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Report of the Award Committee

The Award Committee of the PAHO Award for Administration, 1983, consisted of Dr. Oscar González Carrizo (Argentina), Dr. Eduardo Rodríguez (Ecuador), and Dr. Amiro Pérez Mera (Dominican Republic). Dr. Pérez Mera was elected Chairman; Dr. Ramón Álvarez Gutiérrez (PASB) served as Secretary.

The Award Committee met on 24 June and, having heard a report on its terms of reference and on the work done by the Secretariat of PAHO in connection with the Award, noted that seven candidates had been nominated for it in 1983, as follows:

Dr. Vicente M. Battaglia Doldán, of Paraguay  
Dr. Rodrigo Bustamante Alvarez, of Colombia  
Rev. Guido Coronel, of Paraguay  
Dr. Enrique García García, of Panama  
Dr. José R. Jordán, of Cuba  
Dr. D. O. N. McIntyre, of Dominica  
Dr. Arnoldo Tejeiro Fernández, of Cuba

This is the fourth consecutive year since the PAHO Award for Administration was instituted in 1969 that five or more candidates have been nominated. The Award Committee took great satisfaction in this fact, which it regarded on the one hand as the fruit of effective work by the PAHO Secretariat to publicize and promote the Award, and on the other hand as reflecting the renewed interest of the Member Governments of PAHO in giving recognition to those who have contributed to improve the administration of their health systems and services.

The Award Committee examined the guidelines in effect for conferring the Award as set forth in the booklet PAHO Award for Administration, 1983, and adopted the following criteria for its evaluation of the candidates: a) priority of the specific problem area or discipline (low, intermediate

or high); b) originality of the contribution (an application of existing knowledge or an application of new procedures); c) scope of the accomplishment (local, national or international); d) duration of the effect (short-, medium- or long-term); e) continuity and consistency of the work in the course of the candidate's professional career (occasional, intermittent or permanent); f) operating level (methods and procedures, program or policy); g) personal traits, particularly in regard to leadership, communication, drive and teamwork; and h) recognition of a long and fruitful career in administration.

The Award Committee examined the wealth of documentation presented and noted with satisfaction the brilliancy of the careers and extraordinary humaneness of all the candidates for the Award. It felt, however, that the countries should be urged, when nominating their candidates to PAHO, to stress the extent to which, in the Government's view, the work done by the candidate in the field of health administration has been effective and of major value. Following a fresh and thorough study of the backgrounds of all the candidates, it was the consensus of the Committee to recommend that the PAHO Award for Administration, 1983, be conferred on Dr. Arnaldo Tejeiro Fernández of Cuba for the work he has done and the social value and implications of his performance as a member of his country's National Health System.

Dr. Tejeiro Fernández' continuing leadership in the eradication of malaria in Cuba, the control of gastroenteritis, mass vaccination against poliomyelitis, the DPT and BCG vaccination of the newborn, involvement of the community in the implementation of health measures, and the training of middle-level technicians makes him, in the unanimous view of this Award Committee, amply deserving of the 1983 PAHO Award for Administration.