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AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE

A. Proposal

1. In recognition of new technology, and to produce a superior and more user friendly reference resource for the Member States, Participating States and Associate Members of the Pan American Health Organization, and at the same time substantially reduce the cost of Governing Body sessions, the Director is proposing to change the nature of the records that are produced for the Conference and Directing Council. Rule 61 of the Rules of Procedure of the Pan American Sanitary Conference and Rule 59 of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council call for the production of summary records of the meetings of each session. Such documents are précis records prepared and distributed by the Secretariat. In place of summary records, a comprehensive Final Report will be produced, similar to that which has been produced for sessions of the Executive Committee since the Committee took the similar decision in 1995 to dispense with summary records of its meetings. This procedure has worked well, and has been well received by Members.

2. In addition to the proposed expanded Final Report, a complete audio record will be maintained for posterity in the Archives of the Organization. Also, on request a compact disk of any debate, presentation or specific meeting will be made available to a Member or Associate Member, and on request the Bureau will transcribe any part of the proceedings in which a Member or Associate Member might have a particular interest.

3. It is estimated that dispensing with the production of summary records will represent a minimum savings of US\$ 70,000 per session for the Organization and substantially reduce the number of précis writing, secretarial and support staff required for a session of a Governing Body.

B. Procedure for Amendment of the Rules of Procedure

Rule 66: Proposed amendments to these Rules shall be submitted in writing and shall be adopted on 24-hour notice by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Members present and voting or at any time by the affirmative vote of two thirds of the Members present and voting.

C. Proposed Modifications to the Respective Rules of Procedure of the Pan American Sanitary Conference

PART XII – RECORDS AND FINAL REPORTS

~~**Rule 61: Provisional summary records of the meetings shall be prepared at the session and distributed as soon as possible.**~~

Rule 621: The Final Report shall include **a report on the proceedings and** all resolutions and decisions adopted by the Conference. The Rapporteur, with the assistance of the Secretary *ex officio*, shall draft the Final Report. **An audio record of the verbatim proceedings shall be retained in the Archives of the Organization and on request a copy shall be made available to a Member or Associate Member. On request, a transcript of any part of the proceedings shall be made available to a Member or Associate Member.**

Rules 63-67 will be renumbered 62-66.

4. The same modifications will be introduced into the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council.
5. The following resolution is proposed to the Conference:

THE 27th PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered the proposal of the Director to change the nature of the records of the Pan American Sanitary Conference (Document CSP27/3); and

Appreciating that this modification will result in an improved product and a financial savings to the Pan American Health Organization,

RESOLVES:

To approve the amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Pan American Sanitary Conference proposed by the Director in Document CSP27/3.