

HEALTH AND SANITATION PROGRAM

Exchange of notes at Montevideo April 8 and 23, 1946, modifying and extending agreement of October 1 and November 1, 1943; exchange of letters between the Institute of Inter-American Affairs and the Ministry of Public Health at Montevideo April 9 and 11, 1946

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The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Montevideo, April 8, 1946

No. 38

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the note of the Acting Secretary of State of the United States of America of October 1, 1943, and to the reply of His Excellency the Ambassador of Uruguay in Washington,¹ relative to the cooperative program of public health and sanitation provided for by Resolution XXX approved at the Third Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics held at Rio de Janeiro in January, 1942.² Pursuant to this exchange of notes, the Executive Vice-President of The Institute of Inter-American Affairs, an agency of the Government of the United States of America, addressed under date of November 13, 1943, a communication to His Excellency the Minister of Public Health, in which he outlined the terms and conditions under which The Institute of Inter-American Affairs would be prepared to carry out a cooperative program of public health and sanitation in the Republic of Uruguay. This proposal was accepted by the Minister of Public Health on November 17, 1943, and under these arrangements the health and sanitation program has been successfully carried out in Uruguay.

More recently there have been conversations between the Chief of Field Party of The Institute and His Excellency the Minister of Public Health with

¹ EAS 423, *ante*, p. 1010.

² For text, see *Department of State Bulletin*, Feb. 7, 1942, p. 117.

a view to examining the possibilities of extending the period and scope of the program. Under date of August 29, 1945, the Minister of Public Health addressed the President of The Institute of Inter-American Affairs expressing the belief that the program should be continued through the calendar year 1947.

My Government has given most sympathetic consideration to this matter and I am pleased to be able to inform Your Excellency that it is prepared to cooperate with Your Excellency's Government in extending the program in Uruguay and to make available additional funds for that purpose. The period of extension, the sums to be made available by both Governments, and any additional details with regard to the continuance and scope of the program would be worked out by mutual agreement between the Minister of Public Health and Mr. Clarence I. Sterling, Jr., representing The Institute of Inter-American Affairs, and would be incorporated, as in the previous instance, in a written agreement between the Ministry and the Institute.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

WILLIAM DAWSON

To His Excellency

Sr. Dr. don EDUARDO RODRIGUEZ LARRETA,
Minister of Foreign Relations,
Montevideo.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS

MONTEVIDEO, April 23, 1946

D.I.I.C.C. 910/948-316

MR. AMBASSADOR:

I take pleasure in acknowledging receipt of note No. 38 of the 8th of the current month, in which you were good enough to inform me that Your Excellency's Government is prepared to cooperate with Uruguay in extending the public health and sanitation program contemplated by Resolution XXX adopted at the Third Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics and in allocating additional funds for that purpose.

Thanking Your Excellency for the good intentions shown by the Govern-

ment of the United States, I am to inform you that I am today transmitting to the Ministry of Public Health a copy of the note to which this is the reply.

I renew to the Ambassador the assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Minister

ALFREDO PACHECO

Division Director

Acting Director General

His Excellency

WILLIAM DAWSON,

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

*The Representative of The Institute of Inter-American Affairs
to the Minister of Public Health*

THE INSTITUTE OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS

DIVISION OF HEALTH AND SANITATION

18 DE JULIO 2083
MONTEVIDEO-URUGUAY

MONTEVIDEO, *April 9, 1946*

Dr. FRANCISCO FORTEZA

Minister of Public Health

Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

Montevideo.

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I have the honor to refer to the agreement concluded in November 1943 between the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, acting through the Minister of Public Health of the Government of Uruguay, and the United States of America, represented by The Institute of Inter-American Affairs, a corporation of the Office of Inter-American Affairs and an agency of the Government of the United States of America, acting through the Executive Vice President of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs. The agreement referred to provided for the inauguration and execution of a cooperative health and sanitation program in Uruguay in conformity with Resolution XXX, approved at the Third Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics held in Rio de Janeiro in January 1942.

The agreement of November 1943 arose out of correspondence on November 13, 17, and 18, 1943, between General George C. Dunham, as Executive Vice President of The Institute of Inter-American Affairs and Sr. Dr. don Luis Mattiauda, as Uruguayan Minister of Public Health, which exchange of correspondence was based upon an exchange of diplomatic notes under dates of October 1, 1943 and November 1, 1943, between the Honorable

A. A. Berle, Jr., as Acting Secretary of State, on behalf of the United States of America, and Sr. Dr. don Juan Carlos Blanco, Ambassador of Uruguay to the United States of America, on behalf of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

I have the further honor to refer to the letter dated August 29, 1945 from Sr. Dr. don Luis Mattiauda, the Uruguayan Minister of Public Health, to General George C. Dunham, President of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, proposing the extension of the health and sanitation program, and to recent conversations which have taken place between you, as Minister of Public Health of the Government of Uruguay, and Dr. H. Jackson Davis, as the Chief of Field Party in Uruguay of the Health and Sanitation Division of The Institute of Inter-American Affairs, concerning the possibility of extending such program.

As the duly authorized representative of The Institute of Inter-American Affairs, I have the honor of informing you, Mr. Minister, that the Government of the United States of America, as represented by The Institute of Inter-American Affairs, is in agreement with the proposal that the cooperative program of health and sanitation be extended, and I therefore have the pleasure officially to propose to you, Mr. Minister, the continuation of the mentioned cooperative health and sanitation program being carried out in Uruguay, upon the following terms and conditions:

1. The contribution of the parties called for in the agreement of November 1943, which may not yet have been made upon the effective date of this proposed extension agreement, shall be paid over in accordance with the provisions of the agreement of November 1943, to the Servicio Cooperativo Interamericano de Salud Pública (hereinafter called the "S.C.I.S.P."), which is the special entity within and subordinated to the Ministry of Public Health of the Uruguayan Government and through which the cooperative program of health and sanitation is being carried out.

2. In addition to the contribution of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) U.S. currency on the part of the Government of Uruguay and the contribution of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) U.S. currency on the part of The Institute of Inter-American Affairs required to be made to the cooperative health and sanitation program by the parties to the agreement of November 1943, there shall be deposited to the order of the S.C.I.S.P. in its bank account in Montevideo, Uruguay, the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) U.S. currency by the Oriental Republic of Uruguay and the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) U.S. currency by the Institute of Inter-American Affairs.

3. The additional funds mentioned in the preceding clause 2 shall be deposited as aforesaid to the order of the S.C.I.S.P. by installments at such times and in such amounts as shall be mutually agreed upon by the Minister of Public Health and the Chief of Field Party in Uruguay of The Institute of Inter-American Affairs, each installment to be paid in the proportion of

the equivalent of \$2.00 U.S. currency on the part of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay for every \$1.00 U.S. currency on the part of The Institute of Inter-American Affairs.

4. In view of the fact that many purchases of materials and supplies for the cooperative health and sanitation program must necessarily be made in the United States by The Institute of Inter-American Affairs, the contributions of The Institute of Inter-American Affairs to the S.C.I.S.P. pursuant to the agreement of November 1943, and this proposed extension agreement, shall include the cost of acquiring and transporting such materials and supplies to Uruguay for use in carrying out projects approved by the Minister of Public Health and the Chief of Party of The Institute of Inter-American Affairs.

5. Apart from the modifications in the amount and proportion of the contribution of funds as required by clause 2 and the designation of the termination date as provided by clause 7, the aforesaid cooperative health and sanitation program in Uruguay shall continue to be carried out in conformity with the mentioned agreement of November 1943 as well as Executive Decree No. 9266 dated November 14, 1944 specifically issued with respect to such agreement and such program shall also continue to be carried out in accordance with all the rules, regulations and policies established and to be established pursuant to said agreement of November 1943. All provisions of the agreement of November 1943 shall be continued during the existence of the proposed extension agreement in so far as they are not inconsistent with or have not been specifically modified by the terms hereof.

6. Continuance is provided, likewise, for the duration of the extended agreement, of all exemptions and privileges granted to officials of The Institute of Inter-American Affairs appointed for the cooperative health and sanitation program and who will carry out their functions in Uruguay, temporarily or permanently, who will enjoy the benefits granted to the S.C.I.S.P. and its officials and the exemption of customs and import duties on personal effects, equipment and provisions which they import or cause to be imported for their own use, in accordance with what was established in said agreement of November 1943.

7. The agreement to extend the cooperative health and sanitation program as herein proposed, shall become effective after the terms hereof have been accepted in writing by you, as Minister of Public Health of Uruguay, and after the legislation, decrees and resolutions which may be necessary from the constitutional, legal and administrative viewpoint for the fulfillment of the extended agreement have been issued by the competent authorities of the Republic.

The extended agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 1947.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of Uruguay, this letter and the acceptance thereof by the Government of Uruguay will constitute a binding and effective agreement between the Oriental Republic of Uruguay

and The Institute of Inter-American Affairs, an agency of the Government of the United States of America, in accordance with the terms thereof.

I take this opportunity to extend to you, Mr. Minister, the assurances of my highest consideration.

The Institute of Inter-American Affairs

By: _____
CLARENCE I. STERLING, Jr.
Representative

*The Minister of Public Health to the Representative of The Institute
of Inter-American Affairs*

[TRANSLATION]

Q No. 289630

REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH
MONTEVIDEO *April 11, 1946*

Note 5687

Mr. CLARENCE STERLING
*Representative of the Institute
of Inter-American Affairs*

DEAR SIR:

I have the honor to inform you that at the meeting of the Council of Ministers held on the 10th of this month to consider the note of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs of the United States of America, which you represent, the Executive Power of the Nation resolved to accept the extension to December 31, 1947 of the agreement concluded in November 1943 concerning the health and sanitation program to be carried out in Uruguay.

Being informed of the terms of your note, as well as of the work accomplished with the collaboration of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, the Council of Ministers unanimously agreed especially to note in the records the results achieved in that field and at the same time to express their desire to continue maintaining that bond with the Inter-American Cooperative Service, and the extension of the agreement was thus approved and this Ministry of State was authorized to sign the new agreement in representation of the Executive Power.

I am pleased to transmit herewith a certified copy of the respective act of the Council of Ministers and to state to you that the Ministry of Public Health

under my direction gives its approval to the terms of the proposal contained in your letter of the 9th of this month, referred to above.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my special consideration.

F. S. FORTEZA
Dr. Francisco S. Forteza
Minister of Public Health

ENCLOSURE

[TRANSLATION]

N No. 240207

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE REPUBLIC
SECRETARIAT

CERTIFIED COPY:—Copy of Act No. 433, corresponding to the meeting held by the Council of Ministers on April 10, 1946: "A little later, the Minister of Public Health stated that Mr. Clarence I. Sterling, representative of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs of the United States, was in our capital city and that in accordance with steps initiated at the opportune time by Dr. Mattiauda, the former Minister, and continued by the Ministry at present under his direction, he was proposing the continuation for another year of the program of preventive medicine which is being carried out in Uruguay in collaboration with that Institute and which will expire December 31 next. Dr. Forteza added that although even before the said agreement was signed that campaign had been started in our country, its results have been much more positive since we had the cooperation of the aforementioned agency, not because there is a lack of technicians here, for we have very able professionals in this field, but because of the orientation of methods that is being put into practice. He continued saying that the agreement, aside from its scientific character, embodies a symbolic aim, as he had opportunity to point out in the Senate when the original project was approved, because it constitutes another manifestation of the Good Neighbor Policy initiated by President Roosevelt. Therefore Dr. Forteza proposed that the Council declare that the work accomplished through this agreement has been beneficial to the country and that it is desired to continue to maintain this link with the Inter-American Cooperative Service; this proposal was unanimously accepted and consequently the said extension was approved and the Minister was authorized to sign the respective document with Mr. Sterling."

The foregoing is a true and faithful copy of the original that appears in the Minutes of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Uruguay.

JULIÁN F. ALVAREZ C.
Dr. Julian F. Alvarez Cortés
Secretary of the Council of Ministers