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Topic 31: OTHER RESOLUTIONS OF THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY AND THE WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD OF INTEREST TO THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

The Director-General of WHO has requested all Regional Directors to bring to the attention of WHO Regional Committees the following resolutions of the Twelfth World Health Assembly and the Twenty-third Session of the WHO Executive Board.

1. Malaria Eradication

RESOLUTION WHA12.15

MALARIA ERADICATION SPECIAL ACCOUNT

The Twelfth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the Malaria Eradication Special Account,<sup>1</sup>

Having noted that funds are not yet available to finance WHO malaria eradication operations in 1960 and the following years;

Realizing that, following the Eighth World Health Assembly's request (resolution WHA8.30) to governments to intensify plans of nation-wide malaria control, many of the malaria-stricken countries have already embarked upon eradication programmes and invested and committed considerable sums for that purpose;

Considering that lack of sufficient funds in the Malaria Eradication Special Account stands in the way of achieving the ultimate goal of malaria eradication; and

Recognizing the responsibility of the World Health Assembly for the justified expectations of the malarious countries as to the World Health Organization's continued assistance based on the Eighth World Health Assembly's decision (resolution WHA8.30) that the World Health Organization should "take the initiative, provide technical advice, and

encourage research and co-ordination of resources in the implementation of a programme having as its ultimate objective the world-wide eradication of malaria",

1. NOTES with regret the lack of adequate response to requests for contributions to the Malaria Eradication Special Account;
2. EXPRESSES its concern over the present position of the Malaria Eradication Special Account;
3. ENDORSES fully the action taken by the Executive Board and the Director-General as described in the Director-General's Report;
4. EXPRESSES its appreciation for the substantial efforts made by the Director-General to obtain funds for the Malaria Eradication Special Account;
5. REQUESTS the Executive Board and the Director-General to continue their efforts to obtain, from all possible sources, sufficient funds to finance the malaria eradication programme;
6. THANKS the Member governments and Associate Members which have already contributed to the Malaria Eradication Special Account; and invites them to increase the level of their contributions;
7. URGES Member governments and Associate Members which have not yet contributed to the Malaria Eradication Special Account to make every effort to do so;
8. INVITES foundations, industry, labour organizations, institutions and individuals to join with the World Health Organization in its efforts to eradicate malaria, and to that end to contribute to the Malaria Eradication Special Account;
9. REQUESTS the Executive Board to examine the position of the Malaria Eradication Special Account at its twenty-fifth session and, should contributions not be sufficiently forthcoming, to study and recommend measures to be taken by the Thirteenth World Health Assembly to ensure the continued financing of WHO's assistance to the malaria eradication programme; and
10. REQUESTS the Director-General to submit a report to the Thirteenth World Health Assembly on developments in regard to the Malaria Eradication Special Account.

(Ninth Plenary Meeting  
22 May 1959, A12/VR/9)

RESOLUTION WHA12.49

MALARIA ERADICATION PROGRAMME

The Twelfth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the Report of the Director-General on the Present Status of the World-Wide Malaria Eradication Effort<sup>1</sup> and the recommendations of the Executive Board in resolution EB23.R62;

Noting with satisfaction that an increasing number of countries of the world are undertaking programmes of malaria eradication;

Realizing that malaria eradication means the ending of the transmission of malaria and the elimination of the reservoir of infective cases in a campaign limited in time and carried to such a degree of perfection that, when it comes to an end, there is no resumption of transmission;

Appreciating that, in order to carry such a programme through to ultimate success, it is essential that there should be not only sound technical planning and direction of operations but also a high degree of efficiency in administration and organization supported by adequate legislative action; and

Realizing further that in addition to the existing problems, new technical problems can be anticipated which will require a continuation and expansion of co-ordinated research and technical development both in the laboratory and in the field;

1. URGES all governments concerned to ensure that their central and peripheral services for malaria eradication are provided with adequate administrative machinery to meet the stringent demands of such time-limited programme;
2. REQUESTS the Director-General to make available, on request, to governments the requisite specialized administrative as well as technical advisory services; and
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to intensify research in the problems of malaria eradication.

(Eleventh Plenary Meeting  
28 May 1959, A12/VR/11)

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<sup>1</sup> Document A12/P and B/10

2. WHO Participation in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (Programme Aspects)

RESOLUTION WHA12.22

The Twelfth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the programme aspects of WHO participation in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance<sup>1</sup> as well as resolution EB23.R77 on "Planning for 1960 and Future Years",<sup>2</sup>

1. NOTES the report;<sup>1</sup>
2. EXPRESSES its concern at the diminished level of funds for the planning of the 1960 Programme and its disruptive effect on the normal development and the long-term nature of health activities; and
3. ENDORSES the views expressed by the Executive Board at its twenty-third session in inviting health administrations to emphasize the inclusion of appropriate health activities in their countries' consolidated programme requests for 1960 and future years.

(Tenth Plenary Meeting  
26 May 1959, A12/VR/10)

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<sup>1</sup> Document A12/P and B/13

<sup>2</sup> Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org. 91, 38-39

3. Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies: Status of Accessions to the Conventions and to Annex VII thereof

RESOLUTION WHA12.42

The Twelfth World Health Assembly,

Having noted the relatively small number of Member States that have acceded to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies;

Noting that in the territories of the governments which have not acceded to this convention or are not already bound by a similar instrument there have been or may be difficulties regarding the legal status of the staff of the Organization and particularly of its project personnel; and

Recognizing that the best way to solve these difficulties would be the accession to this convention and its Annex VII by Members of the Organization,

1. URGES Members not yet parties to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies, or to instruments conferring similar privileges, to accede to this convention and to its Annex VII and, pending such accession, to accord to the World Health Organization by executive action the benefit of the privileges and immunities which this convention and its annex provide; and
2. REQUESTS the Director-General to invite Member States to take the appropriate action to provide the Organization with the necessary privileges and immunities.

(Eleventh plenary meeting,  
28 May 1959, A12/VR/11)

4. Environmental Sanitation

RESOLUTION WHA12.48

The Twelfth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General<sup>1</sup> on the work and achievements of the Organization in assisting governments in the field of environmental sanitation, together with his proposals for a future programme,

Recognizing that safe and adequate supplies of water to inhabitants of communities constitute an important measure for the protection and improvement of health and are indispensable for economic and social development,

Recognizing that the provision of community water supplies depends upon the closely co-ordinated efforts of engineering, financial and administrative personnel,

Considering that a primary deterrent to the early construction of community water supplies on an adequate scale is the difficulty in financing, and that ministries of health are not generally in a position independently to develop schemes for financing of such works, and

Considering that some governments may wish to make funds available to the World Health Organization to provide advisory services to governments in community water supply programmes in addition to the work financed from the regular budget of the World Health Organization,

I. 1. ENDORSES the principles and programmes as set forth in general terms in the report of the Director-General; and

2. REQUESTS the Director-General to co-operate with Member States in projects to provide adequate and safe supplies of water to inhabitants of their communities, and, furthermore, to continue his study of ways and means of rendering assistance, including an investigation of existing international loan or other funds which might be available for investment in such facilities;

II. RECOMMENDS to Member States

(a) that priority be given in national programmes to the provision of safe and adequate water supplies for communities;

(b) that wherever necessary, national or provincial water boards be established and given authority to deal with the various legal, administrative and fiscal responsibilities involved in such a programme;

(c) that all available national and local resources of money, materials and services contributory to such a programme be mobilized;

(d) that within each country requiring such a facility a revolving fund be established to provide loans for water supply development to local agencies of governments; and

(e) that full advantage be taken of existing international loan funds;

III. 1. AUTHORIZES the Executive Board to accept any contributions which may be offered for the purpose of providing assistance to governments in planning, preparing for and providing other technical assistance in the development of community water supply; the Executive Board may delegate this authority to the Chairman of the Board;

2. REQUESTS the Director-General to establish under financial regulations 6.6 and 6.7 a special account for the purposes set forth in paragraph III.1 above;

3. DECIDES that the funds in the special account shall be available for incurring obligations for the purposes set out in paragraph III.1 of this resolution and that notwithstanding financial regulation 4.3, the unexpended balance of the account shall be carried forward from one financial year to the next; and

4. REQUESTS the Director-General to present the operations financed, or planned to be financed, from the special account separately

in the Annual Programme and Budget Estimates and to include the operations of the account separately in the Annual Financial Report;

IV. REQUESTS the Director-General to make adequate provision in future programmes and budgets to allow the Organization to maintain leadership in a co-ordinated global programme of community water supply and to provide the necessary technical and advisory services to governments;

V. INVITES all multilateral and bilateral agencies having an interest in this field to co-operate with the World Health Organization in carrying out a global water supply programme.

(Eleventh plenary meeting  
28 May 1959, A12/VR/11)

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<sup>1</sup> Document A12/P and B/6

5. Method of Appointing Regional Directors

RESOLUTION EB23.R51

The Executive Board,

Having studied at two successive sessions the suggestion of the Government of New Zealand relating to possible improvements in the method of appointing regional directors, and

Taking into account the discussions of this subject which took place during these two sessions,<sup>1</sup>

DECIDES that at this time it is not necessary to make any changes in the practice followed so far in appointing regional directors.

(Eleventh and Twelfth meetings  
28 January 1959  
EB23/Min/11 and EB23/Min/12)

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<sup>1</sup> Documents EB22/Min/2 Rev. 1 and EB23/Min/11 and EB23/Min/12