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The Directing Council, at its III Meeting, adopted a resolution creating an Emergency Fund to be used by the Bureau to provide immediate relief to Member Countries in cases of unforeseen emergency health problems. The pertinent portion of this resolution follows (Resolution II):

"The Directing Council

RESOLVES:

1. To create the Emergency Fund from existing surplus at the end of the fiscal year of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, December 31, 1949, the sum of \$50,000 shall be set aside and deposited in dollars (USA) in a bank in Washington, D.C., and this Fund shall be administered by the Director or by his authorized representative. Reimbursement to the Emergency Fund shall be made by refunding through payments from countries that may receive materials for emergency services, or by orders approved by the Executive Committee chargeable to the general funds of the Bureau. The Executive Committee and the Directing Council shall receive reports pertaining to the use of such funds."

In accordance with the provisions of the above resolution, the Director has the honor to present the following report.

Upon the request of the Director General of Health of Costa Rica, emergency supplies were purchased and shipped to the Government of that country in order to safeguard the health of the people exposed to a serious outbreak of rabies in January 1957. The funds for the purchase of the supplies and the cost of transportation were advanced by the Bureau from the Emergency Revolving Fund under the authority of the above quoted resolution. The total cost of the emergency supplies delivered to San José amounted to \$1,003.76. Complying with the provisions governing the Emergency Fund, the Director, on 12 April 1957, communicated with the Government of Costa Rica regarding reimbursement of the amount of \$1,003.76 to the Emergency Revolving Fund.