

HEALTH AND SANITATION PROGRAM

Exchange of notes at Bogotá July 26 and 28, 1949, modifying and extending agreement of October 23, 1942

Entered into force August 4, 1949; operative from June 30, 1949

*Program expired June 30, 1960*¹

63 Stat. 2760; Treaties and Other
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The American Ambassador to the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs

No. 505

BOGOTÁ, July 26, 1949

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the Basic Agreement, as amended, entered into in October 1942² between the Republic of Colombia and The Institute of Inter-American Affairs, providing for the existing health and sanitation program in Colombia. I also refer to Your Excellency's note of June 28, 1949, suggesting the consideration by our respective Governments of a further extension of that Agreement.

Considering the mutual benefits which both Governments are deriving from the program, my Government agrees with the Government of Colombia that an extension of the program beyond its present termination date of June 30, 1949, would be desirable. Accordingly, I have been advised by the Department of State in Washington that arrangements may now be made for the Institute to continue its participation in the program for a period of one year, from June 30, 1949, through June 30, 1950. It would be understood that, during this period of extension, the Institute would make a contribution of \$100,000 in the currency of the United States, to the Servicio Cooperativo Interamericano de Salud Pública, for use in carrying out project activities of the program, on condition that your Government would contribute to the Servicio for the same purpose the sum of 1,960,000 pesos. The Institute would also be willing, during the same extension period, to make

¹The program was extended by agreements of Sept. 15 and Oct. 20, 1950 (2 UST 548; TIAS 2203); Apr. 5 and May 2 and 31, 1955 (6 UST 5897; TIAS 3441); Apr. 25 and May 17, 1956 (7 UST 1835; TIAS 3592); and Dec. 31, 1956, and Mar. 15, 1957 (8 UST 1557; TIAS 3907).

²EAS 369, *ante*, p. 950.

available funds to be administered by the Institute, and not deposited to the account of the Servicio, for payment of salaries and other expenses of the members of the Health and Sanitation Division field staff who are maintained by the Institute in Colombia. The amounts referred to would be in addition to the sums already required under the present Basic Agreement, as amended, to be contributed and made available by the parties in furtherance of the program.

The Government of the United States of America will consider the present note and your reply note concurring therein as constituting an agreement between our two Governments, which shall come into force on the date of signature of an agreement by the Minister of Hygiene and a representative of The Institute of Inter-American Affairs, embodying the above-mentioned technical details.

If the proposed extension on the above basis is acceptable to your Government, I would appreciate receiving an expression of Your Excellency's assurance to that effect as soon as may be possible, in order that the technical details of the extension may be worked out by the officials of the Ministry of Hygiene and The Institute of Inter-American Affairs.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

WILLARD L. BEAULAC

His Excellency

Señor doctor don ELISEO ARANGO,
Acting Minister of Foreign Relations,
Bogotá, Colombia.

The Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN RELATIONS

OI 2348

BOGOTÁ, July 28, 1949

MR. AMBASSADOR:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's note No. 505 of July 26, 1949, concerning the amended Basic Agreement, signed in October 1942 between the Republic of Colombia and the Institute of Inter-American Affairs for carrying out a health and public hygiene program in this country. This note also refers to Your Excellency's note of June 28, 1949, by means of which you proposed an extension of this Agreement for the consideration of the Government of Colombia.

Your Excellency has been good enough to inform me, with regard to this matter, that in view of the mutual benefits derived by our respective Govern-

ments from the said Program, the Government of the United States of America would agree to an extension of the said Program beyond the date specified for its termination, that is, June 30, 1949, and thus the new period of the Basic Agreement would be from June 30, 1949, through the same date of the following year. Finally, Your Excellency informs me that during this last period the Institute will contribute \$100,000.00 in United States of America currency for the maintenance of the Servicio Cooperativo Interamericano de Salud Pública on the condition that the Government of Colombia contribute to the same Servicio, for the same purpose, the amount of \$1,960,000.00 in currency of the Republic of Colombia.

I have also taken note that the Institute is willing, during the new extension period of the Agreement, to utilize the funds which the said organization administers and which are not deposited in the account of the Servicio Cooperativo Interamericano de Salud Pública, for the purpose of payment of salaries and other expenses of the members of the staff of the Health and Sanitation Division who are maintained by the Institute in Colombia. These amounts will be considered as expenses in addition to the sums required for the fulfillment of the Agreement.

I take pleasure in informing Your Excellency that, on the bases expressed in the note to which I am replying and to which I referred in the preceding paragraphs of this note, the Government of the Republic of Colombia agrees to a new extension of the Basic Agreement, as amended, signed with the Institute of Inter-American Affairs for a period of one year beginning June 30, 1949, through June 30, 1950.

I request that Your Excellency consider this note as my Government's formal agreement to the extension of the said Agreement, which, for its entry into force, will require the signature of a complementary agreement between the Minister of Hygiene of the Republic of Colombia and a representative of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs in order to determine matters of a technical nature.

I request Your Excellency to transmit the contents of the present note to the Department of State of the United States of America and the Institute of Inter-American Affairs. For my part, I have informed the Minister of Hygiene of the acceptance expressed in this note so that he may be enabled to enter into official conversations with the representative of the said Institute.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

ELISEO ARANGO

His Excellency

WILLARD L. BEAULAC,

*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America
City.*