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METHOD OF WORK OF THE GOVERNING BODIES: DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. According to the Rules of Procedure of the Pan American Sanitary Conference and the Directing Council,¹ the content of their agendas is subject to the ultimate decision of those bodies. However, in practice, a considerable part of the agendas of those Governing Bodies is determined by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (PASB) or by previous reporting requirements generated by the Governing Bodies themselves.
2. In 2011, the 149th Session of the Executive Committee requested that the PASB review the possibility of improving the method of work of the Governing Bodies of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) by better rationalizing their agendas. In particular, it suggested that not all progress or information reports and certain other items considered by the Executive Committee necessarily needed to be presented to the Pan American Sanitary Conference or Directing Council. It requested that the PASB examine the reporting requirements of certain recurring agenda items to streamline the agendas of those bodies.
3. As requested, in March 2012 the PASB presented to the Subcommittee on Program, Budget, and Administration (SPBA) examples of the types of agenda items that might not necessarily have to be included in agendas of the Pan American Sanitary Conference or the Directing Council. Those examples included (a) the Master Capital Investment Plan; (b) the salary of the Director of the PASB, and (c) updates on the project for modernization of the PASB Management Information System.
4. The SPBA expressed strong support for the idea of delegating responsibility for certain matters to the Executive Committee. The Subcommittee requested that the

¹ See, Rules 8, 9, and 11 of the Rules of Procedure of the Pan American Sanitary Conference and Rules 7, 8, and 10 of the Rules of Procedure of the Directing Council.

Executive Committee carefully review the agendas of the Pan American Sanitary Conference and Directing Council in order to decide which technical or administrative progress reports considered by the Executive Committee should be elevated to those bodies.

5. In this regard it was noted that amongst the functions of the Executive Committee is the responsibility to review and approve the provisional agendas of the Pan American Sanitary Conference and the Directing Council.² Therefore, the Executive Committee already has the authority to remove any agenda item for which there is no reporting requirement or to include an agenda item that requires specific consideration by the Directing Council or the Pan American Sanitary Conference.

6. The SPBA also noted that items that are delegated to the Executive Committee are reported on to the Pan American Sanitary Conference or the Directing Council in the annual reports of the President of the Executive Committee.

7. The SPBA recommended that the determination of the salary of the Director of the PASB be delegated to the Executive Committee. The PASB explained that this would require a modification of the Staff Regulations and Rules, and therefore would not be able to take effect until 2013.

8. The Executive Committee examined the SPBA's proposal to improve the method of work of PAHO's Governing Bodies by better rationalizing their agendas. In so doing it recommended that the 28th Pan American Sanitary Conference delegate the determination of the salary of the Director of the PASB to the Executive Committee. Additionally, the Executive Committee agreed that the agendas of the Governing Bodies should be streamlined so that not all technical or administrative progress reports considered by the Executive Committee are necessarily included in the agendas of the Pan American Sanitary Conference or Directing Council.

Action by the Pan American Sanitary Conference

9. The Conference is invited to review the recommendations of the SPBA and Executive Committee and consider adoption of the proposed resolution attached as Annex A.

Annex

² See Article 14 of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization.



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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

METHOD OF WORK OF THE GOVERNING BODIES: DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE 28th PAN AMERICAN SANITARY CONFERENCE,

Having considered the report of the Director, *Method of Work of the Governing Bodies: Delegation of Functions to the Executive Committee* (Document CSP28/5);

Mindful of the limitations on the time available during sessions of PAHO's Governing Bodies for discussion of issues deemed strategically important;

Noting the need to continue improving the working methods of the Governing Bodies by rationalizing and streamlining their agendas,

RESOLVES:

1. To request that, in fulfilling its function of review and approval of the provisional agendas of the Pan American Sanitary Conference and Directing Council, the Executive Committee continue its efforts to improve the working methods of those bodies by forwarding on to them only those technical and administrative progress reports that it deems necessary.
2. To delegate the determination of the salary of the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau to the Executive Committee.

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