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FINAL REPORT

Opening of the Session

The 127th Session of the Executive Committee was held at the Headquarters of the Pan American Health Organization in Washington, D.C., on 29 September 2000. The session was attended by Delegates of the following Members of the Executive Committee: Bolivia, Canada, Cuba, El Salvador, Guyana, Jamaica, Nicaragua, United States of America, and Uruguay. Also present were representatives of two other Member States: Grenada and Venezuela. In addition, one nongovernmental organization was represented.

Mr. Enrique Comendeiro Hernández (Cuba, President of the Executive Committee at its 125th and 126th Sessions) opened the session and welcomed the participants, extending a special welcome to the new Members of the Committee elected by the 42nd Directing Council: El Salvador, Jamaica, and Uruguay.

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 127th and 128th sessions:

<i>President:</i>	Cuba	(Mr. Enrique Comendeiro Hernández)
<i>Vice President:</i>	Canada	(Mr. Nick Previsich)
<i>Rapporteur:</i>	Nicaragua	(Dr. Janett Vásquez Sandoval)

Sir George 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.

Agenda (Document CE127/1)

Pursuant to Rule 9 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda prepared by the Secretariat (Decision CE127(D1)).

Membership of Committees

Election of Two Members to the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming

Cuba and El Salvador were elected to serve on the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming on the expiration of the periods of office of Ecuador and Mexico on the Executive Committee (Decision CE127(D2)).

Election of Two Members to the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations

Bolivia and Jamaica were elected to serve on the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations on the expiration of the periods of office of Antigua and Barbuda and Ecuador on the Executive Committee (Decision CE127(D3)).

Governing Body Matters

Dates and Proposed Topics for the 35th Session of the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming

The Committee decided that the 35th Session of the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming (SPP) would be held on 14-16 March 2001.

The Director proposed that the following topics be examined at that session: proposed program budget of the Pan American Health Organization for the financial period 2002-2003, Venezuela's proposal to modify the election mechanisms of the Governing Bodies and other representative bodies of PAHO with a view to achieving equity in institutional practices, human resources in health sector reform processes, regional assessment of water and sanitation, dengue, Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, healthy communities, the new international health regulations, the Alliance for Cervical Cancer Prevention, and health and economic growth.

With regard to the Venezuelan proposal concerning election mechanisms, the Director said that, although the matter was to be discussed by the Executive Committee in preparation for its consideration by the 43rd Directing Council, he felt that it would be useful to have a preliminary discussion within the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming. The Delegate of Venezuela requested that representatives of her country be included in that discussion and in any working groups that might be formed to study the issue.

Members of the Committee proposed several additional topics for consideration by the 35th Session of the SPP, namely: health of indigenous peoples; emerging and reemerging infectious diseases, with particular attention to West Nile virus, tuberculosis, and dengue; nursing and midwifery; health and sustainable human development; mental health; health of older adults; health promotion and implementation of the agreements emanating from the Fifth Global Conference on Health Promotion, held in Mexico in June 2000.

Pointing out that it would not be possible for the Subcommittee to discuss all the proposed topics during its three-day session, the Director suggested that it might be possible to combine some of the items. For example, as the delegates had noted, dengue might be discussed in the context of other emerging and reemerging diseases. Health and sustainable human development was a very broad topic, which was related to two of the items he had proposed: health and economic growth and the regional assessment of water and sanitation. Similarly, health promotion could certainly be discussed in conjunction with healthy communities.

The Committee agreed that the Secretariat would draw up the agenda for the 35th Session of the SPP, giving priority to the topics proposed by Members. The Committee also agreed that the Director might invite one or more countries to participate in the preparation of the documentation for the SPP, as had been done quite successfully for the Subcommittee's 34th Session.

The Committee adopted Decision CE127(D4) on this item.

Dates of the 19th Session of the Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development

The Committee decided that the 19th Session of the Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development would be held on 12-14 March 2001, immediately preceding the 35th Session of the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming (Decision CE127(D5)).

Dates of the 128th Session of the Executive Committee

The Committee decided to hold its 128th Session on 25-29 June 2001 (Decision CE127(D6)).

Dates of the 43rd Directing Council, 53rd Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas

The Committee decided that the 43rd Directing Council would be held on 24–28 September 2001 (Decision CE127(D7)).

Other Matters

The Delegate of Canada proposed a modification in the scheduling of awards ceremonies at future Directing Councils. His Delegation felt that, in order to accord the award recipients the respect and attention they deserved, the PAHO Award for Administration and the Abraham Horwitz Award for Inter-American Health should both be conferred on the first day of the Council, perhaps as part of the inaugural activities during the Council's first meeting, when the recipients could be allowed ample time to address the Council and when all the delegates would be present and attentive.

Closing of the Session

The President thanked the delegates for their participation and declared the 127th Session closed.

Decisions

In the course of the 127th Session, the Executive Committee took the following decisions:

CE127(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 CE127/1).

(Single meeting, 29 September 2000)

CE127(D2): Election of Two Members to the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming

Cuba and El Salvador were elected to serve on the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming on the expiration of the periods of office of Ecuador and Mexico on the Executive Committee.

(Single meeting, 29 September 2000)

CE127(D3): Election of Two Members to the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations

Bolivia and Jamaica were elected to serve on the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations on the expiration of the periods of office of Antigua and Barbuda and Ecuador on the Executive Committee.

(Single meeting, 29 September 2000)

CE127(D4): Dates and Proposed Topics for the 35th Session of the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming

The Committee decided that the 35th Session of the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming would be held on 14–16 March 2001. The Committee also authorized the Secretariat to draw up the agenda for the session, bearing in mind the topics proposed by the Executive Committee.

(Single meeting, 29 September 2000)

CE127(D5): Dates of the 19th Session of the Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development

The Executive Committee decided that the 19th Session of the Subcommittee on Women, Health, and Development would be held on 12-14 March 2001.

(Single meeting, 29 September 2000)

CE127(D6): Dates of the 128th Session of the Executive Committee

Pursuant to Article 17.A of the PAHO Constitution, the Committee set the dates 25–29 June 2001 for its 128th Session.

(Single meeting, 29 September 2000)

CE127(D7): Dates of the 43rd Directing Council, 53rd Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas

Pursuant to Article 14.A of the PAHO Constitution and Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council, the Committee set the dates 24–28 September 2001 for the 43rd Directing Council of PAHO, 53rd Session of the Regional Committee of WHO for the Americas.

(Single meeting, 29 September 2000)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the President of the Executive Committee, Delegate of Cuba, and the Secretary ex officio, Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, sign the present Final Report in the Spanish and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE in Washington, D.C., United States of America, on this twenty-ninth day of September in the year two thousand. 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 Comendero Hernández
Delegate of Cuba
President of the 127th Session
of the Executive Committee

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George A. O. Alleyne
Secretary ex officio of the 127th Session
of the Executive Committee
Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau

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 - 2.2 Adoption of the Agenda
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 - 3.1 Election of Two Members to the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming on the Expiration of the Periods of Office of Ecuador and Mexico on the Executive Committee
 - 3.2 Election of two Members to the Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations on the Expiration of the Periods of Office of Antigua and Barbuda and Ecuador on the Executive Committee
- 4. GOVERNING BODY MATTERS**
 - 4.1 Dates of and Proposed Topics for the 35th Session of the Subcommittee on Planning and Programming
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- 5. OTHER MATTERS**

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