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Appointment of the Regional Director for the Americas

1. The term of office of Sir George Alleyne as Regional Director for the Americas expires on 31 January 2003.
2. The XXVI Pan American Sanitary Conference (fifty-fourth session of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas) in accordance with its Rules of Procedure, elected Dr Mirta Roses Periago Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for a period of five years, to begin on 1 February 2003, and decided to submit to the Executive Board the name of Dr Mirta Roses Periago for appointment as Regional Director for the Americas.
3. The text of the relevant resolution¹ is given below:

**ELECTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY BUREAU
AND NOMINATION OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR THE AMERICAS**

The 26th Pan American Sanitary Conference,

Bearing in mind Articles 4.E and 21.A of the Constitution of the Pan American Health Organization, which provide that the Pan American Sanitary Bureau shall have a Director elected at the Conference by the vote of a majority of the Governments of the Organization;

Bearing in mind Article 4 of the Agreement between the World Health Organization and the Pan American Health Organization and Article 52 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, which establish the procedure for the appointment of Regional Directors of the World Health Organization; and

Satisfied that the election of the Director of the Bureau has been held in accordance with the established procedures,

RESOLVES:

1. To declare Dr Mirta Roses Periago elected Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau for a period of five years to begin 1 February 2003.

¹ Resolution CSP26.R6.

2. To submit to the Executive Board of the World Health Organization the name of Dr Mirta Roses Periago for appointment as Regional Director for the Americas.

ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

4. The Executive Board may wish to consider this resolution in accordance with the provisions of Article 52 of the Constitution and of Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board (see Annex).

ANNEX

CONSTITUTION OF WHO

Article 52

The head of the regional office shall be the Regional Director appointed by the Board in agreement with the regional committee.

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rule 48

Elections shall normally be held by secret ballot. Except as concerns the nomination of the Director-General and the appointment of the Regional Directors, and in the absence of any objection the Board may decide to proceed without taking a ballot on an agreed candidate or list of candidates. Where a ballot is required, two tellers appointed by the Chairman from among the members present shall assist in the counting of votes.

The nomination of the Director-General shall be decided by secret ballot in accordance with Rule 52.

Subject to Article 54 of the Constitution, the appointment of a Regional Director shall be for five years and he or she shall be eligible for reappointment once only.

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