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Topic 10: EMERGENCY REVOLVING FUND

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 who 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 Ministry of Health of Mexico, emergency supplies were purchased and shipped to that Government in order to safeguard the health of the people in the areas affected by the flood which occurred during the latter part of June and early July of 1954.

The funds for the purchase of the supplies and the cost of transportation were advanced by the Bureau from the Emergency Fund under the authority of the above quoted resolution. The total cost of the emergency supplies delivered to the Ministry of Health of Mexico amounted to \$4,661.97. Complying with the provisions governing the Emergency Fund, the Director, on 30 August 1954, communicated with the Government of Mexico regarding the reimbursement of the amount of \$4,661.97 to the Emergency Revolving Fund. The Director was informed by the Ministry of Health that the Government of Mexico is not able to make repayment due to the lack of necessary provisions in its present budget and was requested to bring this matter to the attention of the Executive Committee at its 23rd Meeting.

In view of the foregoing report, the Executive Committee may wish to consider a resolution along the following lines.

Proposed Resolution

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

BEING INFORMED by the Director of the assistance rendered by the Bureau to the Government of Mexico at the time of the flood disaster occurring in that Country;

NOTING the provisions of Resolution II of the III Meeting of the Directing Council regarding the purposes and administration of the Emergency Revolving Fund of the Bureau from which the emergency supplies were purchased; and

CONSIDERING it essential that the Emergency Revolving Fund be maintained at the authorized level of \$50,000,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the expenditure of \$4,661.97 made by the Director from the Emergency Revolving Fund in connection with the flood disaster in Mexico.

2. To authorize the Director to reimburse the Emergency Revolving Fund in the amount of \$4,661.97 from the general funds of the Bureau for the year 1954, thereby maintaining the level of the Fund at \$50,000.