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FINAL REPORT

Opening of the Session

The 125th Session of the Executive Committee was held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on 1 October 1999. The session was attended by delegates of the following Members of the Executive Committee elected by the Directing Council: Bolivia, Canada, Cuba, Ecuador, Guyana, Mexico, and United States of America. Also present were representatives of the following Member States: Argentina, Chile, Colombia, and Peru.

Dr. Virgilio Galvis Ramírez (Colombia, Vice President of the Executive Committee at its 123rd and 124th Sessions) opened the session and welcomed the participants, extending a special welcome to the new Members of the Committee elected by the 41st Directing Council: Bolivia, Canada, and Guyana.

Procedural Matters

Officers

Pursuant to Rule 15 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee elected the following Member States to serve as officers for its 125th and 126th sessions:

President: Cuba (Mr. Enrique Comendeiro Hernández)

Vice President: Mexico (Dr. Melba Muñiz Martelón)

Rapporteur: United States of America (Ms. Mary Lou Valdez)

Dr. George A. O. Alleyne, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB), served as Secretary ex officio, and Dr. David Brandling-Bennett, Deputy Director of PASB, served as Technical Secretary.

Adoption of the Agenda (Document CE125/1)

Pursuant to Rule 9 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat (Decision CE125(D1)).

Committee Matters

Election of Two Members to the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming

Canada and Guyana were elected to serve on the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming on the expiration of the periods of office of Colombia and Panama on the Executive Committee (Decision CE125(D2)).

Election of One Member to the Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development

Nicaragua was elected to serve on the Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development on the expiration of the period of office of Paraguay on the Executive Committee (Decision CE125(D3)).

Election of One Member to the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations

Ecuador was elected to serve on the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations on the expiration of the period of office of Paraguay on the Executive Committee (Decision CE125(D4)).

Governing Body Matters

Dates and Proposed Topics for the 33rd and 34th Sessions of the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming

The Committee decided that the 33rd Session of the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming (SPP) would be held on 2 and 3 December 1999 and that the 34th Session would be held on 30 and 31 March 2000.

The Director proposed that the following topics be examined at those two meetings: eradication of foot-and-mouth disease; medical devices; participation of PAHO in the United Nations reform process in Member States; food protection; harmonization of drug regulations; the virtual health library; prevention and control of tuberculosis; prevention and control of cervical cancer; investment in health and economic growth; cardiovascular diseases, especially hypertension; radiological medicine; and program budget policy for the Organization.

Members of the Committee proposed several additional topics. It was suggested that the Subcommittee should discuss efforts to develop a common strategy to fight malaria in the Amazon basin in the framework of the global Roll Back Malaria initiative,

to be introduced in the Region at a meeting in Lima, Peru, in October 1999. In relation to the item on cervical cancer, it was proposed that the Subcommittee consider the broader issue of maternal health and mortality. An update on progress toward the goals of the World Summit for Children was also requested.

In addition, it was suggested that it might be advisable for the Subcommittee to reexamine its purpose and functions. The SPP had been created in 1984 to review policy proposals, programs, and resource allocation and make recommendations to the Executive Committee on those matters. However, in practice, most of the items considered by the Subcommittee were subsequently reconsidered by the Executive Committee. Organizing the Subcommittee meetings and preparing the documents and presentations required considerable time for the staff and entailed substantial expense. At a time when the Member States were asking the Secretariat to do more with less, it was deemed appropriate to reassess the role of the Subcommittee.

The Director said that he would add an item on the work of the SPP to the proposed agenda, although he noted that only the Executive Committee could make decisions regarding the future of the Subcommittee. In response to a request from one of the delegates, he said that the Secretariat also would prepare a background paper to guide the Subcommittee's discussion.

The Committee agreed that the Director should draw up the agendas for the two sessions, bearing in mind that time constraints might make it impossible for the Subcommittee to consider all the proposed topics.

The Committee adopted Decision CE125(D5) on this item.

Dates of the 126th Session of the Executive Committee

The Committee decided to hold its 126th Session from 26 through 30 June 2000 (Decision CE125(D6)).

Dates of the 42nd Directing Council, 52nd Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas

The Committee decided that the 42nd Directing Council would be held from 25 through 29 September 2000 (Decision CE125(D7)).

Closing of the Session

The President thanked the delegates for their participation and declared the 125th Session of the Executive Committee closed.

Decisions

In the course of the 125th Session, the Executive Committee took the following decisions:

CE125(D1) Adoption of the Agenda

Pursuant to Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee, the Committee adopted the agenda submitted by the Director (Document CE125/1).

(Single meeting, 1 October 1999)

CE125(D2) Election of Two Members to the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming

Canada and Guyana were elected to serve on the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming on the expiration of the periods of office of Colombia and Panama on the Executive Committee.

(Single meeting, 1 October 1999)

CE125(D3) Election of One Member to the Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development

Nicaragua was elected to serve on the Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development on the expiration of the period of office of Paraguay on the Executive Committee.

(Single meeting, 1 October 1999)

CE125(D4) Election of One Member to the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations

Ecuador was elected to serve on the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations on the expiration of the period of office of Paraguay on the Executive Committee.

(Single meeting, 1 October 1999)

CE125(D5) Dates and Agendas for the 33rd and 34th Sessions of the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming

The Committee decided that the 33rd Session of the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming would be held on 2 and 3 December 1999 and that the 34th Session would be held on 30 and 31 March 2000. The Committee also authorized the Secretariat to draw up the agendas for the two sessions, bearing in mind the topics proposed by the Director and the recommendations made by the Executive Committee.

(Single meeting, 1 October 1999)

CE125(D6) Dates of the 126th Session of the Executive Committee

Pursuant to Article 17.A of the PAHO Constitution, the Committee set the dates for its 126th Session, to be held from 26 through 30 June 2000.

(Single meeting, 1 October 1999)

CE125(D7) Dates of the 42nd Directing Council, 52nd Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas

Pursuant to Article 12.A of the PAHO Constitution and Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council, the Committee decided to authorize the Director to convene the 42nd Directing Council, 52nd Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas, from 25 through 29 September 2000.

(Single meeting, 1 October 1999)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the President and the Secretary ex officio of the Executive Committee sign the present Final Report in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on this first day of October, nineteen hundred and ninety-nine. The Secretary shall deposit the original texts in the archives of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau and shall send copies thereof to the Member States of the Organization.

Enrique Comendeiro Hernández
President of the 125th Session
of the Executive Committee
Delegate of Cuba

George A. O. Alleyne
Secretary ex officio of the 125th Session
of the Executive Committee
Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

AGENDA

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2. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- 2.1 Election of the President, Vice President, and Rapporteur
- 2.2 Adoption of the Agenda

3. COMMITTEE MATTERS

- 3.1 Election of Two Members to the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming on the Expiration of the Periods of Office of Colombia and Panama on the Executive Committee
- 3.2 Election of One Member to the Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development on the Expiration of the Period of Office of Paraguay on the Executive Committee
- 3.3 Election of One Member to the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations on the Expiration of the Period of Office of Paraguay on the Executive Committee

4. GOVERNING BODY MATTERS

- 4.1 Dates and Proposed Topics of the 33rd and 34th Sessions of the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming
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5. OTHER MATTERS

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