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EMERGENCY REVOLVING FUND

By 1963 it had become apparent that the level of the Emergency Revolving Fund at \$50,000 was inadequate to meet the request coming from countries. Consequently, the Executive Committee recommended and the XIV Directing Council approved an increase in the ceiling to \$75,000 to become effective in 1965, and to be achieved by means of a budgetary provision for this purpose. Accordingly a budgetary provision of \$25,000 was made, and in 1965 the Revolving Fund was increased to \$75,000.

Toward the end of 1965 and in the early part of 1966 requests for the use of the Emergency Fund have come rapidly and for large amounts of vaccines for polio, rabies, etc. When the total of unreimbursed expenditures reaches the limit of the Revolving Fund, as it now has, new request can be accommodated only when and to the extent reimbursement is received from the governments. Such reimbursements necessarily are delayed by the natural lengthy cycle of procurement, starting with the date of request, continuing with the order to the vendor, shipment, payment to the vendor, sending an invoice to the government, and ending with receipt of reimbursement from the government. Under optimum circumstances the procurement cycle requires funds to be committed for an extended period. Delays in reimbursement by the governments further lengthen the cycle before the funds become available for re-use. Consequently, a larger fund is needed to finance this cycle and to meet the heavier demand. It is recommended, therefore that the level of the Fund be increased to \$100,000. The status of the Fund as at 17 March 1966 is presented in the Annex.

In order to provide this needed increase without delay, it is recommended that the sum of \$25,000, representing a portion of the surplus amounting to \$65,940 added to the Working Capital Fund as shown in the Financial Report (Official Document No. 68), be transferred from that Fund to the Emergency Revolving Fund.

If the foregoing recommendation is favorably considered, the Executive Committee may wish to approve a resolution along the following lines:

Proposed Resolution

"THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

Having examined the Report of the Director on the Emergency Revolving Fund and the activities of that Fund;

Having noted the heavy increase in demands for the emergency purchases of vaccines to the point that the Fund is now exhausted; and

Bearing in mind that the Fund should be maintained at a level adequate to meet emergency purchases if the important purpose of assistance to governments for which it was created are to be fulfilled,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Report of the Director on the Emergency Revolving Fund.

2. To invite the Government when they receive assistance from the Fund to reimburse the amounts advanced as soon as possible.

3. To recommend to the XVII Pan American Sanitary Conference to increase the ceiling of the Fund to \$100,000 and to authorize an amount of \$25,000 to be transferred to it from the Working Capital Fund for this purpose."

Country	Balance due 1 January 1966	Expended since 1 January 1966	Reimbursed since 1 January 1966	Balance due 17 March 1966
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Argentina	-	4,473.00	-	4,473.00
Brazil	6,749.81	-	-	6,749.81
Chile	9,299.49	-	-	9,299.49
Costa Rica	-	64.50	-	64.50
Dominican Republic	199.50	-	-	199.50
El Salvador	-	23.80	23.80	-
Honduras	-	4,000.00	-	4,000.00
Mexico	4,240.00	-	4,240.00	-
Nicaragua	-	2,500.00	-	2,500.00
Panama	888.37	-	-	888.37
Peru	-	19,500.00	-	19,500.00
Uruguay	6,860.00	-	1,200.00	5,660.00
Venezuela	133.82	39.20	-	173.02
TOTALS:	28,370.99	30,600.50	5,463.80	53,507.69

STATUS OF FUND
AS AT 17 MARCH 1966

Cash in Bank	\$21,492.31*
Accounts Receivable	53,507.69
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Authorized Amount	\$75,000.00
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* Obligations against this amount shown on following page.

In addition to the foregoing, the following is a list of commitments for purchases and payment of invoices in process.

Country	Description	Amount
		\$
Nicaragua	BCG Vaccine	1,000.00
	Polio Vaccine	2,500.00
	Cholera Vaccine	38.00
Guatemala	Cholera Vaccine	30.00
	Rabies Vaccine	10,780.00
	DPT and Tetanus	3,691.00
Venezuela	Typhoid and Paratyphoid	1,500.00
	Cholera Vaccine	120.00
Argentina	Polio Vaccine (Bal)	527.00
	Total Obligations	<u>\$20,186.00</u>
	Unobligated Balance	<u>\$ 1,306.31</u> =====