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Topic 9: 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 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 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.

The funds for purchase of the supplies and for transportation were advanced by the Bureau from the Emergency Revolving Fund, under authority of the above-quoted resolution. Complying with the provisions governing the Emergency Fund, the Director has communicated with the recipient governments regarding reimbursement to the Fund. Partial reimbursement in the amount of \$1,167.13 has been received from Nicaragua. Reimbursement has not yet been received from the other governments included in this report.

Document CE37/4, Rev. 1 (Declaration of the XV Pan American Sanitary Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1958) is included as Annex II to the Final Report (Document CE37/19).