifications suggested by the Representatives of Panama and the United States.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) withdrew his proposal but insisted that this discussion should be recorded in the minutes of the session. He proposed, however, that another provision be added in the changes that would be included in the new version, namely that the report should be submitted to the Executive Committee and the Directing Council "periodically".

#### DECISION TAKEN

The draft resolution on a program of economies and decentralization of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CD6/61) was approved with the following changes:

"1. To establish a Committee of three members of the Directing Council, charged with studying the measures it would be appropriate to take in order to effect economies and decentralize the activities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and to report periodically thereon to the Executive Committee and the Directing Council at their meetings in 1953 and, if necessary, at their later meetings." Point 2 was deleted, so that point 3 became point 2 and point 4 became point 3. A new point 4 was added, as follows:

"4. To authorize the Executive Committee to apply any economies effected to additional projects in field programs." 21/

e) Topic 12: Plan of Long-Range Public Health Programs  
(Document CD6/12)

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) emphasized the importance of this topic, which might better be called Pan American Health Policy, and he suggested that the discussion of this point be continued in another plenary session, if necessary, so that all the Representatives could express their opinions on the matter.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB), citing examples, stressed the necessity of continuing a campaign until a disease or its vector had been eradicated not only from a country, but also from any point that might represent a source of reinfection, and he said that in this sense the campaigns that attack problems of this nature should be carried on to a definitive solution, even if, to accomplish this, the Bureau or the Directing Council had to recommend and urge their inclusion in national programs.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) called the attention of the Representatives to the fact that since the annual budgets of the PASB had a fixed ceiling, it was necessary to give a definitive and practical orientation to the programs of the Bureau, and that to this end they should start from a fundamental basis, determining whether the Bureau should take as its program one based on the requests of the countries or, in contrast, establish priorities in line with the vital statistics on causes of morbidity and mortality. In connection with the latter he cited the ravages wrought on the people and the economic structure of the countries of this Hemisphere by such diseases as tuberculosis, enteric infections and infestations, malnutrition, and the diseases of infancy and childhood.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) proposed that subhead a. of point 1 of the proposed resolution be modified as follows:

a. Strengthen the fundamental services of all the countries for promotion, coordination, and assistance in public health programs working toward the long-range solution of such great socio-economic problems of the American countries as tuberculosis, enteric infections and infestations, malnutrition, and the diseases of infancy and childhood, in order definitively to improve the health of their inhabitants.

Since many Representatives seemed to be interested in continuing the consideration of this matter, the CHAIRMAN suggested that the discussion be continued at the afternoon plenary session.

The session was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FIFTH PLENARY SESSION  
Havana, Cuba  
Monday, 22 September 1952, at 3:40 p.m.

Chairman: Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ Venezuela  
(later) Dr. Francisco BARRERA Y CANEDO Cuba  
Vice-Chairman: Dr. César VELEZ MORAN Ecuador  
Secretary: Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE Pan American  
Sanitary Bureau

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PRESENT:

Members:

Dr. Ernani de Paiva FERREIRA BRAGA	Brazil
Dr. Ruy Barbosa de MIRANDA E SILVA	
Dr. Nacianceno ROMERO	Chile
Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO	Colombia
Dr. Rafael CALVO FONSECA	Cuba
Dr. Francisco BARRERA Y CAÑEDO	
Dr. José Francisco PIMENTEL Y MENENDEZ	
Dr. Hipólito SANCHEZ BAEZ	Dominican Republic
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES	El Salvador
Dr. René LAVOINE	France
Dr. J. F. MAUZE	
Dr. Roberto GANDARA LACAPE	Guatemala
Dr. Lucien PIERRE NOEL	Haiti
Dr. Felipe GARCIA SANCHEZ	Mexico
Dr. N.H. SWELLENGREBEL	Netherlands
Dr. E. VAN DER KUYP	
Dr. F.J. RUTTEN	
Dr. Germán CASTILLO	Nicaragua
Dr. Alberto E. CALVO	Panama
Dr. Pedro Hugo PEÑA	Paraguay
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA	Peru
Dr. J.W.P. HARKNESS	United Kingdom
Dr. L.W. FITZMAURICE	
Dr. Horace GILLETTE	
Dr. Frederick J. BRADY	United States
Mr. Howard B. CALDERWOOD	
Mr. Simon N. WILSON	
Mr. Elton D. WOOLPERT	
Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ	Venezuela
Dr. Fred L. SOPER ( <u>ex officio</u> )	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Other Participants:

Governments:

Mr. K.C. BROWN, Observer	Canada
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PRESENT: (Cont'd.)

Inter-Governmental Organizations:

Mr. Robert DAVEE

United Nations  
International Children's  
Emergency Fund (UNICEF)

Miss Maude BARRETT

United Nations  
Organization (UN)

Non-Governmental Organizations:

Dr. Filiberto RAMIREZ CORRIA

Cuban Pediatrics  
Society

Miss Zilda ALMEIDA CARVALHO

International Council  
of Nurses

Dr. Esmond R. LONG

International Union  
against Tuberculosis

Dr. Félix HURTADO

Pan American Medical  
Confederation

26. SECOND REPORT OF COMMITTEE I (Document CD6/61) (Conclusion)

The CHAIRMAN announced that the discussion of the draft resolution on Topic 12, which appears on pages 7 and 8 of Document CD6/61, would continue.

a) Topic 12: Plan of Long-Range Public Health Programs  
(Document CD6/12) (Conclusion)

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) said he wished to submit a proposal that, in his opinion, would cover all the points of view expressed at the previous session. He stated that, to clarify the question as to what public health projects were necessary, all the public health problems of the countries of the Americas would have to be enumerated. He proposed that paragraph 1 (c) of the operative part be deleted and that the determination of the priority to be given to public health problems of continental importance be left to the discretion of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

This proposal was supported by the Representatives of Colombia and Peru.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) pointed out the importance of this topic and added that experience has shown it is not advisable to assign public health projects to the Bureau without taking into account budget limitations. A decision taken without prior study might imply the authorization of a public health policy that the Council itself might not approve later on. He proposed that the operative part of the resolution be worded as follows:

- "1. To postpone decision on this important matter in order to make possible a fuller exchange of information and opinions among the Member States and between them and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.
- "2. To request the Director to continue the studies on this topic and to submit the documents he compiles to the Executive Committee for consideration and to the VII Meeting of the Directing Council for final decision."

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) supported the proposal of the Representative of El Salvador and stated that it would be advisable to specify that the documents are to be collected through the Zone Offices, since he thought that the Zone Representatives are those who are best qualified to compile the reports on each region.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) remarked that the proposal he had read at the previous session had been intended to embody the suggestions made by the Representative of El Salvador. Since Dr. Allwood Paredes had now submitted another proposal, he wished to withdraw his own.

The CHAIRMAN submitted the proposal of the Representative of El Salvador to a vote, since it was the one furthest removed in substance from the original draft resolution.

#### DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Representative of El Salvador, changing the operative part of the draft resolution to read as quoted above and leaving the preamble unchanged, was approved by a vote of 11 to 3, with 2 abstentions. 22/

b) Remuneration of the International Staff Members of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CD6/31)

The CHAIRMAN put up for discussion the draft resolution on remuneration of the international staff members of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which appears on page 9 of Document CD6/61.

#### DECISION TAKEN

The draft resolution was unanimously approved without discussion. 23/

c) Topic 21: Study of the Fundamental Principles of Pan American Health (Document CD6/7, Annexes I and II)

The draft resolution on study of the fundamental principles of Pan American health, appearing on page 10 of Document CD6/61, was put up for discussion.

#### DECISION TAKEN

The draft resolution was unanimously approved without discussion. 24/

22/ Ibid., Resolution XVIII.

23/ Ibid., Resolution XIX.

24/ Ibid., Resolution XX.

- d) Topic 22: Annual Reports from Member States of the World Health Organization: Recommendations on Form and Content To Ensure Uniformity and Comparability (Documents CD6/21, CP17/9)

The CHAIRMAN put up for discussion the draft resolution on Topic 22, appearing on page 11 of Document CD6/61.

DECISION TAKEN

The draft resolution was unanimously approved without discussion. 25/

- e) Topic 15: Preliminary Report on Evaluation of the Activities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CD6/18)

The draft resolution on Topic 15, appearing on page 12 of Document CD6/61, was put up for discussion.

DECISION TAKEN

The draft resolution was unanimously approved without discussion. 26/

- f) Appointment of the Committee of the Directing Council on Economies and Decentralization of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CD6/61) (Conclusion)

The CHAIRMAN recalled that at the last session the Council had agreed to appoint a Committee of the Directing Council charged with studying the measures that it would be appropriate to take in order to effect economies and decentralize the activities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and that the three members of this Committee had not yet been appointed. He invited the Representatives to propose candidates.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) proposed the Representatives of Chile, El Salvador, and the United States.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) seconded these nominations, and pointed out the desirability of having one member from each of the three geographic divisions of the Americas.

25/ Ibid., Resolution XXI.  
26/ Ibid., Resolution XXII.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) said that he greatly appreciated the fact that his country had been proposed for the said Committee, but he felt that the Representative of Mexico was the one who had shown the greatest interest in the matter. For this reason, and because it would be difficult for a representative of El Salvador to remain absent from his country for a long period of time, he requested that his name be withdrawn and replaced by that of the Representative of Mexico.

Dr. CASTILLO (Nicaragua) said that, in view of the statement made by Dr. Allwood Paredes, he wished to second the nomination of the Representative of Mexico.

The Representatives of Guatemala and Panama also supported this nomination.

#### DECISION TAKEN

It was unanimously agreed that the Committee would be composed of the Representatives of Chile, Mexico, and the United States. 27/

With the above decision the examination of the Second Report of Committee I was completed.

#### 27. TOPIC 27: ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CODE (Document CD6/46).

The CHAIRMAN submitted for consideration the Memorandum prepared by the Representative of the United States (Document CD6/46).

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) said that his Government was opposed to the adoption of the Additional Protocol to amend the Pan American Sanitary Code. In view of the fact that the Directing Council had decided to approve the Protocol and had requested the parties concerned to sign it, the Government of the United States had made a further study of the document. Its views have been set forth in the document to which reference has been made. He would, therefore, confine his remarks to the mere statement that, for the reasons which his Government has already fully explained, it considered the Additional Protocol to be unnecessary and inappropriate, and hoped, therefore, that no further step would be taken to make it effective.

Dr. PIMENTEL (Cuba) explained the position of his Government with respect to this matter. He stated that there is no discrepancy whatever between the Protocol proposed for signature and the Constitution of the WHO on the one hand and the International Sanitary Regulations on the other. The Pan American

Sanitary Code is a contractual document in force and he considered it necessary to adapt it legally to the new policies of the WHO. The Protocol would make effective the International Sanitary Regulations approved at the IV World Health Assembly, and his country desired that it be put legally into effect.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) requested that Dr. Félix Hurtado, Observer for the Pan American Medical Confederation, be asked to explain the factors taken into consideration in the preparation of the Protocol.

The CHAIRMAN invited Dr. Hurtado to take the floor.

Dr. HURTADO (Pan American Medical Confederation) thanked the Directing Council for this opportunity to take part in the discussion. He referred briefly to the original proposals concerning the Protocol that were made at the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference (Ciudad Trujillo, 1950). He recalled that an Expert Committee of the WHO had recommended the abrogation of the Pan American Sanitary Code and it was the Delegation of Cuba that had called attention to this fact, recommending that the Director of the Bureau be asked to inform Geneva that the countries of the Americas would oppose the intended abrogation. Subsequently, at the IV World Health Assembly, the Delegations of the American countries succeeded in preventing the adoption of the original proposal and were also successful in having the Pan American Sanitary Code kept in force. In this connection, he praised the efforts made by Dr. Soper, Director of the Bureau, and by another official of the Bureau, Dr. Bica. He stated that the Additional Protocol formally fulfills the precepts established in the Charter of the Organization of American States. He concluded by saying that he would be very happy to see the same overwhelming majority prevail at this Meeting of the Directing Council as at the last Meeting held in Washington, at which the proposal concerning the Additional Protocol had been approved.

Mr. MARGOLIN (Legal Office, PASB) stated that the resolution adopted by the Directing Council, together with the debates and the statements made pro and con, were transmitted to the Member States together with a circular letter in accordance with the instructions given to the Director of the Bureau. After replies had been received from a number of Member Governments requesting that a Protocol be prepared for signature, the text of the resolution was examined and it was noted that certain legal formalities would be necessary in order to complete it. The Director gave instructions that the Draft Protocol be prepared as a legal instrument ready for signature. Mr. Margolin said that the International Sanitary Regulations will enter into effect automatically except for the case of those Governments that reject them or make known their reservations regarding them within the given time limit.

He added that consultations had been held with the treaty specialists on the Staff of the Pan American Union with regard to the procedural aspects of the matter.

Dr. SANCHEZ BAEZ (Dominican Republic) remarked that he would sign the Protocol ad referendum and wished this fact to be put on the record.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) requested that it be put on the record that he could not sign the Protocol because his country considered it to be unnecessary. He added that the only text that should be signed is the one approved by the Directing Council at its V Meeting and that the Director of the Bureau was not authorized to introduce any change. The same original text should have been transmitted to the Member Governments.

Mr. MARGOLIN (Legal Office, PASB) explained that the Drafting Committee of the Directing Council had prepared a Draft Protocol at its V Meeting. It was necessary to complete this Draft because, quite naturally, it was lacking as regards certain legal formalities, since it had been prepared by physicians rather than jurists. The draft of the complete text of the Protocol was then circulated to the Member Governments, who were informed that that was the text which would be proposed for signature at Havana, unless there were objections.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) said that he could not accept an interpretation according to which the Director may alter as well as supplement the text which the Directing Council had approved. The protocol which was circulated to the Governments was not the one which had been approved by the Directing Council.

Dr. PIMENTEL (Cuba) recalled that when the Charter of the Organization of American States was prepared in Bogota, certain provisions were approved as a remedy for other provisions that had been agreed upon at previous conferences and that it was impossible to carry out. The Director of the Bureau found errors in the resolution of the Directing Council, and so as to prevent a repetition thereof --there were two Articles that required a legal adaptation-- he sent the document to the appropriate department of the Organization of American States and, with the assent of that body, was submitting it to the Directing Council. It is up to the Directing Council, therefore, to approve the procedure of the Director, who fully complied with the mandate given him, that is, that this be a legal document.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) asked Mr. Margolin to explain what he meant when he said that the Protocol had been sent to the OAS. He added that the Governments present which were also represented at the Fourth World Health Assembly, had approved Article 105 of the International Sanitary Regulations, according to which certain articles of the Pan American Sanitary Code would be replaced by the new Regulations. Should these same States now become parties to the Protocol they would be abrogating the same

articles which they have already agreed have been replaced by the International Sanitary Regulations.

Mr. MARGOLIN (Legal Office, PASB) remarked that the Director had considered it advisable because of the debates in the Directing Council last year to transmit the matter to the Council of the OAS for an opinion. The Legal Advisers of the Pan American Union, however, studied all the pertinent documents and considered the measures taken by the Director to be appropriate and that it was not necessary to take the matter to the Council.

Dr. PIMENTEL (Cuba) was of the opinion that Articles 21 and 22 of the Constitution of the WHO do not authorize the World Health Assembly to modify international agreements. He added that the Pan American Sanitary Code is the basic public health constitution for the Pan American countries and, since it is an agreement, it can be modified only by another agreement. He was of the opinion that the Protocol gave effect to and legalized the international agreement.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) said that the Representatives who attended the International Health Conference at New York in 1946 would remember that Articles 21 and 22 were promulgated precisely to avoid the difficulties that might come up in trying to change international treaties. The Constitution of the WHO is in form a treaty and the International Sanitary Regulations adopted in accordance therewith are the equivalent of a treaty. He pointed out that the Regulations include clauses that facilitate modification in keeping with new discoveries. He repeated that he was opposed to the Additional Protocol precisely because it would destroy the basic purpose of Articles 21 and 22 of the WHO Constitution, to which all but one of the American Republics are parties.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) believed it pertinent to make several comments with regard to the observations of the Representative of the United States. He stated that Article 1 of the Additional Protocol abrogates the articles of the Code that refer to subjects already dealt with in the International Sanitary Regulations. Article 2 refers to the amendments that may be necessary in the Code and on which the Pan American Sanitary Conference must pass. He added that as soon as Colombia ratifies the Constitution of the WHO, the steps provided for in Article 2 will no longer be necessary.

The CHAIRMAN requested that those Representatives authorized by their Governments to sign the Additional Protocol should take note of the announcement the Secretary would make regarding the formalities of signing.



The SECRETARY announced that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba had made the necessary arrangements for the signing, which will take place on Wednesday, 24 September 1952, at 3:30 p.m., in the hall called the "Salón de la Mayoría de la Cámara".

28. TOPIC 31: PROGRAM AGAINST SMALLPOX IN THE AMERICAS  
(Document CD6/66)

The SECRETARY stated that Topic 31 on the program against smallpox in the Americas would be added to the Agenda if two thirds of the votes were in favor.

At the invitation of the CHAIRMAN, Dr. Barrera (Cuba) took the Chair.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) stated that he saw no need for the clarification made by the Secretary to the effect that the draft resolution would have to be transmitted to the Member States.

The CHAIRMAN called for a vote on the inclusion of Topic 31 on the Agenda.

DECISION TAKEN

As a result of the vote, Topic 31 was included on the Agenda.

The SECRETARY read the proposal of the Representative of Panama (Document CD6/66).

Dr. BRADY (United States) remarked that, while he acknowledged the importance of the topic, he did not agree with the text submitted. Since the 1953 Budget had already been approved, the proposal should be limited to requesting the Director and the Executive Committee, when they prepare the 1954 Budget, to take into account the wish expressed by the Directing Council to carry out a program against smallpox. To this effect he submitted a proposal to amend that of the Representative of Panama.

Dr. PIERRE NOEL (Haiti) recalled that when the 1954 Budget was approved, he was informed that the vote of approval of the said budget was not final and he was surprised, therefore, at the statement just made, in opposition to the resolution submitted, that the budget had already been approved.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) said that he had already expressed his country's wish that the program against smallpox be a continuing one. He thought that the Governments should emphasize the importance of this program to the Bureau.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that the 1954 Budget to be transmitted to the Member States already contained budgetary provisions for the continuation of the program against smallpox.

The CHAIRMAN submitted the proposal of the Representative of the United States, as an amendment to that of the Representative of Panama, to a vote.

#### DECISION TAKEN

With 3 votes in favor, 6 against, and 8 abstentions, the proposal of the Representative of the United States was rejected.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) wished to know on what page of the 1954 Budget the items for the continuation of the program against smallpox are entered.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) cited the Inter-Country Programs, among which, on page 101, the sum of \$118,028 is allocated for the program against smallpox. He said that this proposed budget would be transmitted to the Governments and that replies would be received from them before the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

The CHAIRMAN submitted the proposal of the Representative of Panama, contained in Document CD6/66, to a vote.

#### DECISION TAKEN

With 6 votes in favor and 11 abstentions, with no vote to the contrary, the proposal of the Representative of Panama was approved. 28/

Dr. CALVO (Panama) wished to state for the record that many of the abstentions were undoubtedly due to the belief of the Representatives that the resolution is superfluous. However, that is not so, because the sum necessary to guarantee the continuity of the program is not known.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) also wished it to go on record that his vote in favor of the resolution was due to his desire to have the certainty that the program against smallpox would have priority if the various countries should decide later on to reduce the budget.

29. SECOND REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS (Document CD6/65)

Dr. PEÑA (Paraguay), Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, submitted the Second Report of the Committee with the changes made with respect to the Delegations of the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, France, and Mexico.

DECISION TAKEN

The Second Report of the Committee on Credentials was unanimously approved.

30. TOPIC 8: REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU (Document CD6/13-Corr.1)(Conclusion)

Dr. SWELLENGREBEL (Netherlands) expressed his gratitude for the opportunity offered him to comment on the Report of the Director of the PASB. He referred to the universal importance of public health science, even though he acknowledged that some phases are exclusively American. He said that there are no barriers between continents and stated that in spite of certain obvious differences there are many similarities between the New World and Europe, Africa, and Asia. He mentioned some campaigns that, like the one being carried on in Haiti against yaws, were of profound interest to him. He concluded saying that Surinam and the Netherlands West Indies are collaborating in the public health campaigns of the American countries.

Dr. BRADY (United States) said that he was extremely pleased with the extent and diversity of public health work being done in the Americas. He would prefer to have the figures in the report refer to a full year and to have a clearer explanation as to what organizations are sponsoring the programs being carried out. He praised the announcement of the Government of Mexico that smallpox no longer exists in Mexico. He also referred to the program of fellowships and training, to the workshops and seminars, to the distribution of radioactive isotopes, and to the public information work.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) said that he appreciated the criticisms of the report he submitted and that he realized that it was no yet satisfactory. However, he thought that this report was better than others submitted before and that it contained important information.

Dr. LAVOINE (France) made the following comments with regard to the transmittal of epidemiological reports: 1) Since his arrival in Martinique, he has sometimes obtained very accurate and prompt epidemiological reports through the Fort de France office of the Civil Aeronautics service, which receives them from the airline companies. 2) He was very pleased to have been kept informed, although he was embarrassed at having to receive such information from the very persons to whom, logically, he should have been supplying it officially. He reported this situation to the Ministry of Health in Paris, which recommended that he obtain daily information from the radiotelegraphic reports from Geneva. This he has been doing for several months, but at a cost to his service of 580 French francs per day. Nevertheless, it had been his impression that the reports were not up-to-the-minute. 3) He believed the explanation to lie in the fact that the Pan American Sanitary Organization (page 23 of the Report of the Director) transmits only weekly reports to Geneva, whereas in Martinique the report from Geneva is received daily.

The SECRETARY reported that next week Dr. Viraud, Chief of the Epidemiological Service of the WHO, would arrive in Havana to study these very problems. He affirmed that the Directing Council would receive a report on the matter and requested that Dr. Lavoine submit his observations in writing.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) voiced his concern over the fact that, in spite of the present excellent financial situation of the Bureau, the situation might become less favorable with the gradual expansion of the programs, unless the countries raised their contributions to the budget of the PASB.

#### DECISION TAKEN

The Report of the Director was approved unanimously. 29/

31. TOPIC 20: DATES OF THE 20TH AND 21ST MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE VII MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL (Document CD6/11)

The SECRETARY recalled the statement of the Director that the dates for the meetings of the Executive Committee and Directing Council in 1953 should be fixed approximately, so that they might be adjusted once the date of the Congress on Malaria and Tropical Diseases, to be held in Turkey, is known.

He therefore proposed that, on the fourth line of the operative part of the draft resolution, the word "approximately" be added after the word "dates".

#### DECISION TAKEN

The draft resolution contained in Document CD6/11 was unanimously approved with the above change. 30/

The session was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

29/ Ibid., Resolution XXIV.

30/ Ibid., Resolution XXV.

PRECIS MINUTES OF THE SIXTH PLENARY SESSION  
Havana, Cuba  
Wednesday, 24 September 1952, at 5:00 p.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ	Venezuela
<u>Vice-Chairmen:</u>	Dr. Enrique SALADRIGAS Y ZAYAS Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Cuba Ecuador
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

SUMMARY

32. Reading and Approval of the Final Report (Document CD6/89)
33. Signing of the Final Report (Document CD6/89)
34. Announcement by the Chairman of the Directing Council
35. Vote of Thanks Proposed by the Representative of Brazil
36. Closure of the VI Meeting of the Directing Council by the Chairman

PRESENT:

Members:

Dr. Ernani de Paiva FERREIRA BRAGA Dr. Ruy Barbosa de MIRANDA E SILVA	Brazil
Dr. Nacienceno ROMERO	Chile
Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO	Colombia
Dr. Oscar VARGAS MENDEZ	Costa Rica
Dr. Enrique SALADRIGAS Y ZAYAS Dr. Alejandro BARRIENTOS Dr. Francisco BARRERA Y CAÑEDO Dr. Alberto RECIO Dr. José F. PIMENTEL Y MENENDEZ	Cuba
Dr. Nelson ESTRUCH Dr. Hipólito SANCHEZ BAEZ	Dominican Republic
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES	El Salvador
Dr. René LAVOINE Dr. J. F. MAUZE	France
Dr. Roberto GANDARA LACAPE	Guatemala
Dr. Lucien PIERRE NOEL	Haiti
Dr. Felipe GARCIA SANCHEZ	Mexico
Dr. N. H. SWELLENGREBEL Dr. E. VAN DER KUYP Dr. F. J. RUTTEN	Netherlands
Dr. Germán CASTILLO	Nicaragua
Dr. Alberto E. CALVO	Panama
Dr. Pedro Hugo PEÑA Dr. Amadeo BAEZ ALLENDE	Paraguay
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA	Peru
Dr. J. W. P. HARKNESS Dr. L. W. FITZMAURICE Dr. Horace GILLETTE	United Kingdom
Dr. Leonard A. SCHEELE Dr. Frederick J. BRADY Mr. Howard B. CALDERWOOD Mr. Simon N. WILSON Mr. Wyman STONE	United States
Rear Admiral RIVERA TRAVIESO Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ	Uruguay Venezuela
Dr. Fred L. SOPER ( <u>ex officio</u> )	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Other Participants:

Governments:

Mr. K. C. BROWN, Observer Canada

PRESENT: (Cont'd.)

Inter-Governmental Organizations:

Dr. José Enrique de SANDOVAL	International Labor Organization (ILO)
Mr. Robert DAVEE	United Nations
Miss Maude BARRETT	International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)
Dr. Brock CHISHOLM, Director-General	United Nations Organization (UN)
	World Health Organization (WHO)

Non-Governmental Organizations:

Dr. Antonio NAVARRETE	American College of Chest Physicians
Dr. Miguel A. SANDOVAL	Cuban League of Public Health
Dr. Filiberto RAMIREZ CORRIA	Cuban Pediatrics Society
Miss Zilda ALMEIDA CARVALHO	International Council of Nurses
Dr. Esmond R. LONG	International Union against Tuberculosis

32. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE FINAL REPORT (Document CD6/89)

The CHAIRMAN submitted the Final Report (Document CD6/89) for consideration, and the SECRETARY proceeded to read it.

The first part of the Final Report was approved, up to the section referring to the resolutions.

Then the texts of Resolutions I and II were approved.

When the SECRETARY read Resolution III, thanking the Chairman of the 16th Meeting of the Executive Committee for his report, Dr. ROMERO (Chile), requested that his name be deleted from the text.

The Representatives of Ecuador, Panama, and the Dominican Republic opposed this deletion, and requested that the name of Dr. Romero be kept as it appeared in the text under consideration. It was so agreed.

Following this, the texts of Resolutions IV through XXIV were approved.

When Resolution XXV was read, Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) raised a question in regard to the coincidence of dates of the meetings of the Executive Committee in September 1953. This point was clarified by the SECRETARY.

The text of Resolution XXV was approved.

In connection with Resolution XXVI, Dr. ROMERO (Chile) stated that the Spanish text, instead of reading "Estados Unidos de América", should read "Estados Unidos de Norteamérica."

The SECRETARY stated that the official name is "Estados Unidos de América", a translation of United States of America.

Dr. SCHEELE (United States) said that he regretted that he was not authorized by his country to change the name.

The text of Resolution XXVI was approved.

The SECRETARY read the text of Resolution XXVII, which contains the votes of thanks of the Directing Council.

The CHAIRMAN reported to the Representatives that the General Committee believed it was interpreting the desires of the full Directing Council when it drafted this resolution.

Dr. SWELLENGREBEL (Netherlands) proposed that special mention be made of the interpreters.

The CHAIRMAN stated that he agreed with the proposal of the Representative of the Netherlands, and said that a vote of thanks to the interpreters and translators could be especially mentioned in the minutes. It was so agreed.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) noted that the topics covered by Resolutions XVII (Program of Economies and Decentralization of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau) and XIX (Remuneration of the International Staff Members of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau) did not appear on the Agenda, on page 10 of the Final Report. Moreover, the Representative of El Salvador spoke of the signing of the Additional Protocol to the Pan American Sanitary Code, and he requested that it be put on the record that the signing of the Protocol had taken place under the auspices of the Government of Cuba, and that the Credentials Committee named by the Directing Council to study the documents that



authorized the Representatives to sign the Protocol had acted under the supervision of the Government of Cuba and had presented its report to that Government. This document had been signed before representatives of the Government of Cuba, and if it was not mentioned in the Final Report it was because it was considered a separate act, although coincident with the Meeting of the Directing Council.

The SECRETARY explained that the two resolutions to which the Representative of El Salvador had referred did not relate to topics that it had formally been agreed to include on the Agenda, but rather arose during the discussions in the form of proposals that were approved by the Directing Council.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) stated that he was satisfied with these explanations.

The approval of the Final Report by parts having been concluded, the complete text was submitted for approval.

#### DECISION TAKEN

The complete text of the Final Report (Document CD6/89) was unanimously approved.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the observations made by the Representatives of the Netherlands and El Salvador during the consideration of the Final Report would be recorded in the minutes.

#### 33. SIGNING OF THE FINAL REPORT (Document CD6/89)

The Final Report was then signed by the Members of the Directing Council in the order in which the names of their respective countries appear in the document.

#### 34. ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

The CHAIRMAN announced that the opening session of the 19th Meeting of the Executive Committee would be held on Thursday, 25 September, at 9:00 a.m. At the same time, he reported that Dr. Victor Sutter, one of the most respected public health physicians in the Hemisphere, had been named Assistant Director-General of the World Health Organization (Department of Advisory Services).  
(Applause)

35. VOTE OF THANKS PROPOSED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF BRAZIL

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) proposed that a vote of thanks be given to the Chairman of the VI Meeting of the Directing Council, to the other officers of the Meeting, and the officers of the committees for their magnificent work, and he said that the Representatives could congratulate themselves on the wisdom they showed in electing them. (Applause)

The CHAIRMAN expressed appreciation for these words, on his own behalf and that of the other officers, and thanked the Representatives for having permitted the deliberations to develop so harmoniously and fruitfully. In regard to the statements referring to himself, he requested that his country, Venezuela, be the one to receive those words of encouragement, which he would always remember.

36. CLOSURE OF THE VI MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL BY THE CHAIRMAN

Thereupon the CHAIRMAN delivered the following closing address of the VI Meeting of the Directing Council:

"Honorable Representatives:

"When you were good enough to elect me Chairman of the VI Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, I said that I was accepting for my country that high honor of which I was so undeserving myself, with the full conviction that it would be very difficult for me to fulfill the responsibilities that such a position entails. But I also expressed the very strong hope that, with the help of all of you and the cooperation of the Secretariat, we would carry to a successful conclusion the tasks that were before us. Today it gives me great pleasure to say that this hope has been fully realized and that thus this VI Meeting can show a favorable balance, recorded in the group of Resolutions that make up the Final Report we have just signed. I therefore take special satisfaction in expressing my most sincere thanks to the distinguished members of the Directing Council and to the Director and Secretary General of the Bureau. I should also like to make particular mention of the valuable assistance received from the Vice-Chairmen of the Council,

the Chairmen of the Main Committees, and the members of the General Committee, who cooperated with admirable tact and competence in the orientation and conduct of the business before the Council at this Meeting.

"I believe that we may feel well pleased with the way in which this Meeting developed. Each and every one of us has had the opportunity to express his point of view on the various matters that composed the agenda; to offer opinions on the activities of the Organization; to state any pertinent criticism of the work of the Bureau; and, finally, to indicate the measures considered advisable to improve its administrative machinery. Those who have had the good fortune, as I have, to attend previous Meetings, surely will not fail to notice that there has been increasing interest on the part of the Member Countries in knowing the work of the Organization better and supervising it more thoroughly, a laudable and wise attitude, for our Governments and peoples are the interested parties who are affected by the way in which the Pan American Sanitary Bureau administers the programs, performs the services entrusted to it by the Constitution or assigned to it by mandate of its governing bodies, and utilizes the resources contributed by the Governments.

"But the beneficial results of this Meeting are not to be seen merely in the recommendations and decisions adopted as a consequence of the discussions that have taken place in the Committees or in the plenary sessions. They must also be seen in things not written in the minutes or reports and that cannot be measured in material terms, because they belong to the things of the spirit. I refer to the communication of ideas; to the friendly and informal exchange of personal opinions on health, social, or economic problems that affect the life of our peoples; to the opportunity for reviving old friendships and making new ones, which enables us to know better those who have the same ideals and face the same hard tasks in behalf of public health; and to the environment that was so propitious for frank and calm expression of the desires, the worries, and the hopes that we public health men all carry deep in our hearts. In other words, meetings like this are a particularly appropriate occasion for keeping permanently alive the old concept of harmony and understanding among men, a subject that has come to the fore recently and is today the object of profound studies in scientific circles under the expressive title "cultivation of human relations".

"Under the stimulus of this mutual understanding, the public health specialists of the New World have for a long time gradually been developing a sense of teamwork and a growing conviction of the interdependence of our countries in matters of public health. It could be said that it is in the field of public health that the ideal of Pan American brotherhood, eulogized by Bolívar more than a century ago, has crystallized in greater and more concrete achievements. And this same sense of solidarity passes beyond our continental limits to project itself, with all firmness and sincerity, on a world-wide scale, through the World Health Organization, for which our Pan American Sanitary Organization serves as Regional Committee and Regional Office for the Americas. It is for this reason that I consider the presence of the Director-General of the World Health Organization to be of fundamental importance for the coordinated and harmonious development of the activities of both Organizations.

"Gentlemen: when I took the Chair I had the honor to present, in the name of the Council, its most sincere thanks to the Government and the people of Cuba for the generous hospitality they extended to us; and for the facilities provided, among them the use of this beautiful and majestic Capitol, where the Executive Committee and the Directing Council have met in magnificent and unusually commodious surroundings. May I repeat today the expressions of our most sincere gratitude.

"I would be unjust if I failed to recognize at this time the conscientious and self-effacing work of the personnel of the Secretariat, who, working long hours day and night, provided the necessary documents when needed; and of the translators and interpreters, who patiently and with such good will and ability enabled all of us to surmount the barriers of language and to follow the proceedings step by step.

"Gentlemen: In the name of the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, I declare the VI Meeting closed." (Applause)

The session was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

PRECIS MINUTES  
OF THE SESSIONS HELD BY  
COMMITTEE I

COMMITTEE I (PROGRAM AND BUDGET)  
PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION  
Havana, Cuba  
Monday, 15 September 1952, at 3:15 p.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES	El Salvador
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Alberto CALVO	Panama
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Dr. Roberto GANDARA LACAPE	Guatemala
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Oswaldo DA COSTA	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

SUMMARY

1. Election of Vice-Chairman
2. Election of Rapporteur
3. Assignment of Topics to Committee I
4. Topic 10: Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1953 (Documents CD6/4, CE16/4, CE16/54-Annex)

The CHAIRMAN proposed a recess so that the Representatives could first take part in Committee II (Administration, Finance, and Legal Matters), which in turn would appoint a Working Party to study the topics assigned to it.

The meeting recessed and was resumed at 3:55 p.m.

1. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The CHAIRMAN called for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Dr. SERRANO CAMARGO (Colombia) nominated the Representative of Brazil.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) nominated the Representative of Panama.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) declined the nomination.

A vote was held with no decisive result.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) insisted that his name be withdrawn, adding that he supported the nomination of the Representative of Panama.

DECISION TAKEN

The Representative of Panama was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.

At the request of the CHAIRMAN, Dr. Calvo took his place as Vice-Chairman.

2. ELECTION OF RAPPORTEUR

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) nominated the Representative of Guatemala as Rapporteur of the Committee, and this motion was supported by Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil).

DECISION TAKEN

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) was unanimously elected Rapporteur of the Committee, and took his place with the other officers.

3. ASSIGNMENT OF TOPICS TO COMMITTEE I

The CHAIRMAN announced that the following topics on the Agenda had been assigned to Committee I:

- Topic 10: Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1953 (Documents CD6/4, CE16/4, CE16/54-Annex)
- Topic 11: Summary of Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1954 (Documents CD6/5, CE17/4)
- Topic 12: Plan of Long-Range Public Health Programs (Documents CD6/12)
- Topic 15: Preliminary Report on Evaluation of the Activities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Documents CD6/18, CE17/11, Annexes I and II)
- Topic 18: Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, for 1954 (Documents CD6/6, CE17/5, CE17/23-Rev. 1)
- Topic 21: Study of the Fundamental Principles of Pan American Health (Document CD6/7, Annexes I and II)
- Topic 22: Annual Reports from Member States of the World Health Organization: Recommendations on Form and Content to Ensure Uniformity and Comparability (Documents CD6/21, CE17/9)
- Topic 25: Publication of a Textbook in Spanish on Public Health Administration (Documents CD6/22, CE17/14)
- Topic 29: Pan American Public Health Association (Document CD6/30)

4. TOPIC 10: PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1953 (Documents CD6/4, CE16/4, CE16/54-Annex)

The SECRETARY read the Report of the Executive Committee on the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1953, which begins on page 31 of Document CE16/54. He pointed out that minor changes in the wording of point 5 had been made and approved by the Executive Committee at the Seventh Plenary Session of its 16th Meeting.

The CHAIRMAN observed that the Proposed Budget amounted to \$2,000,000 and that it is customary to decide upon the total amount before proceeding to a discussion of the budget by parts.



Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) gave a preliminary explanation of the Proposed Program and Budget.

Dr. GORDILLO ZULETA (Peru) agreed on behalf of his Government to the total amount of \$2,000,000, as well as to the quota assigned to his country.

The Representatives of Colombia, Venezuela, Guatemala, and Mexico considered the administrative expenses high in proportion to the amount to be used for field programs.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) agreed, in the name of his country, to the amount of \$2,000,000 as fixed in the budget of the Bureau, although he felt that there was disproportion between the percentage allotted for administrative expenses at the headquarters office and that allotted for field work. He suggested the establishment of a small committee, which, after being furnished with full information and all necessary documents, would investigate the possibility of reducing expenses in the headquarters office.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) explained that the expenditures for administration of an international organization like the Bureau, which maintains relations with other organizations and carries out joint programs with funds from various sources, must necessarily be high.

The CHAIRMAN submitted to a vote the total amount of \$2,000,000 for the 1953 budget.

#### DECISION TAKEN

With 13 votes in favor and 3 against, the amount of \$2,000,000 for the 1953 budget was approved.

#### PART I, SECTION 1, CHAPTER 1: Office of the Conference Chief

The CHAIRMAN explained that the various chapters of the budget would be presented and the decision thereon left until later.

#### PART I, SECTION 1, CHAPTER 2: Translating Unit

The CHAIRMAN checked the total amount of work done and considered the cost reasonable.

#### PART I, SECTION 2, CHAPTER 1: Meeting of the Directing Council and CHAPTER 2: Meetings of the Executive Committee

The CHAIRMAN remarked that the cost of a meeting is almost twice as high when it is held away from Headquarters.

At the request of Dr. CALVO (Panama), Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) explained the increase for 1953.

PART II, SECTION 1, CHAPTER 1: Office of the Director

PART II, SECTION 1, CHAPTER 2: Office of Public Information

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) thought the increase in this last chapter excessive.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) pointed out the importance of publicity in the case of an international organization like the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

Mr. BALLOU (Office of Public Information, PASB) stated that the monthly translation and publication in Spanish and Portuguese of the Newsletter of the WHO accounts for a large part of the increase. A further cause is the expansion of other information services.

PART II, SECTION 1, CHAPTER 3: Office of Planning and Coordination

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) explained the coordinating activities that this Office carries out with regard to the projects in which funds of other organizations are utilized.

The Representatives of Mexico and Guatemala thanked him for this information and stated that they thought the establishment of the Office justified.

The CHAIRMAN, speaking as Representative of El Salvador, pointed out that it was probable that Technical Assistance would in the future administer directly the funds it contributed to the development of programs. In that case the organization of the Office would have to be changed.

PART II, SECTION 1, CHAPTER 4: Library

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) explained the increase shown in this chapter.

PART II, SECTION 1, CHAPTER 5: Editorial Office

Dr. CALVO (Panama) suggested that the Office of Public Information (Chapter 2) and the Editorial Office (Chapter 5) be combined.

Dr. BUSTAMANTE (Secretary General, PASB) explained the difference between the functions of publicity and the dissemination of information to the public, which are the primary tasks of the Office of Public Information, and the work of preparing periodical publications and special publications of a technical nature, which are the activities of the Editorial Office.

The session was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

COMMITTEE I (PROGRAM AND BUDGET)  
PRECIS MINUTES OF THE SECOND SESSION  
Havana, Cuba  
Tuesday, 16 September 1952, at 9:40 a.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES	El Salvador
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Alberto CALVO	Panama
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Dr. Roberto GANDARA LACAPE	Guatemala
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Oswaldo DA COSTA	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

SUMMARY

5. Topic 10: Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1953 (Documents CD6/4, CE16/4, CE16/54-Annex) (Continuation)

Proposal of the Representative of Mexico:  
Program of Economies and Decentralization of  
the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

5. TOPIC 10: PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1953 (Documents CD6/4, CE16/4, CE16/54-Annex) (Continuation)

The CHAIRMAN announced that Part II, Section 2 (Division of Education and Training), page 51 of Document CE16/4, was up for discussion.

He pointed out that page 54 of the above-mentioned document contains the program of the Fellowships Branch of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau. As for the fellowships of the World Health Organization, the Representatives will find them distributed among the various countries in Annex II of the document, beginning on page 119 under the title "Country Programs". Each project contains the proposed amount to be used for fellowships. This arrangement is in accordance with the suggestion that fellowships be presented as a part of each project rather than as an over-all amount.

Dr. PIERRE NOEL (Haiti) requested a clarification of the distribution and assignment of fellowships, and was informed by the SECRETARY that, although the Secretariat did not have available at that time a complete list of the amounts to be expended on fellowships, he would see that the Representative of Haiti received this information if he so desired.

Proposal of the Representative of Mexico: Program of Economies and Decentralization of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) said that the amount allotted for a central Fellowships Branch appeared excessive and that he understood that the Zone Offices are better qualified to suggest candidates than Headquarters. It is impossible for Washington Headquarters to know the qualifications in each case, he said. The Zone Offices, on the other hand, are better able to do so.

The Representative of Mexico apologized for repeating the same arguments every time he took the floor and he stated that the best way to solve the problems that are giving rise to repeated objections by the Representatives would be to appoint a small subcommittee, composed chiefly of Representatives living in Washington, which would be charged with studying the operation of the Bureau with a view toward decentralization. Sacrificing a position or transferring a staff member means little, he said. What is important is decentralizing the administration and leaving a central technical office in Washington. This task could be carried out by the subcommittee of three members that he had just proposed.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) declared that he did not wish to repeat the arguments so well presented by the Representative of Mexico. He added that often there is no voting on the various parts, sections, and chapters of the budget. The Representatives merely make suggestions and, as can be seen, the following year the Bureau again presents things in the same way. A system of working relations between Headquarters and the Zone Offices should be established. These Offices possess the means and the information necessary to solve all important problems, and Headquarters should have only supervisory functions. The speaker, in conclusion, expressed the desire that an agreement be reached on the basis of the proposal of the Representative of Mexico.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) shared the opinion of the Representative of Mexico and supported the establishment of a subcommittee to study the policy of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and help solve the problems that are continually arising in the American countries. He felt that the Committee should, for the moment, limit itself to approving the proposal of the Representative of Mexico, since a detailed study of each chapter and item of the budget would accomplish nothing. He proposed, therefore, that the budget be examined quickly and that the Representatives take the floor only when they had an important observation to make.

Dr. BRADY (United States), referring to the administrative expenditures in connection with fellowships, noted that they have been considered too high, and that studies on this matter carried out in the United States had led to the conclusion that the administrative expenditures in question amounted to between \$300 and \$350 per fellowship. As to the appointment of a subcommittee, as proposed by the Representative of Mexico and seconded by the Representatives of Chile and Ecuador, he considered that such a subcommittee could be instrumental in helping to solve the problems that had been called to the attention of the Committee.

Dr. SERRANO CAMARGO (Colombia) expressed his agreement with what had been said by the preceding speakers; he agreed above all with the request of the Representative of Ecuador that consideration of the budget be speeded up and that the observations of the Representatives be limited to fundamental objections.

The SECRETARY pointed out that on page 108, where the purposes of the Zone Offices are set forth, it is stated in point 3 that one of their functions will be: "To supply, upon

request of the governments, fellowships and educational, technical and professional services, and to act in an advisory capacity." He added that the Central Office is in a better position than the Zone Offices to exercise certain functions in connection with the fellowships, and especially so in dealing with WHO fellowship students.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) proposed that the section of the budget under examination be voted upon at once, that a decision be taken on the proposal of the Representative of Mexico, and that the Committee proceed as rapidly as possible, in the absence of fundamental objections to the examination of the remaining sections and chapters of the budget.

After an observation on the subject by the Representative of the United States, the CHAIRMAN asked whether the appropriate time for examining the proposal of the Representative of Mexico would not be when Topic 15, on evaluation of the activities of the Bureau, came up for discussion.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) replied to the question of the Chairman in the negative. He stated that the evaluation of the work of the Bureau is a very complicated task because of the great expansion of its activities in the last few years. The speaker recalled that, thanks to the dynamic acts of the Director and other officers, the Bureau had changed from a somewhat ankylotic agency to one displaying great activity, to the point where it sometimes gave the impression of erring on the side of excess. So it was not a question, then, of evaluating the work done, but simply one of studying the possibilities of extending the process of administrative decentralization. In conclusion, he declared that his proposal could be put to a vote, because it was related to the program and the budget, which was the topic the Committee was studying.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) suggested that the subcommittee in question be a Subcommittee of the Executive Committee, with the addition of a representative of the United States.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) and Dr. SERRANO CAMARGO (Colombia) supported this proposal.

Dr. PIERRE NOEL (Haiti) also supported the proposal, emphasizing that, as he understood it, it was a question not merely of decentralization but also of reducing the size of the Central Office and effecting economies in it.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) asked the Representative of Mexico to present his proposal in precise form.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) stated that what was really involved was that the subcommittee he had proposed should decide, after a study of the matter, whether or not there should be decentralization. He added that he sometimes wondered whether his criticisms were not mistaken and baseless, and that this was what the subcommittee could determine. The subcommittee would be instructed to make a thorough study of the problems both of decentralization and of economies, and it should say to what extent it is wise to weaken the Central Office and strengthen the Zone Offices.

Dr. BRADY (United States) said that if the proposed subcommittee were named they should consider the possibility of its meeting today in order to determine its terms of reference or powers, bearing in mind that among these there might be some related to other topics of the agenda as well as to the program and budget.

The CHAIRMAN reminded the Committee that at the present time the Executive Committee is composed of only four members, which would restrict the field of choice if two members of the proposed subcommittee had to be members of the Executive Committee.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) stated that he had not had this detail in mind, and he proposed that a subcommittee of three members be formed, without regard to whether the members are also members of the Executive Committee.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) proposed that a decision be taken in principle on the proposal of Mexico, that the proposal be passed on to the higher consideration of the full Council, and that the Committee proceed with the examination of the Proposed Program and Budget.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) raised the question of whether the procedure that was to be followed was constitutional, and he pointed out that, since the Executive Committee is the body charged with preparing the program and budget, it should be the one to name the subcommittee whose creation was under discussion.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) said that the observation of the Representative of Chile should be examined in relation



to the Constitution, and he read those articles of the latter which define the functions of the Directing Council and of the Executive Committee. He expressed the opinion that a Subcommittee of the Executive Committee could be named, with a representative of the United States as consultant.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) pointed out that the subcommittee should be a Subcommittee of the Directing Council and that the Representative of the United States should take part in it not merely as a consultant but as a member.

The CHAIRMAN submitted the proposal of the Representative of Mexico to a vote.

#### DECISION TAKEN

The proposal of the Representative of Mexico was approved, with the United States and Brazil abstaining. 1/

Replying to a suggestion by Dr. SERRANO CAMARGO (Colombia), the CHAIRMAN stated that it was not appropriate to approve the section of the Proposed Program and Budget now under consideration because so far none of the sections that had been examined had been approved. He suggested that the same method be followed, examining the various parts of the document successively and leaving the approval for a final reading.

The examination of the budget was resumed, and the various chapters of Section 3 (Division of Public Health) of Part II were read. In connection with Chapter 4 (Environmental Sanitation Branch), the CHAIRMAN observed that almost all the countries have shown great interest in the work of environmental sanitation, but that so far the Bureau has not been able to achieve as much as would be desirable in this field.

Following this, the chapters of Section 4 (Division of Administration) of Part II were read. In regard to Chapter 3 (Supply Office) of Section 4, the CHAIRMAN noted that the personnel of the Supply Office had appeared excessive and that, particularly, the necessity for an assistant chief in this office was not understood.

1/ See Second Report of the Rapporteur of Committee I (Program and Budget) (Document CD6/61), page 6.

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) explained about the large work load with which the Supply Office is burdened, as evidenced by the fact that the 3% charge for administrative expenses had produced the sum of \$58,000 this year and it was expected to reach the level of \$100,000 by the end of the year.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) asked why the greater part of the 3% charge was credited to the WHO, and Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) replied that, although he did not have the exact figures at hand, he could assure him that the amount credited to the PASB from the 3% charge is much greater than the amount credited to the WHO.

The CHAIRMAN asked whether it would not be possible to support the Supply Office with the funds derived from the 3% charge.

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) observed that the personnel expenses represent only one part of the expenses of the Supply Office, which must devote considerable sums to cable, telephone, and mail service. The Supply Office must also maintain a shipping service, which demands considerable expenditures in itself.

The CHAIRMAN requested an explanation of Chapter 5 (Administrative Management and Personnel Branch, Office of the Chief) of Section 4 of Part II.

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) replied that everything concerning Administrative Management and Personnel had been unified into a single Branch and that the direction of this Branch had been entrusted to an official of recognized competence for this work. Under the direction of this official and with the collaboration of another who came from Geneva, a study is being made of all the activities of the Washington Office. A survey of all administrative services will be effected. The Supply Office has already been surveyed, the Editorial Office and the Library are under study at the present time, and a study of the Fellowships Branch will begin shortly.

When Chapter 11 (General Services) of Section 4 of Part II came under examination, Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) asked whether the Travel Unit could not be eliminated and its

services entrusted to an agency, with the resultant saving in the personnel now employed.

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) replied that it is precisely one of the functions of the personnel employed in the travel unit to maintain relations with the travel agency that provides the Bureau with the necessary tickets and reservations. Other services of the Travel Unit are obtaining visas and passports, which is something a commercial agency is not in a position to do, and taking care of everything connected with the travel of fellowship students.

When Chapter 4 (Fixed Charges and Claims) of Section 5 was examined, the CHAIRMAN asked why the Bureau had to pay a tax on the income of its employees, since he understood that in other countries international officials enjoy privileges and immunities, among them exemption from taxes.

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) replied that reimbursement of income tax to certain staff members was necessary because the Government of the United States, despite all the representations made to it by the United Nations, the WHO, and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau itself, has so far refused to exempt the U.S. citizens employed by international agencies from the payment of taxes.

In connection with Chapter 6 (Building Improvements), Section 5 of Part II, the CHAIRMAN inquired why the sum of \$5,000 had been requested for additional improvements to the Headquarters Office when there was another document concerning buildings and installations calling for an expenditure for these purposes of some \$250,000.

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) replied that two separate matters were involved and that the document to which the Chairman had referred had been assigned to Committee II for study.

Dr. BRADY (United States) said that Mr. Calderwood, the Chairman of Committee II, had informed him that the Working Party of that Committee had approved in principle construction work in the sum of \$209,000. At the same time, Dr. Brady called the Committee's attention to the document on the status of the Working Capital Fund.

The CHAIRMAN wanted to know whether the approval of this sum of \$209,000 would affect the over-all amount of \$2,000,000 voted for the budget.

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) replied that if the Directing Council approved the expenditures for construction proposed by the Working Party this would not affect the total amount of \$2,000,000 in any way, since, as Dr. Brady had already noted, the document on the status of the Working Capital Fund indicated that a sufficient surplus was available to cover these requirements.

The session was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

COMMITTEE I (PROGRAM AND BUDGET)  
PRECIS MINUTES OF THE THIRD SESSION  
Havana, Cuba

Tuesday, 16 September 1952, at 3:25 p.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Alberto CALVO	Panama
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Dr. Roberto GANDARA LACAPE	Guatemala
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Oswaldo DA COSTA	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

SUMMARY

6. Topic 10: Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1953 (Documents CE16/4, CD6/4 and CE16/54-Annex) (Continuation)

Proposal of the Representatives of Mexico and El Salvador: Remuneration of the International Staff Members of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

The Vice-Chairman, Dr. CALVO (Panama), took the Chair.

6. TOPIC 10: PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1953 (Documents CE16/4, CD6/4, and CE16/54-Annex) (Continuation)

PART III, SECTION 1: Zone Offices

The CHAIRMAN presented Part III, Section 1: Zone Offices, for discussion. He said that the Executive Committee recommended in its report that the four principal objectives of the Field Offices be followed by a fifth objective, namely that these Offices would have as a purpose to collaborate in the development of the practical programs in the various countries, using the facilities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau or of other organizations.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) requested a clarification as to whether such collaboration would be offered through the Office of Planning and Coordination at Headquarters or directly through the Zone Offices.

The CHAIRMAN asked whether the Committee agreed to specify that the collaboration would be offered through the Office of Planning and Coordination.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) opposed having this procedure specified, for it would be nullified if the afore-mentioned Office were to cease its functions.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) stated that he had intended only to pose a question and that he favored strengthening the autonomy of the Zone Offices.

The SECRETARY indicated that the objectives of the Zone Offices are defined on page 108 of Document CE16/4. He said that if the fifth point were added, it would be included on the same page.

DECISION TAKEN

By majority vote it was agreed to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee (Document CE16/54, Annex, page 33), adding the following objective to the four objectives of the Zone Offices:

"5. To collaborate in the development of the practical programs in the various countries, using the facilities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau or of other organizations."

Proposal of the Representatives of Mexico and El Salvador: Remuneration of the International Staff Members of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

In considering the amounts of the budget allotted to the Zone Offices, shown on pages 109 and 110 of Document CE16/4, Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) said that in the event these amounts were approved, it should be with the reservation that they would be changed if the salaries of the international staff of the Zone Offices were raised, as was proposed by the Representative of Mexico before the Executive Committee, this matter having been the subject of a decision by that body.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) explained the machinery set up in the regulations for changing the working conditions of the personnel, it being incumbent upon the Director to submit the pertinent recommendations to the Executive Committee. He recalled that the United Nations, at its last Assembly in Paris, established a system of readjustment of salaries based on the difference in the cost of living from what it was in New York in May 1950. An increase or decrease of 7-1/2% was to be applied to the salaries when the cost of living varied by 10%. The WHO adopted a similar system. The proposal of the Representative of Mexico regarding an increase in the salaries of the staff of Zone Offices arose in connection with the Director's request for an opinion, to settle the question of whether the cost-of-living adjustment should also be applied to the Assistant Director and the Secretary General of the Bureau. But the problem presented difficulties, for, in accordance with data from the United Nations, which indicated a lowering of the cost of living in Guatemala in comparison with the base figure for New York in May 1950, the WHO had recommended a decrease in salary for the staff of the Zone Office in Guatemala. The Director of the Bureau had not accepted this suggestion passively, for the decrease in the cost of living there has not been confirmed.

The Director added that he favors improving the situation of the personnel working in the Zone Offices, but it must be borne in mind that personnel of the WHO work in them together with Bureau staff members, and that joint consideration must be given this problem, which is not an easy one to solve.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) asked whether the Council, quite apart from the legal considerations that had just been explained, could improve the situation of the staff members by raising their classification. At the same time he asked whether the Committee was empowered to agree upon such a change in classification.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB), reminded the Committee that the responsibility in this matter lies with the Director, but that the Directing Council could make recommendations, which he would receive favorably. He stated that certain raises along the lines suggested by the Representative of Mexico had already been granted, and he repeated his belief that inducement must be offered to the personnel of the Zone Offices.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) stated that his proposal had nothing to do with the 7-1/2% increase as a cost-of-living adjustment, and he proposed that a recommendation to grant an increase to the personnel in question be voted.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) proposed that instead of following the policies of the WHO in this matter, a different course should be adopted, after consultation with the Organization of American States, in such a way as to apply a financial policy more in harmony with the conditions existing in the Americas.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) expressed surprise that the WHO considered that the salaries of the personnel working in Guatemala could be reduced, since the statistics of the Government of his country actually indicated an increase in the cost of living. He recalled that at the April meeting of the Executive Committee he had proposed that a regulation on promotion from within the Bureau, for technical as well as administrative personnel, be adopted in order to give personnel who had been working for many years greater possibilities of advancement. The Government of his country considers the adoption of such a regulation necessary.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Representatives of Mexico and El Salvador agree upon a text combining their respective proposals, so that a final draft might be submitted for approval.\*

\* Presented at the Fifth Session of Committee I.



Dr. CHISHOLM (Director-General, WHO) stated that the World Health Organization follows the procedure of considering jointly with the United Nations and the other specialized agencies all matters relating to personnel. The agreements on such matters were adopted at assemblies attended by the same countries that are represented on the Executive Board. The decisions of the World Health Assembly cannot be altered by the Director. So far the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and the World Health Organization have been able to make almost completely uniform their procedures and administrative practices. On the other hand, continued Dr. Chisholm, the WHO changed some of its procedures so as to adjust them to those of the Bureau. He added that any measure that might tend to separate the procedures of these two organizations would prove inadvisable and should be studied in detail. Changes that will affect a large number of international employees should be made in agreement with all specialized agencies.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) requested that he be granted more time to draft, jointly with the Representative of Mexico, the text of the proposal mentioned above, and proposed that the other chapters of the budget be considered first.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) recalled the work done for the purpose of making uniform the procedures of the WHO and of the Bureau with regard to personnel. He pointed out that sometimes political representatives of a country in an international agency take decisions that do not coincide with those taken by the technical representatives of the same countries in other international agencies. He stated that he shared the opinion of Dr. Chisholm in that this matter should be considered by the higher agencies, since uniformity of procedures is important.

In reply to the question of the Representative of Guatemala, the SECRETARY stated that the personnel receives periodic increases on the basis of a graded salary schedule.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) stated that in proposing a regulation on within-service promotions he did not refer to periodic increases only, but also to the opportunity for employees to achieve higher positions as they become vacant. Preference would be accorded them over persons from outside the Bureau. The essence of his idea is that in this manner the employees would be given a greater incentive to make a career of their work. This applies to both administrative and professional personnel.

The SECRETARY stated that when there is a vacancy in the Bureau the fact is announced to the personnel of the Organization, thus providing those employees who believe themselves qualified with an opportunity to apply for the post.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) stated that a document had just been handed him regarding the Staff Rules and that he would study it and perhaps make further comments later if he thought it advisable.

The examination of the budget of the Zone Offices continued.

The CHAIRMAN, speaking as Representative of Panama, requested data on the amount to be spent in Zone II during the rest of the year 1952, because from the tables it seemed that there would be an amount left over.

The SECRETARY reported that the various amounts assigned for 1952 and 1953 appear in the document under examination and that there actually would be a remainder.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) emphasized certain statements he made before the Executive Committee with respect to Zone III. He recalled that when the budget was examined in April he pointed out that the amount of \$3,000, which appears on page 140, should not be attributed to Guatemala, but assigned to the Zone Office. He added that there was another error regarding the salary of a janitor-messenger (page 135), who in 1952 was allotted \$1,860 and in 1953 budgeted for only \$775. He also objected to the amount entered under "Other Services" in 1952, namely \$3,005, and in 1953, \$6,012 (page 136). He proposed that it be reduced in favor of some other service.

The CHAIRMAN asked the Representative of Guatemala to delay his comments until the Country Programs were discussed.

### PART III, SECTION 2: Country Programs

The SECRETARY stated that the document did not give the amounts for Zone I because the activities in this Zone are administered from Washington Headquarters.

The CHAIRMAN gave the floor to Dr. SAMAME (Representative of Zone II) and then to Dr. FARNSWORTH (Representative of Zone III). They placed themselves at the disposal of the Directing Council for any clarification that might be necessary.

The CHAIRMAN, speaking as Representative of Panama, called attention to the omission of his country in the Programs for Zone III. He added that the programs of insect control and rural sanitation did not appear in the budget.

Dr. FARNSWORTH (Representative of Zone III) offered his apologies for the omission. He added that the details concerning these programs appear in the budget of the World Health Organization, and that the insect control program, because of its regional character, appeared in the discussion under the heading of Guatemala.

The CHAIRMAN, speaking as Representative of Panama, requested that there be included in the 1953 Budget an additional page showing the programs that relate to his country, even if amounts are not specified.

The SECRETARY replied that this request would be complied with.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) reiterated the points to which he had referred before and requested that he be given an explanation of the increase in the amount allotted to "Other Services".

Dr. FARNSWORTH (Representative of Zone III) reported that the increase mentioned was due to greater expenses for postage, cables, and so on, and was based on the experience of previous years and the programs planned for execution.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) asked to be informed whether the difference in the salary of the janitor-messenger of the Zone Office was an error or represented an actual reduction.

Dr. FARNSWORTH (Representative of Zone III) replied that the amount for 1953 was correct and that for 1952 in error.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) expressed his surprise that these errors had not been corrected since last April. He insisted that the allotment of \$3,000 to the INCAP (Institute of Nutrition of Central America and Panama) should be transferred to the Zone Office, since it was a contribution not devoted to Guatemala but to all the countries of Central America.

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) stated that since no new edition of the 1953 Budget had been published there had been no opportunity to make those corrections, which have already been made in the 1954 Budget.

Dr. CASTILLO (Nicaragua) noted that no mention was made of the program concerned with insect control among the programs to be carried out in Nicaragua in 1953. He asked to be informed why this program was omitted, adding that in his country jungle yellow fever was no longer a threat but a reality.

Dr. FARNSWORTH (Representative of Zone III) stated that there are two insect control programs in Nicaragua, one paid for with Technical Assistance funds and the other with WHO/TA funds. There is still another financed exclusively with Bureau funds.

The CHAIRMAN yielded the floor to Dr. DA SILVA (Representative of Zone IV), who offered to give any explanations requested by the Representatives.

Dr. GORDILLO ZULETA (Peru) reported that he was in complete agreement with the program proposed for his country and that he had instructions from his Government to express its complete approval.

Dr. SERRANO CAMARGO (Colombia) stated that he had no special comment to make and gave his approval to the provisions of the budget dealing with his country.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) said that he had no comments to make, other than to put on record his country's hope that next year there would be fuller consultation with the interested countries.

The CHAIRMAN introduced Dr. COURTNEY (Representative of Zone V), who reported that this Zone, which includes only Brazil, has been functioning for only a short time.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) reported that his Government was in complete agreement with the program established for this Zone. He mentioned the arrangements made for the preparation of yellow fever vaccine, in which the Bureau had collaborated with his Government, providing the necessary equipment for the laboratory that is to prepare the vaccine. The production of this yellow fever vaccine will bring great benefit to the whole continent.

In submitting the programs proposed for Zone VI for consideration, the CHAIRMAN introduced Dr. BUDNIK (Representative of Zone VI), who also made himself available to the Representatives for any clarification they might desire.

Since there was no comment, the CHAIRMAN proposed that the Committee go on to the consideration of the Inter-Country Programs. He then made a few remarks on the brucellosis and hydatidosis programs. In connection with the assistance provided to the Inter-American Association of Sanitary Engineering (AIDIS), the SECRETARY reported that it had been considered wise to assign funds for a total of twelve months for the services of a consultant to go to such countries as might request special investigations on environmental sanitation and sanitary engineering.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) stated that the aid given by the Bureau to AIDIS had already been dealt with on several occasions. The question of to what extent and with what justification the Bureau could aid a professional society had been discussed. It was very significant, he added, that this society should have thousands of members and should not have been able to publish its Official Journal with its own resources. He said that he had observed the lack of enthusiasm of the sanitary engineers of various countries. One way of stimulating such enthusiasm would be to indicate a fixed period within which the AIDIS should become self-sufficient in the matter of paying for the publication of its Official Journal. He ended by saying that assistance can be given in some way other than financially.

Dr. BUSTAMANTE (Secretary General, PASB) explained that the \$10,000 assigned in 1952 and 1953 would be devoted exclusively to the publication of the Official Journal of the Inter-American Association of Sanitary Engineering. This amount would be cut in half, and it would disappear entirely in 1955. Dr. Bustamante added that in former years twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars had been assigned to the AIDIS, when the Bureau also provided it with secretariat services, which now have been eliminated. The largest number of members the Association has ever had was 1,400, although it was estimated that the figure could reach 10,000.

When the CHAIRMAN requested that he present his proposal

formally, Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) proposed that the Congress that the Association of Sanitary Engineering is soon to hold in Buenos Aires be notified that the assistance of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau will cease in 1955.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that the AIDIS was born as a result of a recommendation made by the Special Committee on Sanitary Engineering established at Rio de Janeiro in 1942, and that during the last five years it had survived thanks to the assistance received from the Institute of Inter-American Affairs and the Bureau. He reported that the President of the AIDIS is Dr. H.G. Baity, Director, Division of Environmental Sanitation of the WHO. In the last two years the publication of the Official Journal had been considerably curtailed. He added that it was difficult for an international association to exist on its membership dues. Recently, consideration has been given to the possibility of organizing a Pan American Public Health Association, which would include all the specialities: nursing, sanitary engineering, and so on. This topic was included on the Agenda of the present meeting of the Directing Council. The problem should be carefully studied, to see whether it would be possible for the proposed association to enjoy the assistance of the Bureau and the other agencies, such as the Rockefeller Foundation, the Kellogg Foundation, and the Institute of Inter-American Affairs.

The CHAIRMAN called for a decision on the motion of the Representative of El Salvador that the eventual withdrawal of assistance to the AIDIS be announced.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) suggested that the decision on this motion be postponed until such time as the topic concerning the Pan American Public Health Association should come under study.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) had no objection to withdrawing his proposal, reserving the right to introduce it again at a future session.

The CHAIRMAN read the draft resolution drawn up by the Representatives of Mexico and El Salvador, consideration of which had been postponed at the beginning of the session.

Dr. BRADY (United States) proposed that the examination of this draft resolution be postponed until the next session, so that the Representatives would have time to study it.

The postponement proposed by the Representative of the United States was unanimously approved.

The session was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE I (PROGRAM AND BUDGET)  
PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FOURTH SESSION  
Havana, Cuba

Wednesday, 17 September 1952, at 9:55 a.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES	El Salvador
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Alberto CALVO	Panama
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Dr. Roberto GANDARA LACAPE	Guatemala
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Oswaldo DA COSTA	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

SUMMARY

7. Topic 10: Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1953 (Documents CD6/4, CE16/4, and CE16/54 - Annex) (Conclusion)
8. Topic 25: Publication of a Textbook in Spanish on Public Health Administration (Documents CD6/22, CE17/14)
9. Topic 29: Pan American Public Health Association (Document CD6/30)

7. TOPIC 10: PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1953 (Documents CD6/4, CE16/4, and CE16/54-Annex) (Conclusion)

The CHAIRMAN announced that the session would begin with the examination of the Education and Training Program, which had not been discussed at the session yesterday.

PART III, SECTION 3: Education and Training Program

The CHAIRMAN stated that before the Committee entered into the consideration of the budget for the Education and Training Program, he would like to have the Secretary tell him the amounts spent in 1951 and 1952 for fellowships awarded from funds of the World Health Organization and the Technical Assistance Program. He added that some Representatives had told him that the amounts allotted by the WHO and TA had not been spent entirely.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) said that, since the amounts allotted in the present budget appear to be excessive, he wished to know how these sums were to be spent, including the amount allotted to the Third Regional Nurses Congress.

The SECRETARY replied that the funds allotted are given in the schedule under two separate headings, one for fellowships and the other for technical meetings.

The CHAIRMAN repeated his question and the one asked by the Representative of Panama. He expressed his regret that the Bureau did not yet have a Division of Education and Training it could call its own. He stated that both the majority of the staff of the Fellowship Branch and the Chief of the Division are paid by the WHO. Although he thought the allotment of these amounts by the WHO to be praiseworthy, he would like to see the interest in the Fellowship Program manifested by the American Republics on several occasions expressed in the budget, as a matter of principle.

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) stated that during the last two years the aid his country received came exclusively from the WHO, the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, and the Inter-American Cooperative Public Health Service. He wanted to know if the amount allotted for fellowships also included those for nursing and if the amount allotted to Costa Rica for the nurse training program had been kept.



Dr. VELEZ IORAN (Ecuador) stated that he did not agree with the opinion expressed by the Chairman. He thought that in the case of institutions working together in harmony like the WHO and the Bureau, the question of knowing which of them is going to assume the cost of the fellowship program is of minor importance. He believed it advisable to have the WHO finance the fellowships so that the Bureau could devote its funds to other activities. He stated that he would also like to know the amounts spent in previous years on the programs financed with WHO and TA funds.

The SECRETARY explained that in the schedule referred to, no item whatever was included for the Third Regional Nurses Congress. With regard to the amounts spent in previous years, he stated that up to 25 August 1952, \$444,604.96 had been committed in fellowship grants. He added that, although he did not have at hand the exact figure for 1951, he estimated that it had been about \$175,000.00.

The CHAIRMAN again referred to the fact that the Bureau does not provide the funds for the fellowship and training program. He added that this point should be taken into account because the Bureau's program does not yet reflect the desires of the Member Governments. In conclusion, he commented on the difficulties entailed in the procedure for obtaining funds from the Technical Assistance Program.

The SECRETARY answered the Representative of Costa Rica by stating that the sums which appear on page 115 for the WHO and TA were obtained by adding the items allotted for fellowships under the various projects.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) wished to know whether the amount allotted by the WHO included the items for recipients of fellowships from other parts of the world who are trained in the various countries of America.

The SECRETARY stated that these sums include only the World Health Organization program for the Americas.

PART III, SECTION 4: Publications of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

The CHAIRMAN said he was under the impression that the reduction in the amounts allotted to the Epidemiological Report was due to the fact that the Bureau no longer believes it necessary to continue sending these reports because they arrive late and lose their immediate value.

The SECRETARY explained that the reduction in the figures for 1953 is due to the change in format of the Report and the fact that it is now printed at the Bureau.

PART IV: Pan American Sanitary Bureau - Other Expenditures

The CHAIRMAN asked if the amount of \$70,000 for the purpose of covering the amortization of the loans made to the Pan American Sanitary Bureau by the Rockefeller Foundation and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation was included in the total budget or if it would be deducted from the Working Capital Fund.

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) stated that this amount was an integral part of the proposed budget of \$2,000,000.

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Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) observed that these programs include points of major interest, which should be studied with great care. He went on to say that, in view of the fact that the maximum sum the budget can amount to has already been established, a study should be made of the manner in which the majority of the additional programs can be carried out, using funds obtained through the adjustment of other items of the budget. He proposed that the items allotted to the activities of Headquarters be reduced in order to permit decentralization and provide funds for these programs.

The CHAIRMAN said that the consideration of the budget had arrived at the point it would necessarily reach: the distribution of allotted funds. He recalled the observations made in previous sessions regarding the items allotted to the Office of Public Information and to various administrative services that, in his opinion, could be reduced. He mentioned particularly the figure for the Office of Planning and

Coordination, and asked the Director if the expenses of this service could not be defrayed with Technical Assistance funds in view of the fact that the need for this Office was a direct result of the Technical Assistance programs.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that the funds for Technical Assistance may be used only for the benefit of underdeveloped countries and that under no condition may they be used for administrative purposes. As regards the Office of Public Information, he pointed out that a large number of the activities of this Office are paid for with funds from the budget of the Regional Office. He believed it necessary to retain this service because it is responsible for providing information to the technical experts, who, in the United States, have an influence on the action of Congress. As for the statements by the Representative of Costa Rica, Dr. Soper noted that he himself had promoted decentralization in the Bureau and in the WHO. Nevertheless, he did not believe that decentralization could be carried to the extreme of jeopardizing the coordination of administrative activities. He pointed out that the budget already reflects a strong tendency toward decentralization and that until all the Zone Offices are fully established, the Headquarters cannot be organized on the basis of complete decentralization. The administration of services in some regions must be undertaken by Headquarters.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) wished to emphasize the point raised by the Representative of Costa Rica. He said that the additional programs are extremely necessary and proposed that the administrative part of the budget be reduced. He added that, while he had not the slightest doubt of the importance of the various offices established at Headquarters, the field programs are considerably more important. He also proposed that a working party be appointed to determine what budget items could be omitted in order to make it possible to carry out these field programs.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) proposed that consideration be given the Permanent Subcommittee he had proposed in a previous session to study, jointly with the Administration, both the economy measures that could be adopted at Headquarters without affecting its activities and the proposed decentralization. He added that in view of the fact that there are additional programs needed immediately, it might be well to postpone the construction work on the fourth floor and the proposed repairs to the Headquarters buildings in favor, for example, of the program for the eradication of smallpox. There is also a

balance of more than a million dollars in the Working Capital Fund. He concluded by saying that he saw no need for saving money where public health programs are concerned.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) concurred in the proposal of the Representative of Mexico. He declared that it is a bad sign for a government bureau to have a surplus at the end of the fiscal year. He went on to say that although the Bureau should have a reserve fund, he did not believe that it should be as large as the budget itself and that, in his opinion, the cost of the additional projects could be defrayed from the reserve funds without reducing the items allotted to the Administration at Headquarters.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) said that from the studies that had been made of the budget and from the reports provided by the Director it was possible to draw the conclusion that no change could be made in the budget without affecting the functions of the Bureau. He proposed that the budget be approved as presented and that the proposal of the Representative of Mexico be considered with reference to the creation of a subcommittee for the study of decentralization and the use of the Working Capital Fund in order to finance the additional projects.

Dr. BRADY (United States) said that he favored the idea of decentralization and that the study to be made by the proposed Permanent Subcommittee is of fundamental importance. This study might very well require a year for completion. He went on to say that he opposed an arbitrary reduction in the various items of the budget and also the use of the Working Capital Fund for the additional projects because if the fund is used for continuing field activities this practice would oblige Members to future assessment increases.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) said that the Representative of Ecuador had accurately summarized his earlier proposal. He declared that he considered it feasible to expend \$200,000 of the Working Capital Fund for the antismallpox campaign. He repeated his proposal, summarizing it in three parts: 1) appointment of a Subcommittee; 2) approval of the budget in its present form; and 3) allotment of \$200,000 from the Working Capital Fund for smallpox-control activities.

The CHAIRMAN, speaking as Representative of El Salvador, disagreed as to the advisability of using the Working Capital Fund for field projects because that might mean excessive future obligations for the Fund.

Dr. GORDILLO ZULETA (Peru) pointed out the risk of having the use of the Working Capital Fund become habitual.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) proposed that a maximum amount be fixed for the Working Capital Fund, so that in the future any excess sum could be utilized.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) recounted the efforts made to bring the quota payments to the Bureau up to date. He recalled that in 1948, when a budget of \$1,700,000 was approved, it was possible to spend only \$700,000. He added that the Bureau lacked the necessary guarantees to maintain the continuity of its programs. In 1951, the amount spent was \$1,695,000, or approximately the amount allotted in the 1948 Budget. Thanks to the efforts of the Executive Committee and the Organization of American States, the quota payments have been made more promptly. Dr. Soper went on to say that the reserve of more than a million dollars cannot be earmarked for any other purpose because the Bureau needs it to ensure the continuity of its services. In conclusion, he explained that the budget has two primary functions: to serve as a guide for the expenditures of the following year, and to serve as a basis for the preparation of future budgets.

Dr. BRADY (United States) proposed that the budget submitted be approved and that the Director be authorized to effect the economies and adjustments necessary for the procurement of funds to finance the program against smallpox. He pointed out the advisability of waiting until Committee II terminated its work, so as to be informed of the decision taken with respect to the surplus in the Working Capital Fund.

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) stated that he would accept the proposal of the Representative of the United States if it were decided to appoint a subcommittee of the Directing Council. This subcommittee would be charged with studying the procurement of funds for the projects the Council is interested in. He made a proposal to this effect.

The CHAIRMAN submitted the proposal of the Representative of Costa Rica to a vote, with the following result:

In favor	7 votes
Against	8 votes
Abstentions	2

Dr. CALVO (Panama) asked if the Representatives abstaining are counted with those voting.

Dr. GONZALEZ (Venezuela) stated that the result would be the same, since the motion was rejected.

The SECRETARY read the pertinent articles of the Rules of Procedure.

Dr. GONZALEZ (Venezuela) called attention to Article 10 of the Rules of Procedure, according to which Representatives abstaining from a vote are considered as not having voted.

The CHAIRMAN submitted Proposed Resolution I, which appears on pages 2 and 3 of Document CD6/4 (Eng.), to a vote.

The vote showed the following result:

In favor	10 votes
Against	3 votes
Abstentions	2

#### DECISION TAKEN

Proposed Resolution I on the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1953 was approved. 2/

The CHAIRMAN brought up for discussion Proposed Resolution II, in which the quotas of the Member States for the fiscal year ending 31 December 1953 are set forth (Document CD6/4, page 3).

Dr. GONZALEZ (Venezuela) requested an explanation as to why Proposed Resolution II had been included for consideration, since Resolution I, which was just approved, states that the appropriations shall be financed by assessments from Member Governments according to Article LX of the Pan American Sanitary Code.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that the only reason apparent to him for including the scale of assessments and the quotas in Proposed Resolution II lies in the fact that the Organization of American States and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau have different financial years. He added that this scale

2/ See First Report of the Rapporteur of Committee I (Program and Budget) (Document CD6/42), page 3.

of assessments can be changed in accordance with the population increases of the various countries and pointed out that it is approved six months before that of the OAS.

The CHAIRMAN read Article LX of the Pan American Sanitary Code and added that in recent years the Bureau received some quotas directly instead of through the OAS.

Dr. GONZALEZ (Venezuela) stated that to date the Pan American Sanitary Organization has always abided by the estimates of the OAS for assessing the quotas among the Member Governments. He added that the approval of Proposed Resolution II is contrary to the procedure followed in previous years and if the Directing Council resolves to take the assessment of quotas upon itself he would feel inclined to voice objections to the quota assessed his country.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) said that there were two aspects to the approval of the scale of assessments. In the first place an increase in the quota of any country represented not only the contribution to be made to the Bureau, but also all other quotas fixed with respect to other international organizations. He also mentioned the difficulty involved in the necessity of procuring dollars. Nevertheless, he stated that his country would not reject an increase in its quota. On the other hand, he pointed out that the budget of his country is already being considered by Congress and, since Brazil had received no notification of a possible increase in quotas, there will be an involuntary delay in the payments, and Brazil will appear as a debtor because the quotas Congress will approve are based on the percentage for 1952.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) asserted that it is up to the OAS to determine the quotas and that the Bureau should only take note of them.

Dr. GONZALEZ (Venezuela) proposed that, in order not to prolong the discussion, the Directing Council should not approve Proposed Resolution II and that the discussion be closed. The Representative of Panama supported the proposal.

The CHAIRMAN submitted the proposal of the Representative of Venezuela to a vote and obtained the following result:

In favor	9 votes
Against	0 votes
Abstentions	5

DECISION TAKEN

In accordance with the proposal of the Representative of Venezuela, the Committee agreed not to take into consideration Proposed Resolution II, which appears on page 3 of Document CD6/4.

8. TOPIC 25. PUBLICATION OF A TEXTBOOK IN SPANISH ON PUBLIC HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (Documents CD6/22, CE17/14)

The CHAIRMAN reported that the Executive Committee had recommended that the translation of the textbook "Principles of Public Health Administration", by John J. Hanlon, be supplemented with annexes reflecting the situation as it exists in Latin America. He asked how the publication of this work would be financed.

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) explained that the publication of the textbook would be paid for out of the Working Capital Fund, if the Directing Council so agreed.

Dr. GONZALEZ (Venezuela) asked whether the book would be placed on sale or distributed free of charge.

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) thought that the Directing Council should settle this point. He added that the original intention was to reserve some copies for free distribution, but their number had not been determined. The rest would be placed on sale.

The CHAIRMAN said that it had been mentioned in the Executive Committee that the sale of the book would permit the recovery of a considerable part of the expense. He proposed that the resolution in Document CD6/22 be approved without fixing the number of copies to be distributed free.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) said that, since he was the one who had originally submitted the proposal with regard to this textbook, he wished to explain that his first intention had not been to translate a book into Spanish, but to search for an author well acquainted with conditions in Latin America. He regretted that he had not had the opportunity to clarify this point at the proper time.



Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) spoke of the experience of his country, where some textbooks have been translated. He feared that when the translation and publication of the textbook is completed, it might already be out of date. He thought that Hanlon's book is excellent, but that the Bureau should have at its disposal a revolving fund for the immediate publication of pamphlets and short up-to-date articles on problems of public health.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the original resolution read "To authorize the Director of the Bureau to apply any available funds for the translation into Spanish and publication of a textbook on public health administration..." and that this resolution was approved by the Executive Committee at its 16th Meeting.

Dr. SANCHEZ BAEZ (Dominican Republic) stated that although the proposal of the Representative of Chile was very appropriate, he thought it would be preferable to approve the proposed resolution as submitted.

The CHAIRMAN put the question to a vote and the result was as follows:

In favor	11 votes
Against	0 votes
Abstentions	4

#### DECISION TAKEN

The proposed resolution presented in Document CD6/22 was approved.<sup>3/</sup>

9. TOPIC 29: PAN AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION (Document CD6/30)

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) said that this matter should be studied in detail, in view of the experience the Bureau had had with the Inter-American Association of Sanitary Engineering and the Inter-American Hospital Association. He recognized the advantages derived from close contact among the forces working for public health. He explained that he did not want to propose any decision at all to the Directing Council for the moment and added that he submitted the document for the information of the public health authorities of the various countries

of the Americas. He stated that if this Public Health Association is organized, it should have sufficient funds available to support its own Secretariat. In recent conversations with the President of the American Public Health Association he was informed that the Association has an annual budget amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars. He repeated that he presented this topic to the Directing Council with the sole purpose of hearing the opinions of the Representatives.

The CHAIRMAN said that the Association proposed would be more successful if it were announced first among public health personnel in the various countries. He added that any decision beyond that of giving publicity to the plan to create such an association would be premature.

Dr. BRADY (United States) remarked that since the Director of the Bureau had requested comments, he wished to say that international non-governmental associations commonly have three faults, namely: (1) lack of leadership; (2) lack of money; and (3) lack of programs. He thought that, since an International Public Health Association already existed, what should be created is a Pan American Section of this International Association. Since these international associations have two kinds of members, national representatives and individual members, preference should be given to the former. He mentioned that commercial enterprises, such as those producing pharmaceutical products, probably might be willing to lend their support to a Pan American Public Health Association, a practice forbidden should the new organization be linked too closely with the PASB.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) stated that he thought it preferable for such associations to be organized first and then request the help of the Bureau. He added that he understood the Mexican Public Health Association would propose the organization of an Inter-American Association of Public Health Workers at the First Inter-American Congress of Public Health. For the time being, the Bureau should confine itself to encouraging the organization of associations with definite purposes, such as the United States-Mexico Border Public Health Association.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the proper course was to take note of the document the Director submitted.

#### DECISION TAKEN

This was approved. 4/

The session was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

COMMITTEE I (PROGRAM AND BUDGET)  
PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SESSION  
Havana, Cuba

Thursday, 18 September 1952, at 4:00 p.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES	El Salvador
	(later) Dr. Alberto CALVO	Panama
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Dr. Roberto GANDARA LACAPE	Guatemala
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Oswaldo DA COSTA	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

SUMMARY

10. Topic 11: Summary of Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1954 (Documents CD6/5, CE17/4)
11. Topic 18: Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, for 1954 (Documents CD6/6, CE17/5, CE17/23-Rev. 1)
12. Proposal of the Representative of Guatemala: Per Diem and Travel Expenses of Technical Assistance Employees
13. Proposal of the Representatives of Mexico and El Salvador: Remuneration of the International Staff Members of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CD6/31) (Conclusion)

The CHAIRMAN suggested that consideration of the proposal of the Delegations of Mexico and El Salvador, which appears as the first item on the Order of the Day, be postponed until Topics 11 and 18 had been discussed.

It was so agreed.

10. TOPIC 11: SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU FOR 1954 (Documents CD6/5, CE17/4)

The CHAIRMAN announced that this proposed budget amounts to \$2,500,000, which represents an increase of \$500,000 over the budget for 1953, and proceeded to outline the increases by Parts.

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) stated that the instructions from his Government were to make no financial promise or commitment for 1954, this action being contrary to the present laws of his country. But if he were to make a statement regarding the budget, he would report his Government is opposed to any increase.

Dr. GONZALEZ (Venezuela) asked that it be put on record that his country does not wish the budget for 1954 to be increased.

Dr. ROMERO (Chile) supported the view of the Representatives of Costa Rica and Venezuela by opposing any increase, although he had no specific instructions from his Government.

Dr. CASTILLO (Nicaragua) also stated his opposition to any increase.

Dr. PIERRE NOEL (Haiti) asked if a definitive vote on the budget was to be taken, or if there was to be merely an exchange of views.

The CHAIRMAN was of the opinion that any agreement reached would not be a definitive decision, but would merely be informative. It would be in the form of a recommendation to the Director, who would keep it in mind in preparing the definitive budget for 1954.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) stated that in any case his acceptance of the budget would be contingent upon the approval by the Government of his country.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) said that he was not authorized by his Government to approve the budget for 1954, and considered it advisable to submit the figures to the Governments.

Dr. SCHEELE (United States) declared that the Government of his country supports, in general, the criterion of maintaining budgets at their present level, although he is in favor of an increase of \$50,000 for the smallpox campaign.

The CHAIRMAN summarized the views that had been voiced, as agreeing to only a small increase, if any.

Dr. GONZALEZ (Venezuela) insisted that the total amount of the budget for 1954 be the same as that for 1953. He believed that the Director would find means of financing the smallpox campaign without exceeding the \$2,000,000 limit.

Dr. PIERRE NOEL (Haiti) wanted a detailed study of the proposed increases.

The CHAIRMAN stated that, although it is the desire of everyone that there be no increases, it is necessary to recognize that unless the personnel or activities of the Bureau are reduced, some increases are inevitable. He asked the Representative of Venezuela if he thought the Government of his country would be unwilling to accept a small increase in its contribution.

Dr. GONZALEZ (Venezuela) understood that perhaps the completion of certain projects in 1953 would make available some funds for the new projects for 1954. He insisted that the budget total not be changed, since all Governments have to cope with constant increases in their contributions to the international organizations of which they are members.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) pointed out that the majority of the Representatives were not empowered by their Governments to discuss the question. He thought that if the present quota percentage were maintained, the increase would not be considerable for any country.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the study of the budget for 1954 definitely served to ascertain the opinion of a technical public health body before the proposed budget is submitted to the respective Governments.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that the document in question is a preliminary one and that the definitive proposed budget will be submitted to the Executive Committee at the proper time.

Dr. SCHEELE (United States) did not consider it necessary to limit the budget. He pointed out that funds from other sources amounting to some \$4,000,000 were available. He proposed that the Director should take note of the suggestions made so that they might be studied at the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) proposed that the budget data be sent to the respective Governments.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) expressed his agreement with the proposal made by the Representative of Ecuador. He said that he was not empowered to accept increases or to discuss a budget for 1954.

The CHAIRMAN thought that the discussion could be summarized in a resolution along the following lines:

1. Note has been taken of Document CE17/4;
2. The opinions of the various Representatives were heard and the majority believed that there should be no increase in the budget of the Bureau; and
3. The budget for 1954 should be transmitted by the Director to the Governments with a request for an opinion, so that they may state their observations before next April's meeting.

#### DECISION TAKEN

The outline of resolution proposed by the Chairman was unanimously approved.<sup>5/</sup>

11. TOPIC 18: PROPOSED PROGRAM AND BUDGET OF THE REGION OF THE AMERICAS, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, FOR 1954  
(Documents CD6/6, CE17/5, CE17/23 -Rev. 1)

The CHAIRMAN explained the criterion followed in the preparation of this Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas and asked the Secretary to give an explanation of it.

<sup>5/</sup> See Second Report of the Rapporteur of Committee I (Program and Budget) (Document CD6/61), page 3.

The SECRETARY, after explaining the main items of the budget, offered to go into any detail that might be desired.

The CHAIRMAN, interpreting the wishes of several Representatives, asked the Director why the Bureau reduced the Regional Budget, although only a small reduction is involved.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) explained that this reduction had to be made in accordance with the instructions of the WHO in Geneva.

Dr. CHISHOLM (Director-General, WHO) said it is true that the budget of the WHO to be submitted this coming February will not include a figure higher than that in the budget for 1953. Certain reductions had become necessary, although the allocations for certain Regions were increased.

The CHAIRMAN submitted to the Committee for consideration the programs by countries (Zones I to VI) appearing in Document CE17/5.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala), discussing the Inter-Country Programs, mentioned the problem of paying Technical Assistance employees their per diem and travel expenses.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that this matter be dealt with after the examination of the budget.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) accepted this suggestion.

With reference to the Nursing Workshops, the CHAIRMAN, speaking as Representative of El Salvador, said that such training requires more time.

The RAPPORTEUR, speaking as Representative of Guatemala, agreed with this view.

The CHAIRMAN stated that, since the Committee had finished the examination of Document CE17/5, it was in order to recommend the following:

"To take note of the Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, for 1954 and to transmit it to the Director-General of the World Health Organization for incorporation into the Proposed Budget that he is to present to the World Health Assembly."

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) moved that the proposed program and budget be transmitted likewise to the governments.

Dr. BRADY (United States) said that in regard to this proposed budget the Executive Committee had adopted Resolution XIII, approving the report of the Working Group (Document CE17/23, Rev. 1), which contains on page 3 a draft resolution, and that it was this resolution that should be approved.

#### DECISION TAKEN

This draft resolution was unanimously approved. 6/

#### 12. PROPOSAL OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF GUATEMALA: PER DIEM AND TRAVEL EXPENSES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE EMPLOYEES

The CHAIRMAN called for discussion of the question raised by the Representative of Guatemala in regard to the payment of per diem and travel expenses to Technical Assistance employees.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) remarked that the payment of per diem and travel expenses to foreign technicians as a condition for receiving their services had created difficulties in some countries. He considered it appropriate to call attention to this situation, taking advantage of the presence of the Director-General of the WHO. He proposed a reiteration of the complaint of certain Governments at having to pay these per diem and travel expenses, which created financial, constitutional, and even psychological difficulties.

Dr. VARGAS (Costa Rica) recalled that this question had been raised many times. It was a matter of requirements imposed by the Economic and Social Council, and it was to that organization that the interested Governments should make representations to have the situation changed.

Dr. CHISHOLM (Director-General, WHO) agreed with the observations of the Representative of Costa Rica that any representations to this end should be made to the ECOSOC. Something had already been done toward alleviating this difficulty, but, in any case, it was appropriate for the Governments to take the matter up in the ECOSOC.



The CHAIRMAN said that a resolution could be approved by the Directing Council acting as the Regional Committee for the Americas, in the sense of reminding the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the desire of the public health organizations of the American countries that efforts be made in the United Nations to bring about elimination of the payment of per diem and travel expenses to the employees sent on Technical Assistance missions, not only because of the expense involved, but also on account of the procedure.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) supported this proposal.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) also supported it, all the more so because as long as these difficulties persist Guatemala will be unable to take advantage of Technical Assistance services in the programs it needs.

#### DECISION TAKEN

The resolution proposed by the Chairman was unanimously approved. 7/

13. PROPOSAL OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF MEXICO AND EL SALVADOR: REMUNERATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF MEMBERS OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU (Document CD6/31) (Conclusion)

Dr. CALVO (Panama) occupied the Chair and called for discussion of the proposal.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil), while recognizing the excellent spirit behind the proposal, was of the opinion that it might become a two-edged sword and that at a given moment it might in practice prove prejudicial to the very ones it is now intended to protect.

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) did not see the necessity for approving this proposal. In any case, he said, what should be done was to recommend that the Executive Committee study whether there was any difference between the international personnel working away from Headquarters and that working in the Washington offices, and that the cost-of-living adjustment be applied to the former.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) said that it was a question of improving the situation of the personnel of the Zone Offices independently of that adjustment.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) proposed an amendment to the effect that the benefit be applied to personnel working outside their home countries.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) expressed the opinion that what was undoubtedly in question was the personnel working away from Headquarters.

Dr. BRADY (United States) opposed making a distinction between the personnel at Headquarters and that away from Headquarters; he proposed an amendment to the operative part of the proposal of the Representatives of Mexico and El Salvador, in the following terms:

1. To request the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to study the principles that govern the remuneration of the staff members and to transmit his recommendations on the matter to the Executive Committee.
2. To request the Director and the Executive Committee to inform the Directing Council, at its VII Meeting, of the results of that study.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) announced that his colleague from Mexico and he were withdrawing their proposal in favor of the one presented by the Representative of the United States.

#### DECISION TAKEN

The proposal presented by the Representative of the United States was unanimously approved. 8/

The session was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

COMMITTEE I (PROGRAM AND BUDGET)  
PRECIS MINUTES OF THE SIXTH SESSION  
Havana, Cuba  
Thursday, 18 September 1952, at 9:25 p.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES	El Salvador
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Alberto CALVO	Panama
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Dr. Roberto GANDARA LACAPE	Guatemala
<u>Secretary:</u>	Dr. Oswaldo DA COSTA	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

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14. Topic 12: Plan of Long-Range Public Health Programs (Document CD6/12)
15. Topic 15: Preliminary Report on Evaluation of the Activities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Documents CD6/18, CE17/11-Annexes I and II)
16. Proposal of the Representative of Mexico: Program of Economies and Decentralization of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Conclusion)
17. Topic 15: Preliminary Report on Evaluation of the Activities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Documents CD6/18, CE17/11-Annexes I and II) (Conclusion)

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18. Topic 21: Study of the Fundamental Principles of Pan American Health (Document CD6/7, Annexes I and II)
19. Topic 22: Annual Reports from Member States of the World Health Organization: Recommendations on Form and Content to Ensure Uniformity and Comparability (Documents CD6/21, CE17/9)
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20. TOPIC 12: PLAN OF LONG-RANGE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS (Document CD6/12)

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that interest in planning long-range public health programs had already been shown at the V Meeting of the Directing Council and at the 16th Meeting of the Executive Committee.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposed resolution appearing on pages 2 and 3 of Document CD6/12 was unanimously approved. 9/

15. TOPIC 15: PRELIMINARY REPORT ON EVALUATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU (Documents CD6/18, CE17/11, Annexes I and II)

The CHAIRMAN called attention to the fact that Document CE17/11 is related to this topic. This document contains the circular letter submitted by the PASB to Member Governments, with cost estimates for evaluation, and the replies received from Ecuador and El Salvador.

Dr. BRADY (United States) said that this is the first time that the question of evaluation of the activities of the Bureau has been submitted to the Directing Council. He went on to say that the two replies appearing in Document CE17/11 indicate that this is not the appropriate time for carrying out such an evaluation. He recalled that at a previous session the Representative of Mexico had presented a proposal in the sense of appointing a Committee of the Directing Council to study the economies that might be made and to promote the decentralization of the Bureau. Dr. Brady asked if this proposal was to be considered in the present session.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) proposed that instead of studying the afore-mentioned evaluation, which, in his opinion, would be very expensive, the Committee consider his proposal, to which the Representative of the United States had referred.

It was so agreed. The study of Topic 15 was postponed in order to permit the prior consideration of the proposal of the Representative of Mexico.

16. PROPOSAL OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF MEXICO: PROGRAM OF ECONOMIES AND DECENTRALIZATION OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU (Conclusion)

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) proposed the following draft resolution:

WHEREAS:

The members of the Directing Council and the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau have expressed their desire that a program of economies and decentralization be carried out in the Pan American Sanitary Bureau; and

It is desirable that this purpose be achieved promptly without affecting the fundamental activities of the Bureau,

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

1. To establish a Committee of three members of the Directing Council charged with studying the measures it would be appropriate to take in order to effect economies and decentralize the activities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and submitting a report thereon.

2. To recommend to the said Committee that it also suggest economies in the Budget of the Regional Office of the World Health Organization.

3. To authorize the Director to defray the expenses of the said Committee.

4. To authorize the Committee to utilize, if necessary the services of advisers or experts, and to take into consideration the suggestions made.

The CHAIRMAN stated that from the comments made it would seem that the Representatives wished the proposed Committee to be charged also with the evaluation of the activities of the Bureau.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) supported the proposal of the Representative of Mexico in its entirety, but believed that it should be requested that the economies made be applied to the field programs and that this Committee of the Directing Council should be asked to present a report to the next meeting of the Directing Council regarding the measures that should be taken to effect economies and apply the saving to the field activities.

Dr. PIERRE NOEL (Haiti) supported the suggestions of the Representative of Panama.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) declared that he too supported the Representative of Panama. He requested that the resolution approved by Committee II regarding within-service promotions of personnel (escalafón) be kept in mind, and that the Committee proposed by Dr. García Sánchez be charged with undertaking the studies connected therewith.

Dr. GORDILLO ZULETA (Peru) said that he supported the proposal of the Representative of Mexico, but only with the understanding that the necessary unity of the Bureau would be preserved.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) agreed with the statements of the Representative of Peru, and added that there is little reason for the optimistic belief that the measures designed to increase the activities in the field will reduce expenses at Headquarters. He considered it possible, on the contrary, that decentralization would result in an increase in the expenses arising from administrative activities.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) felt that the amendments to his resolution, as proposed by the Representatives of Panama and Peru, departed from the underlying thought. In the first place, he did not believe that the proposed Committee could have the power to effect economies or to direct them toward field activities. The Committee should be limited to suggesting economies, so that later the Executive Committee might direct them toward activities in the field. Furthermore, his resolution stipulates that the economies must be put into effect without affecting the fundamental activities of the Bureau and, therefore, he saw no need for the stipulation that the administrative unity of the Bureau be preserved. He pointed out that the resolution of Committee II to which the Representative of Guatemala referred merely instructs the Director of the PASB to present a draft regulation regarding within-service promotions of personnel.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) explained that in his previous statement he wished only to have it understood that the economies effected should be applied to field activities.

Dr. GORDILLO ZULETA (Peru) wished to make it clear that he supported the motion of the Representative of Mexico and that in his previous statement he had expressed the wish that the necessary unity of Headquarters not be weakened.

Dr. SWELLENGREBEL (Netherlands) declared that he agreed with the Representative of Brazil, and realized the need to study decentralization and appoint a Committee for the purpose.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) stated that the explanations offered by the Representatives of Panama and Peru had shown him that there is, in reality, no discrepancy in their respective viewpoints.

Dr. BRADY (United States) said that, in his opinion, the proposed Committee could recommend but could not effect economies. He added that it is up to the Committee to determine whether economies can be carried out. He supported the initial motion of the Representative of Mexico and proposed that all suggestions made during the consideration of the resolution at the present session be referred to the Committee that is to make the study.

The CHAIRMAN reminded the Representatives that the Committee will need funds, which must come out of the budget already approved. He asked the Representative of Mexico what suggestions he could make.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) said that the operation costs of the Committee would be insignificant. He proposed that the Director be authorized to utilize any available funds to defray the costs of the Committee.

The CHAIRMAN asked Mr. Hinderer to present an estimate of the expenses that the activities of the afore-mentioned Committee might occasion, using as a basis a 10-day stay in Washington.

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) reported that the matter of travel allowances should be decided. He suggested the same allowances as those granted the members of the Executive Committee. He said that an appropriation of \$4,000 would be sufficient to cover the expenses of the three members.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) was opposed to establishing a set sum in advance. Nor did he think it advisable to set a limit of 10 days for the Committee. He recalled that he had suggested previously that one of the members of the proposed Committee be the Representative of the United States and that it would also be necessary to contract for the services of experts on the subject. He proposed, finally, that the designation of the necessary sum be left to the discretion of the Director.

Dr. SCHEELE (United States) expressed the deep interest his country has in participating in this study. He added that he realized the necessity of maintaining administrative expenses at a minimum but that he would not be at all surprised if the study showed that very little was being spent for administrative functions and a proportionately large amount on field activities. He cited data from a study made in Illinois, at the request of the Governor of that State. He stated that he favored decentralization and that his country has experts who have specialized in this kind of study. Dr. Scheele firmly supported the draft resolution proposed by the Representative of Mexico.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) said that he had listened to the statement of Dr. Scheele with great interest. He stated that on hearing the criticisms of the budgets and programs of the Bureau on various occasions, he wondered whether he really agreed with them. The purpose of the Committee he proposed is not to search for criticisms but to determine once and for all whether they are justified or not. In conclusion, he said that if the Representative of the United States can provide experts to carry out the work proposed, he will withdraw his motion; because he believed that physicians are not in a position to make an effective study of the matter.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) thought that Dr. Scheele was quite right in saying that perhaps an increase in administrative personnel was necessary. He stated that he, as Representative of Guatemala, wished to convince his Government of the need to increase the quotas. Since the budget for this year does not include specific projects for Guatemala, it is necessary that he show proof to his Government of the necessity of increasing the quotas for such a large administrative organization. Even though he was in favor of employing experts, he thought that representatives of the Latin American countries should be on the Committee. He said that, in his opinion, no expense should be spared to assure the success of the study entrusted to the Committee.



DECISION TAKEN

The proposed resolution of the Representative of Mexico was approved, and it was decided that the three members of the Committee would be elected at a plenary session of the Council.<sup>10/</sup>

17. TOPIC 15: PRELIMINARY REPORT ON EVALUATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU  
(Documents CD6/18, CE17/11-Annexes I and II) (Conclusion)

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) said that the Committee that had just been approved eliminated the necessity of designating another expensive committee to evaluate the activities of the Bureau. He added that if future activities are going to be outlined, there is no need to evaluate past activities. This view was supported by the Representatives of Colombia and Peru.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) pointed out that in the document under consideration it is requested merely that note be taken thereof. He proposed that it be transmitted to the Committee that had just been approved.

The CHAIRMAN asked if the Representatives wished to take note of the document submitted. Speaking as Representative of El Salvador, he proposed that the discussion of this topic be postponed until the next Meeting of the Directing Council.

DECISION TAKEN

It was unanimously decided to postpone consideration of this topic until next year. <sup>11/</sup>

18. TOPIC 21: STUDY OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF PAN AMERICAN HEALTH (Document CD6/7, Annexes I and II)

The CHAIRMAN explained that this topic had originated at the 10th Meeting of the Executive Committee, which recommended that a study be made of the structure and organizational methods of public health administration in the countries of the Americas.

<sup>10/</sup> Ibid., page 6.

<sup>11/</sup> Ibid., page 12.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) considered it feasible to approve the proposed resolution included in the document, with an amendment to the effect that the responsibility be entrusted not only to the Director of the Bureau but also to the Executive Committee, so that a final document could be presented at the VII Meeting of the Directing Council.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) stated that the study of this topic involved technical problems that have been discussed also at the World Health Organization and he did not think it necessary to continue considering the matter.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) said that the principles underlying public health theory already appear in the Sanitary Code and that he doubted whether the discussion had any further practical value. He supported the view of the Representative of Brazil and proposed that this topic be dropped.

Dr. SWELLENGREBEL (Netherlands) referred to the statement of the Representative of Brazil. He believed that these general principles of public health administration had already been studied by a committee of experts in Geneva, and he made various comments with respect to recognition of the family as the fundamental working unit in the development of all public health programs. He thought that it is no longer the family but the housewife who represents the fundamental working unit in public health.

The CHAIRMAN put to a vote the proposal to drop Topic 21. The result of the voting was as follows:

In favor	12 votes
Against	1 vote
Abstention	1

#### DECISION TAKEN

The deletion of Topic 21 was approved. 12/

Dr. CALVO (Panama) explained that he had cast a negative vote because he believed the topic in question had not received the attention it deserved.

19. TOPIC 22: ANNUAL REPORTS FROM MEMBER STATES OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION: RECOMMENDATIONS ON FORM AND CONTENT TO ENSURE UNIFORMITY AND COMPARABILITY (Documents CD6/21, CE17/9)

The CHAIRMAN remarked that the Executive Board of the WHO had studied the means of complying with the constitutional requirement that reports be submitted on the progress of public health activities in the different countries.

Dr. BUSTAMANTE (Secretary General, PASB) informed the Representatives that both the XIII Pan American Sanitary Conference and the Fifth World Health Assembly had requested that such reports be submitted. He explained that the purpose of the proposed resolution (Document CD6/21) was to prevent duplication in the transmittal of documents. He recalled that the Representative of the United States had stated previously that he wished to comment on paragraph 4 of the operative part of the resolution.

Dr. BRADY (United States) said that he would support the resolution as it stands. He added that some annual reports, such as that of his country, did not always contain the information needed by the Director of the Bureau, but that his country is willing to furnish all information it has available.

DECISION TAKEN

The proposed resolution in Document CD6/21 was unanimously approved. 13/

The SECRETARY announced that, since Committee I had completed its work, the program for Friday will consist of a plenary session only, at 2:30 p.m.

The session was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

PRECIS MINUTES  
OF THE SESSIONS HELD BY  
COMMITTEE II

COMMITTEE II (ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, AND LEGAL MATTERS)  
PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION  
Havana, Cuba  
Monday, 15 September 1952, at 3:35 p.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. Howard B. CALDERWOOD	United States
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Lucien PIERRE NOEL	Haiti
<u>Secretary:</u>	Mr. Benjamin MARGOLIN	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

SUMMARY

1. Assignment of Topics to Committee II
2. Election of Vice-Chairman
3. Postponement of the Election of Rapporteur
4. Establishment of a Working Party

## 1. ASSIGNMENT OF TOPICS TO COMMITTEE II

The CHAIRMAN asked the members of the Committee to decide upon the nominations for Vice-Chairman and, meanwhile, took advantage of the opportunity to announce the topics assigned to Committee II. They are as follows:

- Topic 13: Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for the Financial Year 1951 (Documents CD6/10, CE16/8)
- Topic 14: Amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CD6/14, Annex I)
- Topic 16: Report of the Permanent Committee of the Executive Committee on Revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization (Document CD6/19, CE17/12-Annexes I and II)
- Topic 23: Privileges and Immunities (Document CD6/8)
- Topic 24: Status of Working Capital Fund (Document CD6/15)
- Topic 26: Language Courses for Staff Members of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CD6/23, CE17/15)
- Topic 27: Additional Protocol to the Pan American Sanitary Code
- Topic 28: Buildings and Installations at Headquarters (Documents CD6/24, CE17/10 A-B, Annexes A-I and II, B-I and II)

## 2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) nominated the Representative of Panama as Vice-Chairman.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) expressed appreciation at having been nominated, but declined because of the fact that his country had only one Representative on the Directing Council and it would therefore be difficult for him to take part in the deliberations of both Committees.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) suggested that, in view of the statement of the Representative of Panama, the Vice-Chairman be chosen from a country represented by more than one delegate.

Dr. ESTRUCH (Dominican Republic) nominated the Representative of Haiti.

#### DECISION TAKEN

The Representative of Haiti was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman.

Dr. PIERRE NOEL (Haiti) took his place as Vice-Chairman.

#### 3. POSTPONEMENT OF THE ELECTION OF RAPPORTEUR

The CHAIRMAN asked if the Committee wished to elect its Rapporteur at that time or preferred to postpone the election until a later session.

Dr. BRAGA (Brazil) thought it preferable to postpone the election until a later session, and it was so agreed.

#### 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING PARTY

The CHAIRMAN observed that the absence of some Representatives would make it difficult for both Committees to meet at the same time, since the necessary quorum would be lacking in one of them. He therefore proposed the formation of a Working Party composed of members of delegations having more than one Representative, although all the Representatives may attend its sessions.

This Working Party would consider specific topics to be submitted later to the full Committee. The CHAIRMAN proposed that it study Topics 13, 14, 23, 26 and 28. He felt that the members of Committee II would probably be unable to take decisions on Topics 13 and 14, since they had not had time to study them, and proposed that the Committee suspend its deliberations so the Working Group could meet later.

It was so agreed.

The session was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

COMMITTEE II (ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, AND LEGAL MATTERS)  
PRECIS MINUTES OF THE SECOND SESSION  
Havana, Cuba  
Wednesday, 17 September 1952, at 3:40 p.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. Howard B. CALDERWOOD	United States
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Lucien PIERRE NOEL	Haiti
<u>Secretary:</u>	Mr. Benjamin MARGOLIN	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

SUMMARY

5. Report of the Working Party on Topics 13, 14, 23, 26, and 28. (Document CD6/32-Rev. 1)
6. Topic 24: Status of the Working Capital Fund (Document CD6/15)



5. REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON TOPICS 13, 14, 23, 26, AND 28  
(Document CD6/32-Rev. 1)

The CHAIRMAN presented the Report of the Working Party.

- a) Point 1 of the Report of the Working Party; Topic 13: Financial Report of the Director and Report of the External Auditor for the Financial Year 1951 (Documents CD6/10, CE16/8)

The CHAIRMAN announced that the status of unpaid quota contributions, annexed to the report, is the same as that sent to the Governments.

DECISION TAKEN

Without discussion, the point of the Report of the Working Party dealing with Topic 13 was approved. 1/

- b) Point 2 of the Report of the Working Party; Topic 23: Privileges and Immunities (Document CD6/8)

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that there are two types of agreements: those relating to the Zone Offices and general agreements.

DECISION TAKEN

Without discussion, point 2 of the Report of the Working Party was approved. 2/

- c) Point 3 of the Report of the Working Party; Topic 14: Amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Document CD6/14, Annex I)

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) observed that in approving the draft resolution recommended by the Working Group consideration should be given the suggestion made by the Representative of Guatemala, in the previous session, concerning the advisability of establishing regulations regarding promotion of personnel within the Bureau (escalafón).

The CHAIRMAN asked if this should be interpreted as a recommendation to the Director to amend the staff rules.

1/ See Report of Committee II (Administration, Finance, and Legal Matters) (Document CD6/50-Rev. 1), page 6.

2/ Ibid., page 7.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) said that, as he had previously maintained, there is no regulation in existence regarding within-service promotion of personnel (escalafón). The proposal he made on behalf of his country seeks to establish, in a definitive manner and with fixed rules, within-service promotions (escalafón) for administrative as well as technical personnel. The present system of filling vacancies offers no guarantees to the personnel. Practically everything depends on the criterion of the Director. The employee should be protected by certain standards and rules. For this reason the Representative of Guatemala insisted in his proposal that the necessary study be made to establish this regulation regarding within-service promotions (escalafón) for the purpose of offering greater assurances to the staff of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

The CHAIRMAN asked if the proposal of the Representative of Guatemala will be the subject of a recommendation to the Director or if it should be studied by the Committee.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) proposed that the Committee to be formed in accordance with the proposal of Mexico and El Salvador should also be the one to study the establishment of the said regulations on promotions (escalafón).

#### DECISION TAKEN

The resolution proposed by the Working Party in its report (page 2 of Document CD6/32-Rev. 1) was approved, <sup>3/</sup> as was the proposal of the Representative of Guatemala that the subject of the regulations on within-service promotions (escalafón) be included on the Order of the Day of the afore-mentioned Committee.

- d) Point 4 of the Report of the Working Party: Topic 26: Language Courses for Staff Members of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (Documents CD6/23, CE17/15)

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) repeated the objections he had already made in the Executive Committee to having the Bureau pay the costs of language courses, since that would grant a new benefit to the better-paid staff members who can meet the cost of such training themselves. He therefore requested that Point 4 of the Report of the Working Party be deleted.

Dr. VARGAS MENDEZ (Costa Rica) declared his complete agreement with the point of view expressed by the Representative of El Salvador.

Dr. GORDILLO ZULETA (Peru) also opposed approval of this part of the Report of the Working Party.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) supported the views of the Representative of El Salvador in full.

#### DECISION TAKEN

It was agreed by twelve votes, with none against and one abstention, to delete the recommendation of the Working Party relating to Topic 26.<sup>4/</sup>

- e) Point 5 of the Report of the Working Party: Topic 28: Buildings and Installations at Headquarters (Document CD6/24, CE17/10 - A-B, Annexes A-I and II, B-I and II)

The CHAIRMAN reported that this matter had been studied thoroughly by the Working Party, which had requested extensive information from the staff of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

Dr. SERRANO CAMARGO (Colombia) asked for clarification in regard to the urgency of the repairs to the Headquarters buildings. He said it was necessary to know whether or not this work can really be postponed. He thought it should also be made clear whether the amount of \$209,820 mentioned for this work would really be sufficient, for if such were the case the authorization of an additional expenditure up to 15% of the figure indicated would not be justified.

The CHAIRMAN gave the floor to the Representative of the United States, as a member of the Subcommittee on Interim Headquarters, to reply to the question raised by the Representative of Colombia.

Dr. BRADY (United States) considered that the Director was the one to give information on the urgency of the work.

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) explained the background of the case. He recalled that in the month of June the Subcommittee was convoked to examine the problem of heating and it had to consider also the lack of space and the existing installations. From the examination of the documents on this topic one can deduce that the work proposed is of real urgency.

Dr. SERRANO CAMARGO (Colombia) accepted the explanations given as to the immediate necessity of this work, but he reiterated the second part of his question, about the additional expenditure of 15%.

<sup>4/</sup> Ibid., page 9.

Mr. HINDERER (Chief, Division of Administration, PASB) explained that the figures given in the documents corresponded to those of a bid submitted by a Washington construction company a month ago, but that it was considered necessary to request authorization to have a margin of 15% available in the event of a rise in costs.

The CHAIRMAN explained that the Executive Committee, for its part, had not fixed any amount but that, to allow for any increase, it had considered it wise to request authorization to meet an increase of up to 15% of the appropriation which the Directing Council might make for this work, based upon actual estimates. The Working Party had recommended to the Committee the amount considered necessary.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) recalled that there was a proposal by the Representative of Mexico in Committee I for financing certain additional programs, among them the smallpox campaign, out of the Working Capital Fund. He proposed that Committee I study ways of meeting both needs, that is, the work on the buildings and the smallpox campaign.

The CHAIRMAN said that the topic of building improvements had been assigned to Committee II, Smallpox being a program item in Committee I, and, therefore, the proposal of the Representative of Panama should be submitted to the General Committee.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) supported the position of the Representative of Panama. He was willing to agree that the urgent part of the work should be done, but he felt that the things that are not really urgent should be postponed.

Dr. BRADY (United States) proposed the postponement of discussion of this point until there was agreement on Topic 24. He added that, as the buildings were to be occupied for ten years, it was preferable to begin the improvements as soon as possible to avoid higher costs later on. The Subcommittee had thought that the Directing Council should decide on the urgency of these improvements.

Dr. PIERRE NOEL (Haiti) thought that the necessary work should be done and the construction work on the fourth floor postponed in order to allot the \$115,500 indicated for that item to beginning the smallpox campaign.

The CHAIRMAN explained that the matter of the smallpox campaign did not lie within the competence of Committee II, which should concern itself with the question of improvements to the Headquarters buildings.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) said that if the authorization to spend \$209,820 from the Working Capital Fund to finance work on the buildings were approved, the Committee would preclude the possibility of beginning the smallpox campaign. He differed with the Chairman as to the desirability of examining matters according to so rigid a parliamentary procedure.

The CHAIRMAN appreciated the point of view of the Representative of Mexico, but the fact was that under the regulations it was up to Committee II to consider whether the work on the buildings was necessary and how it should be financed, and not to determine program. The smallpox campaign did not come within the competence of this Committee. However, in determining its attitude with respect to authorizing building improvements, a representative would certainly have in mind the effect of a decision to approve the building program on the availability of funds for other purposes.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) supported the views of the Representative of Haiti, and he requested that the expenditure for construction work on the fourth floor at the Interim Headquarters not be approved.

The CHAIRMAN reminded the Committee that there were two proposals: one calling for eliminating expenditures in the amount of \$68,000 and the other eliminating work in the sum of \$115,500.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) insisted that work that was not absolutely urgent be postponed.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) said that it would be excellent to have funds immediately for the smallpox campaign and that it was necessary to look for them; but that the work of improving the buildings should not be done piecemeal.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) recognized that the division of topics between the two Committees complicated the situation, but he believed that a point of agreement could be found when the status of the Working Capital Fund was considered. The work proposed is necessary, not only for reasons of accommodation, but also to obtain greater output from the staff. Nor would the execution of the work mean a delay in the smallpox campaign, because a certain amount of time always elapses between the proposal of what is to be done and the actual beginning of the work. He was pleased by the interest the Representatives showed in the smallpox campaign.

The CHAIRMAN again reminded the Committee that it was not within its competence to determine how the money which it might agree to deduct from the proposed \$209,820 should be spent. It was for the Program Committee to decide whether it should go to a smallpox campaign.

Dr. GONZALEZ (Venezuela) favored having the work done, since it was necessary and any postponement could mean a rise in the cost.

Dr. VARGAS MENDEZ (Costa Rica) was of the opinion that the work should be limited to what was strictly urgent, in view of the fact that the beginning of the smallpox campaign must not be postponed.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) reviewed the history of the agreements reached at the meeting of the Subcommittee on Interim Headquarters, which considered the matter of heating urgent; the construction work on the fourth floor of the Headquarters building was a proposal of the Representative of Guatemala himself. He was of the opinion, nevertheless, that since money was needed for other purposes, that construction work should be postponed. He believed that the Subcommittee on Buildings and Installations and the Director could decide what would be the best way to spend the money appropriated for the work.

Dr. FERREIRA BRAGA (Brazil) explained that his country was not opposed to allotting funds to the smallpox program, but rather, in agreement with the point of view of the Representative of the United States, he believed that these funds should be taken from the Working Capital Fund.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) proposed that the item of \$115,500 be eliminated from the budget for the building work.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) was of the opinion that the most practical thing to do would be to postpone the discussion of Topic 28 until after Topic 24 on the status of the Working Capital Fund, had been examined. He insisted that he was not opposed to carrying out the work on the buildings, but he did consider that the smallpox program should be activated.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the session be recessed for fifteen minutes so that the Representatives could reach an agreement on the various proposals presented during the session.

The session was suspended at 5:00 p.m. and resumed at 5:40 p.m.

The CHAIRMAN listed the four proposals that had been presented. The first consisted of reducing the \$209,820 proposed expenditure for building improvements by the \$115,500 for a new fourth floor. The second called for reducing the total amount presumably by the same sum, but leaving it to the Director to decide how to use the remainder. The third suggested authorizing expenditures less than those indicated, although without

stating any amount, and postponing any subsequent action until these questions could be considered in a joint committee of the two Committees. The fourth called for postponing any decision on Topic 28 and going on to the discussion of Topic 24.

#### DECISION TAKEN

It was agreed to postpone the decision on Topic 28 and to go on to the discussion of the part of the Report of the Working Party referring to Topic 24.

6. TOPIC 24: STATUS OF THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND (Document CD6/15)

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that there is an estimated surplus of \$306,000 in the Working Capital Fund, and he spoke of the proposed uses for that sum.

Dr. BRADY (United States) said that his Government was of the opinion that in general the Working Capital Fund should not be applied to continuing campaigns, but an estimated sum of \$75,000 could be so allotted.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) suggested that the sum of \$75,000 from the surplus in the Working Capital Fund be allotted to the program to control smallpox in Central and South America.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) declared that under no circumstances should the \$75,000 be taken from the item allotted to new fellowships, which program should be intensified instead of reduced. He considered, moreover, that the \$115,500 of subheading (a) could be applied to the program of the smallpox campaign.

Dr. BRADY (United States) was of the opinion that it is within the competence of Committee II to indicate the manner in which these funds may be used.

Dr. VARGAS MENDEZ (Costa Rica) proposed that the two Committees make a joint study on how to utilize the \$306,000 surplus of the Working Capital Fund.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) suggested that the way in which to utilize the \$306,000 be recommended to Committee I, calling attention to the need to allot \$75,000 to the smallpox campaign and \$85,280 for new fellowships in 1953.

The CHAIRMAN expressed the opinion that the Committee might first decide whether in its view the whole of the surplus might safely be spent. Having decided that question, the Committee might then determine whether the surplus should be used for the purposes indicated in Document CD6/15.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) stated that he had only proposed a recommendation.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) believed that Committee II could indicate the amount suggested for the construction and alteration of the Headquarters building.

Dr. GANDARA LACAPE (Guatemala) could not understand why the smallpox program was limited to \$75,000, when the proper action should be to attack the problem forcefully with whatever funds are necessary.

Dr. GARCIA SANCHEZ (Mexico) proposed that 40% of the Working Capital Fund be allotted for all the expenses proposed and that the amount of \$75,000 be earmarked for programs requiring immediate action.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) asked what other items would suffer if the figure of \$75,000 were obtained for the smallpox campaign in accordance with the proposal of the Representative of the United States.

Dr. BRADY (United States) said that the amount was set for the carrying out of programs whose continuation could be expected without decreasing programs or increasing assessments.

Dr. CALVO (Panama) insisted that under no condition should the item for new fellowships for 1953 be sacrificed.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) proposed that Committee II consider the sum of \$75,000 of the Working Capital Fund as a surplus that can be spent without jeopardizing the economic stability of the Bureau; that \$110,000 be allotted for construction work on the buildings, as agreed by the Permanent Subcommittee and the Director; and that the difference of \$196,000 be allotted to programs whose financing can be completed within a single financial year.

Dr. VARGAS MENDEZ (Costa Rica) asked for a clarification regarding the last part of this proposal.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) said, by way of clarification, that the smallpox campaign consists of several phases and that some of these can be carried out within a single year.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) took the floor to explain that the work on the buildings is necessary and yet this does not imply a lack of interest in the smallpox campaign. If this campaign has not already been started it has not been because of the lack of money or of the desire to take positive action.



It was hoped to establish a permanent basis, in view of the fact that it is a long-range program. He called attention to the fact that the recommendations for the construction work were approved in the absence of the Director, but that he also understood that they should be started without delay.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the session be adjourned and that the General Committee be asked to meet and determine the procedure to be followed in dealing with this topic, in view of the fact that it raised questions of programs well as questions of administration and finance.

The session was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

COMMITTEE II (ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, AND LEGAL MATTERS)  
PRECIS MINUTES OF THE THIRD SESSION  
Havana, Cuba  
Thursday, 18 September 1952, at 3:50 p.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. Howard B. CALDERWOOD	United States
<u>Vice-Chairman:</u>	Dr. Lucien PIERRE NOEL	Haiti
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Dr. Hipólito SANCHEZ BAEZ	Dominican Republic
<u>Secretary:</u>	Mr. Benjamin MARGOLIN	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

SUMMARY

7. Election of Rapporteur

7. ELECTION OF RAPPORTEUR

The CHAIRMAN reminded the Representatives that the Rapporteur of the Committee had not yet been elected, and invited them nominate candidates.

Dr. GONZALEZ (Venezuela) nominated Dr. Hipólito Sánchez Báez, Alternate Representative of the Dominican Republic.

DECISION TAKEN

The Alternate Representative of the Dominican Republic was unanimously elected.

The session was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

PRECIS MINUTES  
OF THE SESSIONS HELD BY  
THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

GENERAL COMMITTEE  
PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION  
Havana, Cuba  
Monday, 15 September 1952, at 12:45 p.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ, Chairman of the Council	Venezuela
Dr. Francisco BARRERA Y CAÑEDO (Alternate), Vice-Chairman of the Council	Cuba
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN, Vice-Chairman of the Council	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES, Chairman of Committee I	El Salvador
Dr. Frederick J. BRADY, Chairman of Committee II	United States
Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO, Representative	Colombia
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA, Representative	Peru
Dr. Fred L. SOPER ( <u>ex officio</u> )	Pan American Sanitary Bureau
Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE, Secretary	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

At the request of the Chairman, the SECRETARY read the article of the Rules of Procedure that determines the functions of the General Committee.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that, according to the Rules of Procedure, the General Committee is responsible for assigning the various topics of the Agenda to the two main committees.

The topics were then assigned in the following manner:  
Committee I: Topics 10, 11, 12, 15, 18, 21, 22, 25, and 29.  
Committee II: Topics 13, 14, 16, 23, 24, 26, and 28.

It was decided to refer Topics 19, 20, and 27 directly to the full Council, but as proposed by Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) Topic 27 (Additional Protocol to the Pan American Sanitary Code) was later assigned to Committee II.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) emphasized that, according to his observations, the number of delegations consisting of more than one Representative was very small, so that there was danger that it might become difficult to obtain a quorum when the two Committees meet at the same time. He added that this fact should be emphasized and called to the attention of the Representatives, so that the work might go smoothly.

The CHAIRMAN thanked the Representative of El Salvador for his observation and said that the Secretary would attend to this matter.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) pointed out that the Executive Committee had recommended that both budgets be discussed together.

Dr. BRADY (United States) confirmed the statement of the Director, but he added that, with this one exception, he did not believe it to be within the competence of the General Committee to set the order in which the topics will be taken up in the Committees, for the latter are free to decide their own respective Orders of the Day.

The SECRETARY stated that the next meeting of the General Committee would be on 16 September at 5:30 p.m., and he added that by then the General Committee would know how far the work of the two Committees had advanced and could decide how the subsequent work of the Meeting might be organized.

The session was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

GENERAL COMMITTEE  
PRECIS MINUTES OF THE SECOND SESSION  
Havana, Cuba  
Tuesday, 16 September 1952, at 6:20 p.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Rafael CALVO FONSECA (Alternate), Vice-Chairman of the Council	Cuba
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN, Vice-Chairman of the Council	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES, Chairman of Committee I	El Salvador
Mr. Howard B. CALDERWOOD, Chairman of Committee II	United States
Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO, Representative	Colombia
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA, Representative	Peru
Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE, Secretary	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

In the absence of the Chairman, Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador), Vice Chairman of the Directing Council, presided.

The CHAIRMAN asked the Chairmen of the two Committees to report on the status of their work.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) reported that Committee I had continued the discussion on the Program and Budget of the Organization and would soon complete it. He suggested that Committee I meet on Wednesday morning, discuss the topic related to the Working Capital Fund, and prepare the resolution that will serve Committee II as a basis for its decision.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) remarked that the Working Party of Committee II will meet tomorrow in order to study the text of its report and then submit it to the full Committee. If this Committee would agree that the full Committee meet in the afternoon to consider the report and, if time would permit, Topic 24 might also be considered.

The SECRETARY announced that a very important meeting of the General Committee is scheduled for tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. Perhaps resolutions of Committee II, and even of Committee I, will be ready. Article 30 of the Rules of Procedure stipulates that the reports of all committees, including draft resolutions, shall be referred to the General Committee for coordination and editing and that, as far as practicable, such reports shall be circulated 24 hours in advance of the plenary meeting at which they will be considered.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) believed it impossible to have resolutions available for distribution far enough in advance, and therefore considered it preferable to delay the plenary session until Friday.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) said that, in the circumstances, it would be advisable to postpone the next session of the General Committee until Thursday at 12:30 p.m., at which time it would be decided whether to schedule a plenary session or to continue the meetings of the Committees.

The SECRETARY announced that, in view of the status of the work and of the statements by the Chairmen of the Committees, Committee I will meet tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. to continue the discussion of Topic 10 (Program and Budget) and, if possible, begin consideration of Topics 25 and 29. The Working Party of Committee II will meet at 10 a.m., and Committee II will meet at 2:30 p.m.



to receive the report of the Working Party. It is possible that Committee I will also hold another session after Committee II finishes its work. Committee I will meet on Thursday at 9 a.m. to study the programs and budgets of the World Health Organization and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1954.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) confirmed the statement that at its meeting on Thursday, Committee I will open the discussion of Topics 11 and 18, jointly, and will later take up Topic 21 and possibly Topic 22.

In answer to a question by the CHAIRMAN, Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) declared that the meeting of the Working Party on Thursday morning will depend on whether Topic 24 is considered at the meeting on Wednesday.

The next meeting of the General Committee was scheduled for Thursday, 18 September, at 12:30 p.m.

The session was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

GENERAL COMMITTEE  
PRECIS MINUTES OF THE THIRD SESSION  
Havana, Cuba  
Wednesday, 17 September 1952, at 6:45 p.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ, Chairman of the Council	Venezuela
Dr. Alberto RECIO (Alternate), Vice-Chairman of the Council	Cuba
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN, Vice-Chairman of the Council	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES, Chairman of Committee I	El Salvador
Mr. Howard B. CALDERWOOD, Chairman of Committee II	United States
Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO, Representative	Colombia
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA, Representative	Peru
Dr. Fred L. SOPER ( <u>ex officio</u> )	Pan American Sanitary Bureau
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The CHAIRMAN announced that this meeting of the General Committee had been called to establish the program for tomorrow, in view of the progress of the work today.

The Chairman added that a joint meeting of Committees I and II could be held tomorrow in order to discuss as sole topic the status of the Working Capital Fund (Topic 24). As soon as the joint committee completed its work, Committee II would meet immediately afterwards to discuss Topic 28, and Committee I could meet in the afternoon to continue the study of its Order of the Day.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) asked if, in order to facilitate the discussion, the two Committees could not meet as a Committee of the Whole which, not being subject to parliamentary restrictions, could accomplish its work more easily.

With the consent of the CHAIRMAN, the Representative of Panama asked which officers would preside at the joint meeting of the two Committees, in view of the fact that each of these Committees has its own officers.

The CHAIRMAN answered that similar cases occur in Geneva, where one of the two chairmen is elected to preside at the joint session.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) emphasized that the point raised by the Representative of Panama was one of the reasons that led him to propose the procedure of the joint committee constituting a Committee of the Whole, if this were considered appropriate under the Rules of Procedure. It would not be necessary then for either of the two Chairmen to preside. The Chairman of the Directing Council might preside.

The CHAIRMAN asked if the proposal of the Representative of the United States is not contrary to the Constitution or the Rules of Procedure.

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. MARGOLIN (Legal Office, PASB) answered that it was impossible to state from memory if anything in the Constitution or the Rules of Procedure is contrary to the proposal of the Representative of the United States, but, in his opinion, the General Committee should approach this matter from a practical point of view and establish at this time a method for solving the problem raised.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) asked if the General Committee could not prepare a draft resolution and submit it to the full Council in order to save time, since with three sessions planned for tomorrow there is the risk of losing an entire day.

The SECRETARY read Articles 25 and 30 of the Rules of Procedure, which define the functions of the General Committee, and emphasized that they do not include the authority to submit draft resolutions to the full Council.

Mr. MARGOLIN (Legal Office, PASB) suggested that the difficulty could be surmounted if Topics 24 and 28 were assigned to a plenary session of the Council rather than to a joint session of the two committees.

The CHAIRMAN considered the suggestion of the legal adviser very much to the point and proposed that, in view of the difficulties that had arisen, these topics be withdrawn from Committee II and referred to the full Council.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) said that he was in agreement with this opinion and the CHAIRMAN proposed that the procedure be followed of withdrawing the above-mentioned topics from Committee II and referring them to the plenary session, which could be held tomorrow at 9 a.m. After the plenary session Committee I could meet and, at another session in the afternoon, continue the study of its Order of the Day. The General Committee would meet again tomorrow, Thursday, at 12:30 p.m.

The SECRETARY stated that, in accordance with the proposal of the Chairman, the program for Thursday, 18 September, will be as follows:

Plenary session at 9 a.m. to discuss Topics 24 and 28. At the conclusion of the plenary session, meeting of Committee I to study the proposal of Mexico and El Salvador and, later, the Proposed Budgets for 1954. At 12:30 p.m. meeting of the General Committee, and in the afternoon another meeting of Committee I.

The session was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL COMMITTEE  
PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FOURTH SESSION  
Havana, Cuba  
Thursday, 18 September 1952, at 12:45 p.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ, Chairman of the Council	Venezuela
Dr. Rafael CALVO FONSECA (Alternate), Vice-Chairman of the Council	Cuba
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN, Vice-Chairman of the Council	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES, Chairman of Committee I	El Salvador
Mr. Howard B. CALDERWOOD, Chairman of Committee II	United States
Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO, Representative	Colombia
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA, Representative	Peru
Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE, Secretary	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

The SECRETARY reported on the resolutions on Topics 17 and 22 approved so far in plenary session. Other resolutions were approved in principle by Committee I and the plenary session held this morning adopted others, but the texts thereof have not yet been drafted.

The CHAIRMAN announced that Committee I would hold a session in the afternoon, and he asked for the opinion of the Chairman of Committee II with regard to his program.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States), Chairman of Committee II, stated that the Committee had two topics left for consideration, namely, numbers 16 and 27 relating to the Revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization and the Additional Protocol to the Pan American Sanitary Code. In view of the difficulties thus far encountered by Committee II in assembling a quorum, Mr. Calderwood thought that it would be preferable to assign these topics to the full Council and so avoid a repetition of the discussion.

This proposal of the Chairman of Committee II was approved.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) also recalled that Committee II has not yet designated a Rapporteur. Furthermore, he expressed the desire that Mr. Margolin, Chief of the Legal Office of the Bureau, should be present when Topic 16 is discussed by the full Council.

The SECRETARY said that a Rapporteur would have to be named for Committee II, and Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) proposed that the Rapporteur be designated this afternoon before Committee I meets.

The CHAIRMAN recalled that one of the topics appearing on the Agenda of the Directing Council concerns the election of three new members of the Executive Committee. He added that in view of the importance of this topic it would be advisable to give sufficient advance notice of the plenary session at which the election is to take place. He proposed that the election be held at one of the plenary sessions on Monday.

The CHAIRMAN added that discussion of the Annual Report of the Director for 1951 had been left pending at the first plenary session and thought that this important topic (No. 8) should be included in the Order of the Day of one of the plenary sessions on Monday, the 22nd.

The SECRETARY announced that Committee I will discuss the proposal of the Representatives of Mexico and El Salvador and then take up the examination of the Proposed Budgets of the PASB and the WHO for 1954. He remarked that Committee I must still consider Topics 12, 15, 21 and 22. The work was somewhat behind and to avoid having sessions on Saturday and Sunday, 20 and 21 September, the following schedule was adopted:

Sessions of Committee I will be held today in the afternoon and evening, as well as on Friday morning, 19 September. A plenary session will be held on Friday afternoon, the 19th, to consider the Report of the Committee on Credentials, the Reports of the Rapporteurs of Committees I and II, and Topics 16 and 27, and to vote on the inclusion of Topic 30 as proposed by the Representative of Chile. The plenary session on Monday morning, 25 September, will complete Topics 16 and 27. The plenary session on Monday afternoon, the 25th, will consider the following: election of new members of the Executive Committee, Annual Report of the Director, and the additional topic (Retainment, by the Personnel of International Institutions, of their Positions in their Own Countries) submitted by the Representative of Chile and distributed today in Document CD6/35, provided the Council approves it (Article 15 of the Rules of Procedures).

It was agreed that the General Committee should hold its next session on Friday, the 19th, at 5:30 p.m. and that it should consider the proposal of the Representative of the United States to the effect that a plenary session be held Tuesday, the 23rd, at 9 a.m., if necessary, to complete all topics on the Agenda.

The session was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

GENERAL COMMITTEE  
PRECIS MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SESSION  
Havana, Cuba  
Friday, 19 September 1952, at 6:45 p.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ, Chairman of the Council	Venezuela
Dr. Francisco BARRERA Y CAÑEDO (Alternate), Vice-Chairman of the Council	Cuba
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN, Vice-Chairman of the Council	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES, Chairman of Committee I	El Salvador
Mr. Howard B. CALDERWOOD, Chairman of Committee II	United States
Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO, Representative	Colombia
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA, Representative	Peru
Dr. Fred L. SOPER ( <u>ex officio</u> )	Pan American Sanitary Bureau
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The SECRETARY announced that, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the reports of Committees I and II had been received, and also the texts of various resolutions approved in plenary session and draft resolutions approved in the Committees. Some of these texts are exact reproductions of the draft resolutions as they appear in the documents, while others have been edited by the Secretariat in the light of the discussions and the decisions taken.

The resolutions concerning the Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1954 and the Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, for 1954, were approved.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) made some observations in connection with the draft resolution on a program of economies and administrative decentralization of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

The SECRETARY observed that the text at hand was that drawn up by Dr. García Sánchez (Mexico), the author of the proposal.

After a discussion to ascertain whether the text reflected the sense of the discussion that preceded its approval, the draft resolution was approved with certain changes in style proposed by the Representative of Colombia.

The draft resolution on the payment of per diem and travel expenses to Technical Assistance employees drew comments from various Representatives. Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) underlined the difficulties of the negotiations entrusted to him to bring the Governments to request the United Nations to eliminate this obligation which the interested states now have, as required by the Economic and Social Council. He stated that he was willing, in any case, to carry out the necessary negotiations with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, but that he believed above all in the effectiveness of addressing the Ministers of Health, so that they would bring their influence to bear on the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of their respective countries.

The text of the draft resolution on the payment of per diem and travel expenses to Technical Assistance employees was approved with certain changes in style.

The SECRETARY inquired as to when the resolutions should carry a heading stating that the Directing Council was acting as the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that according to the agreement between the PASB and the WHO, the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization was empowered to act as the Regional Committee of the WHO as soon as two thirds of the American States adhered to World Health Organization, and that therefore even the Representatives of States that did not belong to the WHO were acting as members of its Regional Committee for the Americas. Since the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, moreover, is the Regional Office of the World Health Organization, he did not believe it was necessary to mention in any case that the Directing Council was acting as the Regional Committee of the WHO.

With certain corrections in style, the texts of the resolutions on the Study of the Fundamental Principles of Pan American Health (Topic 21), the Annual Reports from the Member States, the Evaluation of the Activities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, and Remuneration of the International Employees of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, were approved.

At the suggestion of the CHAIRMAN, it was agreed that the General Committee should meet again on Monday, 22 September, at 12:30 p.m.

The session was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

GENERAL COMMITTEE  
PRECIS MINUTES OF THE SIXTH SESSION  
Havana, Cuba  
Monday, 22 September 1952, at 1:15 p.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ, Chairman of the Council	Venezuela
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN, Vice-Chairman of the Council	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES, Chairman of Committee I	El Salvador
Mr. Howard B. CALDERWOOD, Chairman of Committee II	United States
Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO, Representative	Colombia
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA, Representative	Peru
Dr. Fred L. SOPER ( <u>ex officio</u> )	Pan American Sanitary Bureau
Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE, Secretary	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

The SECRETARY reported on the status of the work and announced that the Representative of Panama had proposed the discussion of a new topic (Continuation of the Smallpox Campaign) on which the full Council will make a decision this afternoon. When the General Committee meets again, following the afternoon session, it may receive the texts of several new adopted resolutions.

Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) asked if the plenary session could not be held tonight.

The CHAIRMAN believed it more advisable to hold the session on Tuesday morning, 23 September.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) stressed the point that it is not necessary to resubmit to the plenary session those resolutions approved by the full Committee in which the General Committee introduces editorial changes. He asked how the three members of the Directing Council who will study the program of economies and decentralization would be elected.

The CHAIRMAN thought that the Directing Council could appoint them at one of its plenary sessions and that the appointment could be included in the resolution already approved.

The SECRETARY agreed with Mr. Calderwood's remark that the resolutions in which the General Committee had introduced editorial changes need not be returned to the plenary session. He read the proposal of Panama with regard to the smallpox campaign.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) pointed out that the proposal of the Representative of Panama was actually related to the budget for 1954, a document that has been transmitted to the Governments for study. He did not believe it advisable to pass judgment beforehand on only one program of this budget and, therefore, felt that the General Committee could drop from the agenda the new topic proposed by the Representative of Panama.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) agreed with the opinion expressed by the Chairman, and the CHAIRMAN noted that it is up to the full Council, rather than the General Committee, to decide upon the matter.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) agreed that it was up to the Council in plenary session to decide, but believed that the General Committee could call the attention of the Council to the implications of the proposal by the Representative of Panama.

The CHAIRMAN believed the suggestion of Mr. Calderwood to be appropriate. He then asked what are the powers of the Directing Council with regard to Topic 27 (Additional Protocol to the Pan American Sanitary Code) and if it is the Cuban Government that should appoint the Committee on Credentials.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) said that this topic was presented in general terms at the request of the Representative of the United States on the Executive Committee. He was of the opinion that if the Directing Council decides that the Protocol should be signed, that body should appoint the Committee on Credentials.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) observed that the Directing Council is composed of official Representatives who have authority to sign. He added that the question of who would be the depositary had also been raised. The original of the Pan American Sanitary Code is deposited in Cuba, but the Charter of the Organization of American States provides that agreements shall be deposited with the OAS, and there is no doubt that this Organization is best qualified to carry out the measures entailed by the deposit and ratification of a document such as the one under discussion.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) asked if the text of the Protocol had been changed since its approval by the V Meeting of the Directing Council. If it had been changed, a point of order might be raised at the plenary session.

At the invitation of the Director, Mr. Guillermo SURO (Chief, Conference Section, PASB) explained that the Committee of three members to which Resolution XLIV of the V Meeting of the Directing Council refers had prepared a draft Additional Protocol and that it is this text that appears in the resolution and document to be signed. Its protocolary clauses were prepared by the Legal Office of the PASB, in consultation with the legal experts of the OAS.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) stated that Article 83 of the Charter of the Organization of American States designates the Pan American Union as the agency that should be the depositary of instruments of this kind.

The CHAIRMAN remarked that at its afternoon session the General Committee would announce its criterion regarding the

proposal of Panama, and that if the work was not completed at the plenary session this afternoon there would be a plenary session tomorrow morning.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) proposed that in the approved resolution on the Working Capital Fund the following phrase be added to the operative part: "and to authorize such expenditure if deemed advisable", in order to bring the text into accord with the action taken.

The proposal of the Representative of the United States was accepted.

The session was adjourned at 2 p.m.

GENERAL COMMITTEE  
PRECIS MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH SESSION  
Havana, Cuba  
Monday, 22 September 1952, at 6:50 p.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ, Chairman of the Council	Venezuela
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN, Vice-Chairman of the Council	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES, Chairman of Committee I	El Salvador
Mr. Howard B. CALDERWOOD, Chairman of Committee II	United States
Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO, Representative	Colombia
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA, Representative	Peru
Dr. Fred L. SOPER ( <u>ex officio</u> )	Pan American Sanitary Bureau
Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE, Secretary	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

The SECRETARY read the resolutions approved first in committee and later in plenary session. He announced that at the session of the General Committee to be held the next afternoon the texts of all the resolutions, as they were approved by the Directing Council and with the editorial changes introduced by the General Committee, will be presented so that the General Committee may give them a definitive reading and so that they may be included in the Final Report, which will be read at the closing plenary session.

In regard to Resolution V (Buildings and Installations at Headquarters) Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) noted that the purpose of the Subcommittee therein established was not sufficiently well defined, and he proposed that paragraph 4 be completed with the following words: "for the purpose of advising the Director and the constituent bodies of the Organization on questions relating to the buildings and installations at Headquarters."

The addition proposed by Mr. Calderwood was approved.

When the text of Resolution X (Revision of the Constitution of the Pan American Sanitary Organization) was examined, Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) proposed a series of changes and additions that, in his judgment, would reflect, more faithfully than did the present text, the sense of the discussion to which the subject of constitutional revision gave rise. The additions proposed by Mr. Calderwood were rejected by the General Committee after an exchange of impressions in the course of which Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador), supported by the Representatives of Colombia and Peru, declared that, even recognizing that the proposal of the Representative of the United States was in agreement with the sense of the debate, the changes and additions it contained were of such amplitude that he did not believe that it was within the power of the General Committee to adopt them.

Dr. SOPER (Director, PASB) and the SECRETARY proposed editorial changes to paragraphs 2 and 3 of the resolution, which contained the essential points of Mr. Calderwood's proposal, in condensed form. Consequently, the General Committee decided that paragraphs 2 and 3 of Resolution X on revision of the Constitution should take the following form:

2. To refer to the Governments the existing documents, the opinions of other Governments, the report of the Council of the Organization of American States, and the opinion of the World Health Organization on the proposed revision of the Constitution.



3. To transmit the additional documents on the subject to the Permanent Committee on Revision of the Constitution, which was appointed by the Executive Committee at its 15th Meeting and is composed of representatives of Chile, the Dominican Republic, and the United States, so that it may prepare a new draft revision or reaffirm the present revised text.

The General Committee accepted the text of the remaining resolutions as approved by the Directing Council and agreed to meet again on Tuesday, 23 September, at 4 p.m.

The session was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

GENERAL COMMITTEE  
PRECIS MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH SESSION  
Havana, Cuba  
Tuesday, 23 September 1952, at 4:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Dr. Carlos Luis GONZALEZ, Chairman of the Council	Venezuela
Dr. Rafael CALVO FONSECA (Alternate), Vice-Chairman of the Council	Cuba
Dr. César VELEZ MORAN, Vice-Chairman of the Council	Ecuador
Dr. Juan ALLWOOD PAREDES, Chairman of Committee I	El Salvador
Mr. Howard B. CALDERWOOD, Chairman of Committee II	United States
Dr. Miguel SERRANO CAMARGO, Representative	Colombia
Dr. César GORDILLO ZULETA, Representative	Peru
Dr. Fred L. SOPER ( <u>ex officio</u> )	Pan American Sanitary Bureau
Dr. Miguel E. BUSTAMANTE, Secretary	Pan American Sanitary Bureau

The SECRETARY informed the Committee that it would be necessary to change the hour set for the plenary session at which the Final Report would be signed, since the President of the Republic had announced that he would receive the members of the Directing Council at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 24 September, the hour originally set for the closing session. He proposed, therefore, that the session be called for 6:00 p.m.

It was so agreed.

The SECRETARY reminded the General Committee that the first ten resolutions approved had been examined at the previous session, and it would be necessary to examine all the others at this session.

The CHAIRMAN recommended that these resolutions be examined with the greatest care, in order to obviate, insofar as possible, any observations from the Representatives during the reading of the Final Report.

Resolution XI was approved with the reservation, proposed by Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States), that the fact that it approved the Report of the External Auditor did not in any sense mean that the Directing Council had adopted the suggestion to change the name of the Working Capital Fund to Reserve Fund.

The text of Resolution XII (Privileges and Immunities) was approved.

The text of Resolution XIII (Amendments to the Staff Rules of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau) was approved with certain slight editorial changes and with the understanding that the words "escalafón de personal" would be translated in the English text as "promotion of personnel from within the Bureau".

The text of Resolution XIV (Summary of Proposed Program and Budget of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for 1954) was approved with slight editorial changes.

The text of Resolution XV (Proposed Program and Budget of the Region of the Americas, World Health Organization, for 1954) was approved.

Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States) proposed that in the first clause of the preamble of Resolution XVI (Per Diem and Travel Expenses of Technical Assistance Employees) the words "of the United Nations" be added following the words "Economic and Social Council".

The text of Resolution XVI was approved with the change proposed by the Representative of the United States.

At the suggestion of the CHAIRMAN, following observations by Mr. CALDERWOOD (United States), it was agreed to add to paragraph 1 of the operative part of Resolution XVII (Program of Economies and Decentralization of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau) the following sentence: "This Committee will be composed of representatives of Chile, Mexico, and the United States".

The texts of Resolutions XVIII (Plan of Long-Range Public Health Programs), XIX (Remuneration of the International Staff Members of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau), and XX (Study of the Fundamental Principles of Pan American Health) were approved.

At the suggestion of the DIRECTOR, it was agreed to delete the words "of the World Health Organization" from the title of Resolution XXI (Annual Reports from Member States of the World Health Organization: Recommendations on Form and Content to Ensure Uniformity and Comparability).

The text Resolution XXI was approved without further change.

The text of Resolution XXII (Preliminary Report on Evaluation of the activities of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau) was approved.

It was agreed to eliminate Resolution XXIII (Appointment of the Committee of the Directing Council on Economies and Decentralization of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau), inasmuch as its content had been incorporated into Resolution XVII.

The texts of Resolution XXIV, which became Resolution XXIII (Program against Smallpox in the Americas), and Resolution XXV, which became Resolution XXIV (Annual Report of the Director), were approved.

In connection with Resolution XXVI, which became Resolution XXV (Dates of the 20th and 21st Meetings of the Executive Committee and the VII Meeting of the Directing Council), Dr. ALLWOOD PAREDES (El Salvador) observed that the date of the 19th Meeting of the Executive Committee had not yet been set.

The SECRETARY replied that the Meetings of the Executive Committee for which the dates were being set were those that coincided with the Meeting of the Directing Council, and that

the date of the 19th Meeting would be set by the Executive Committee at its 18th Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, 25 September.

The text of Resolution XXV was approved.

The CHAIRMAN invited the Representative of Ecuador to read the votes of thanks, which he had been entrusted with preparing at the preceding session.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) read a draft resolution expressing thanks to the Secretary General and to the personnel of the Secretariat for the work accomplished. In the course of an exchange of impressions on the votes of thanks, it was pointed out by various Representatives that mention should be made in them of the high Cuban authorities, the Delegation of Cuba, and the Director.

Dr. VELEZ MORAN (Ecuador) was designated by the CHAIRMAN to prepare a definitive text taking into account these suggestions and the precedents established in former meetings of the Pan American Sanitary Organization.

The session was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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