Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization

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Preamble

Progress in the sciences of public health and medicine together with new and wider concepts of the resp

Acting in accordance with the Final Act of the XII Pan American Sanitary Conference, the Directing Cou

CHAPTER I

THE ORGANIZATION

Article 1. *Purposes:*

The fundamental purposes of the Pan American Health Organization (hereinafter called the Organizatio

Article 2. *Membership:*

A. All American States are entitled to membership in the Organization. (American States which are Mem

B. Territories or groups of territories within the Western Hemisphere which are not responsible for the co

It is understood that Member Governments having under their jurisdiction subordinate territories and peo

Article 3. *Organs:*

The Organization shall comprise:

1. The Pan American Sanitary Conference (hereinafter called the Conference);
2. The Directing Council (hereinafter called the Council);
3. The Executive Committee of the Directing Council (hereinafter called the Executive Committee); a
4. The Pan American Sanitary Bureau (hereinafter called the Bureau).

CHAPTER II

THE CONFERENCE

Article 4. *Functions:*

A. The Conference shall be the supreme governing authority of the Organization.

B. The Conference shall determine the general policies of the Organization....