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The Directing Council, at its III Meeting, adopted a resolution creating an Emergency Fund in the amount of \$50,000, to be used by the Bureau to provide immediate relief to Member Countries in cases of unforeseen emergency health problems. Reimbursement to the Emergency Fund was to 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 were to receive reports pertaining to the use of such funds.

In accordance with the provisions of the above resolution, the Director reported to the 37th Meeting of the Executive Committee, in Document CE37/3, as follows:

Upon request of the Ministry of Public Health, Argentina, emergency supplies consisting of two mechanical heart-lung units and accessories were purchased and shipped in December of 1958. The total cost of these units and accessories amounted to \$9,377.16.

Upon request of the Director of Public Health, Venezuela, emergency supplies of rabies vaccine and strychnine tablets for predatory animals were purchased and shipped to Venezuela in November and December 1958, as a safeguard for the health of those exposed to rabies. A third request for emergency supplies was received from the Director of Public Health, Venezuela, in February 1959 for Salk polio vaccine to safeguard the health of those exposed to polio. The total cost of supplies delivered was \$14,981.33.

Upon request of the Minister of Public Health, Nicaragua, emergency supplies of rabies vaccine were purchased and shipped to Nicaragua in October and December 1958, and again in January and February 1959, as a safeguard for the health of those exposed to rabies. The total cost of the supplies delivered to Nicaragua amounted to \$4,097.76.

Upon request of the Malaria Division of the Government of Trinidad, emergency supplies of methyl alcohol were purchased and shipped in December 1958. The total cost of the supplies delivered was \$96.18.

During the discussion of the subject by the Executive Committee, the Director reported that, as of 1 May 1959, the balances due from Member Governments in relation to purchases of emergency supplies amounted to \$37,277, thus leaving a cash balance in the Fund of only \$12,723. In view of this, the Committee, besides taking note of the report, invited the governments, when they request assistance from the Fund, to reimburse as soon as possible the amounts advanced.

As of 31 July 1959 no additional emergency procurement had been made.

Since 1 May two governments have made reimbursement as shown below. Information has been received from other governments that reimbursement will be made soon. Such additional payments as are received will be reported orally to the Directing Council.

The following table reflects activity in the Fund since 1 May

<u>Country</u>	Bal. due as of 1 May	Purchases since 1 May	Reimbursed since 1 May	Bal. due as of 31 July
Argentina	19,194	-	9,817	9,377
Grenada	500	-	-	500
Nicaragua	2,931	-	-	2,931
Trinidad	96	-	-	96
Venezuela	14,556	-	14,556	-
	<u>37,277</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,373</u>	<u>12,904</u>

The financial status of the Fund as of 31 July 1959 is as follows:

Outstanding Balances Due	\$ 12,904
Cash in Bank	37,096
	<u>50,000</u>
Authorized Amount of Fund	<u>50,000</u>