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ASSEMBLY OF INTEREST TO THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

The attached resolutions adopted by the Executive Board at its thirty-seventh session and by the Nineteenth World Health Assembly are submitted to the consideration of the XVIII Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas.

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CONSOLIDATION OF THE SPECIAL FUND AND THE
EXPANDED PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
IN A UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the consolidation of the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in a United Nations Development Programme;¹

Recalling that the Board has considered this matter on many occasions since January 1962;² and

Believing that every effort should be made to assist governments to ascertain the kind of assistance they need and the rate at which it can be incorporated in orderly development,

1. NOTES resolution 2029 (XV) of the General Assembly of the United Nations, particularly operative paragraph 2, which "reaffirms the principles, procedures and provisions governing the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund not inconsistent with the present resolution and declares that they shall continue to apply to relevant activities within the United Nations Development Programme", and therefore
2. CONSIDERS that the Organization should, pending further evolution of the Programme, continue to participate in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund, which constitute the United Nations Development

¹ Document EB37/51.

² Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 8th ed., pp. 204-206
Resolutions EB29.R47, EB30.R24, EB31.R48, EB32.R29, EB34.R26 and EB35.R40.

Programme, under the authorities given to the Director-General and the Executive Board by the World Health Assembly for participation in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance¹ and the Special Fund;²

3. REITERATES the request³ to the Director-General and the regional committees that, in planning and co-ordinating health programmes they be guided by the following considerations:

- (1) The responsibility of WHO to act as the directing and co-ordinating authority for international health work;
- (2) The inseparability of health and other factors of social and economic development;
- (3) The major purpose for which assistance is provided; and
- (4) The kind of assistance needed and the rate at which it can be absorbed in orderly development; and

4. REQUESTS the Director-General to report to the Board and the World Health Assembly on any developments which may affect the participation of the World Health Organization in the United Nations Development Programme.

Eighteenth meeting, 27 January 1966
EB37/Min/18

¹ Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 8th ed., Resolution WHA9.57, pp. 190-191.

² Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 8th ed., Resolution WHA12.51, p. 203.

³ Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 8th ed., Resolution EB9.R21, p. 181.

NINETEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA19.7
11 May 1966

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH AND
FRENCH

ESTABLISHMENT OF A REVOLVING FUND FOR TEACHING AND
LABORATORY EQUIPMENT FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The Nineteenth World Health Assembly

Recognizing that trained manpower is of fundamental importance for health programmes, and realizing that the shortage of teaching and laboratory equipment in medical and paramedical schools is a great handicap in imparting medical education, especially in the developing countries;

Having considered the recommendations of the Executive Board to establish a revolving fund to finance, on a reimbursement basis, the purchase of teaching and laboratory equipment for medical and paramedical education and training; and

Considering that the establishment of such a revolving fund would provide valuable assistance to Members,

1. DECIDES to establish a revolving fund to finance, on a reimbursable basis, without service charge, requests from governments to purchase teaching and laboratory equipment for medical and paramedical education and training;
2. AUTHORIZES the Director-General to accept in reimbursement for such purchases the national currency of the Member concerned subject to the following provisions:

- (1) that the full estimated cost of the requested purchase and shipping costs be deposited with the Organization in advance; and
- (2) that the total expenditure for any one Member for any one request be limited to 10 per cent. of the usable balance of the fund at the time the request is received;

3. AUTHORIZES the Director-General to exchange the various currencies accumulated in the fund for convertible currencies available in the regular budget, provided the Organization can make use of such currencies in its programmes;
4. DECIDES to include an amount of \$ 100 000 in the Supplementary Estimates for 1966 as the first of five instalments to commence operation of the fund;
5. REQUESTS the Director-General to include similar amounts for the same purpose in the budgets for the years 1968 to 1971; and
6. REQUESTS the Executive Board and the Director-General to review and consider the policies and conditions governing the operation of the fund at least once every five years; however, special review or consideration may be requested by either at any time deemed necessary.

Eighth plenary meeting, 11 May 1966
ALP/VR/8

NINETEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA19.13
11 May 1966

ORIGINAL: FRENCH

MALARIA ERADICATION PROGRAMME

The Nineteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the development of the malaria eradication programme;¹

Noting that, during 1965, only one additional country has embarked upon an eradication programme;

Recognizing that the advance towards malaria eradication has been slower than had been hoped for and that, in several countries, areas have had to be moved back from the consolidation phase to the attack phase;

Believing that deficiencies in planning and management and shortage of material means will continue to be major hindrances to better programmes, and that, although technical problems exist, administrative failures and financial difficulties frequently contribute to them by delaying full implementation of attack or consolidation operations;

Believing further that a flexible approach in the financing of programmes is essential for effectively dealing with technical, administrative and operational problems;

¹ Document A19/P&B/3.

Appreciating, however, that additional areas are now in the maintenance and consolidation phases and that two more countries have been entered in the WHO official register of areas where eradication has been achieved; and

Recognizing that the success of the world-wide malaria eradication programme depends, first, on the sustained effort of governments to pursue their eradication activities to final achievement and to maintain the vigilance necessary to prevent the re-establishment of malaria, and secondly, on the continued assistance of multilateral and bilateral agencies,

1. URGES governments of countries that have not yet embarked on malaria eradication to intensify plans for nation-wide malaria programmes so that malaria eradication may be achieved as quickly as possible;
2. URGES governments of countries where eradication programmes are already in operation to undertake regular annual critical appraisals of their programmes and to review and revise their detailed plans of action where found necessary to meet changing situations and to overcome technical or administrative difficulties;
3. REQUESTS governments to take early steps to establish those basic health services which are a prerequisite for eradication, if not already available;
4. REQUESTS the Director-General (a) to provide, on request, technical advice and assistance for these appraisals, (b) to take all measures to intensify, within the general framework of the financing of the malaria eradication programme, and without impeding operations in the field, the total work and research carried on, particularly that of an immunological, entomological and chemotherapeutic nature, with a view to making the antimalaria campaign more effective in problem areas or in those where transmission still exists; and (c) to pay special attention to the analysis of the position of the world-wide malaria eradication programme and to study the possibilities for its future development;

5. REQUESTS the Director-General to increase the Organization's efforts to obtain material assistance with a view to building health infrastructure and to improving programme effectiveness and, in addition, to intensify assistance for the training of national personnel; and
6. URGES governments and the supporting multilateral and bilateral agencies to continue to accord priority to pre-eradication and eradication programmes so that all such activities may be accelerated as far as practicable, and to initiate help to those countries where no such help is presently being given.

Eighty-first plenary meeting, 11 Mar 1966.
A12/VIV/c

NINETEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA19.16
13 May 1966

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH AND
FRENCH

SMALLPOX ERADICATION PROGRAMME

The Nineteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on smallpox eradication¹ and the recommendation of the Executive Board thereon; and

Noting that particular emphasis has been placed on the need for co-ordination of individual countries' smallpox eradication programmes,

1. DECIDES that the participation of the Organization in the smallpox eradication programme should be financed from the regular budget of the Organization;
2. URGES countries which plan to strengthen or initiate smallpox eradication programmes to take the necessary steps to begin the work as soon as possible;
3. REQUESTS Member States and multilateral and bilateral agencies to provide adequate material support for the realization of the programme;
4. DECIDES that, in the part of the programme financed by the Organization either from the regular budget or from the Special Account for Smallpox Eradication, the following costs may be met:
 - (a) such supplies and equipment as are necessary for the effective implementation of the programme in individual countries;

¹ Document A19/P&B/2.

(b) such services as may be required in individual countries and as cannot be made available by the governments of such countries; and

5. REQUESTS the Director-General, in co-operation with all Members, to initiate action to carry out a world-wide smallpox eradication programme and to submit a report to the Executive Board at its Thirty-ninth session and to the Twentieth World Health Assembly.

Eleventh plenary meeting, 13 May 1966
A19/VR/11

NINETEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA19.20
13 May 1966

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH
AND FRENCH

ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF WORLD HEALTH FOUNDATIONS

The Nineteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report by the Director-General¹ on the establishment and operation of world health foundations,

1. EXPRESSES its hope that interest in and support of world health foundations will continue to develop; and
2. REQUESTS the Director-General to pursue his efforts and to include a report on the world health foundations as part of his regular reports to the Executive Board on the Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion.

Eleventh plenary meeting, 13 May 1966
A19/VR/11

¹ Document A19/AFL/9.

NINETEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA19.21
13 May 1966

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH
AND FRENCH

ESTABLISHMENT OF A DR A. T. SHOUSHA FOUNDATION

The Nineteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered resolution EB37.R37 adopted by the Executive Board at its thirty-seventh session recommending the establishment of a Dr A. T. Shousha Foundation,

1. ADOPTS the Statutes of the Dr A. T. Shousha Foundation; and
2. REQUESTS the Director-General to transmit the text of this resolution and the resolution (EB37.R37) of the Executive Board at its thirty-seventh session to all Members of the World Health Organization, suggesting that, through their established procedures, they inform appropriate bodies and organizations in their countries of the establishment of the Foundation and the subscription solicited.

Eleventh plenary meeting, 13 May 1966
A19/VR/11

NINETEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA19.33
16 May 1966

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH AND
FRENCH

HEADQUARTERS ACCOMMODATION: VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM GOVERNMENTS

The Nineteenth World Health Assembly,

Having been informed of the gifts which have been made by Member States towards the construction and furnishing of the headquarters building,

EXPRESSES its appreciation to the governments, listed in the annex to this resolution, which have so generously made voluntary contributions to the headquarters building.

Thirteenth plenary meeting, 16 May 1966
A19/VR/13

ANNEX

GIFTS FROM GOVERNMENTS FOR THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
AS AT 16 MAY 1966

1. Gifts received

Afghanistan	two carpets
Albania	a carpet
Brazil	a decorative panel
Burma	20.70 tons of teak wood
Cambodia	a triptych of carved wood
Cameroon	20 tons of bubinga wood
Central African Republic	US\$ 410 for purchase of a television set and record-player for the staff rest room
Ceylon	17 m ³ of gammalu wood
Czechoslovakia	a crystal table service
Denmark	US\$ 2171
Federal Republic of Germany	equipment for the staff medical service
Finland	furnishing and decoration of the Director-General's office and a staff lounge
France	a painting
Ghana	US\$ 2000
Holy See	a bas-relief in bronze
Hungary	a mosaic panel
Iceland	US\$ 500
Iran	a carpet
Iraq	US\$ 7000 for furnishing of a reading room in the library and various "objets d'art"

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Israel	US\$ 2000
Ivory Coast	two ivory tusks
Jordan	US\$ 1400 and a model in mother of pearl of the "Dome of the Rock"
Kuwait	US\$ 11 400 and a wooden model ship
Laos	US\$ 250
Lebanon	US\$ 8170
Liberia	US\$ 3000
Libya	US\$ 8401 for the furnishing and decoration of a committee room
Luxembourg	US\$ 2000 for the purchase of ceramic and tiles
Madagascar	a mohair carpet
Malaysia	portable metal ashtrays
Mali	various embroidered rugs and ivory and ebony statuettes
Mauritania	a wooden chest and two carved boxes
Mauritius	US\$ 2100
Monaco	exotic plants
Nepal	US\$ 1003
Netherlands	furnishing and decoration of a lounge
New Zealand	wood panelling for the office of the Chairman of the Executive Board
Niger	rugs and various other items
Nigeria	US\$ 4998
Pakistan	marble for the facing of two lift shafts
Poland	bust of Marie Curie-Skłodowska
Portugal	furniture for a committee room
Rwanda	a leopard skin, a zebra hide and two drums
Saudi Arabia	US\$ 10 000 for the decoration and furnishing of the Director-General's waiting room

Sierra Leone	US\$ 2800
Singapore	a painting on silk
Sudan	7 m ³ of mahogany and an ivory statuette
Sweden	US\$ 1945
Thailand	770 m ² of silk for the curtains of four committee rooms
Tunisia	a ceramic panel and a wrought-iron panel
Turkey	three carpets
USSR	about 5000 m ² of marble for the floors of the upper main hall, the hall of the Executive Board room and the lobby of the restaurant
United Arab Republic	a bronze statue
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	a bronze statue
Viet-Nam	a decorative lacquered panel
Yugoslavia	a fresco, a statue and furniture for the office of the Deputy Director-General
Zambia	a decorative panel in copper
(Former) Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland	US\$ 161

2. Gifts announced

Argentina	a statue
Australia	furnishings for the office of the Chairman of the Executive Board
Austria	a tapestry
Belgium	furniture for a committee room
Canada	furniture for a committee room
Cyprus	curtains and parquet
India	decoration and furnishings for the Executive Board lounge
Ireland	a carpet
Jamaica	equipment for the radio studio

Annex

Japan	a Japanese garden
Malta	a painting
Peru	a carpet
Philippines	a decorative panel
Spain	a decorative panel for the Executive Board room
Switzerland	bronze doors for the entrance to the Executive Board room

NINETEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA19.40
20 May 1966

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH AND
FRENCH

PROGRAMME AND BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1967: VOLUNTARY FUND FOR HEALTH PROMOTION

The Nineteenth World Health Assembly,

Considering that the programmes planned to be financed from the Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion as presented in Annex 3 of Official Records No. 146 are satisfactory;

Noting that these programmes are complementary to those included in the regular budget of the Organization; and

Having regard to resolution WHA19.16 concerning the financing of the smallpox eradication programmes,

1. EXPRESSES the hope that more contributions will be made to the Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion; and
2. INVITES the Director-General to take such further action as would contribute to the effective implementation of the programmes planned to be financed from the Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion.

Fourteenth plenary meeting, 20 May 1966
A19/VR/14

NINETEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA19.43
20 May 1966

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH AND
FRENCH

PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES IN THE HEALTH ASPECTS OF WORLD POPULATION
WHICH MIGHT BE DEVELOPED BY WHO

The Nineteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report presented by the Director-General¹ in
accordance with resolution WHA18.49;²

Bearing in mind Article 2 (1) of the Constitution;

Noting the part played by economic, social and cultural conditions in
solving population problems and emphasizing the importance of health aspects
of this problem;

Noting the resolution 1084 (XXXIX) of the Economic and Social Council,
the discussions at the Second World Population Conference and the subsequent
discussion during the twentieth session of the United Nations General Assembly;

Noting that several governments are embarking on nation-wide schemes on
family planning;

Noting that the activities of WHO and its Scientific Groups have already
played their part in collecting and making available information on many aspects
of human reproduction;

Recognizing that the scientific knowledge with regard to human reproduction
is still insufficient; and

¹ Document A19/P&B/19.

² Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 8th ed., p. 76.

Realizing the importance of including information on the health aspects of population problems in the education of medical students, nurses, midwives and other members of the health team,

1. NOTES with satisfaction the report presented by the Director-General;¹
2. REAFFIRMS the policy statements contained in the consideranda of resolution WHA18.49;²
3. APPROVES the programme outlined in Part III of the Director-General's report¹ in pursuance of the operative part of resolution WHA18.49;
4. CONFIRMS that the role of WHO is to give Members technical advice upon request, in the development of activities in family planning, as part of an organized health service, without impairing its normal preventive and curative functions; and
5. REQUESTS the Director-General to report to the Twentieth World Health Assembly on the work of WHO in the field of human reproduction.

Fourteenth plenary meeting, 20 May 1966
A19/VR/14

¹ Document A19/P&B/19.

² Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 8th ed., p. 76

NINETEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA19.48
20 May 1966

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH AND
FRENCH

STUDY OF THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF HEALTH PROBLEMS OF
SEAFARERS AND THE HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THEM

The Nineteenth World Health Assembly,

Bearing in mind resolution WHA15.21 of the Fifteenth World Health Assembly concerning the health problems of seafarers, and resolution EB37.R25 of the Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the nature and extent of the health problems of seafarers and of the health services available to them,¹

1. NOTES the report of the Director-General;¹
2. CONSIDERS that additional efforts should now be made also to improve health services for seafarers in large ports;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General:
 - (1) to explore the possibilities of establishing at least two pilot health centres for seafarers in different regions in co-operation with the countries concerned, estimating the amount of additional annual expenditure that would be entailed in putting such centres into operation;

¹ Document A19/P&B/12.

(2) to invite Member States to make available to seafarers in each port services where the necessary specialized medical care can be provided; and

(3) to report to the thirty-ninth session of the Executive Board and to the Twentieth World Health Assembly thereon.

Fourteenth plenary meeting, 20 May 1966
A19/VR/14

NINETEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA19.50
20 May 1966

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH AND
FRENCH

COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY PROGRAMME

The Nineteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the community water supply programme;¹

Reaffirming the principles for the promotion and development of national programmes, as endorsed in resolution WHA17.40;

Recognizing that the provision of safer and adequate water supplies not only is essential for the protection and improvement of individual and public health, but also is a prerequisite for economic and social advancement, and particularly industrial development and housing improvement;

Noting that soundly conceived and economically managed water supplies are becoming increasingly recognized by international, bilateral and national lending agencies as suitable investments;

Recognizing that the WHO responsibility should lie mainly in the public health aspects of Community Water Supply Programmes;

Noting the results that have been obtained by WHO, within the limits of the staff and finances available, in mobilizing financial and technical support for pre-investment surveys and construction programmes;

Recognizing that these results, though substantial, are inadequate to meet the increasing needs of expanding populations, in addition to the accumulated requirements inherited from past years; and

¹ Document A19/P&E/8.

Considering the great importance of the development of rural water supplies for the improvement of public health and for economic development, particularly agricultural, as well as for social advancement,

1. RECOMMENDS to Member States:

(1) that realistic goals and programmes be defined in each country to rectify present inadequacies and to keep pace with community growth in the future;

(2) that, wherever necessary, local, regional or national bodies be established, to function in close collaboration with health agencies, for the planning, construction and operation of water supplies, and that these bodies be vested with the legal, fiscal, financial and administrative powers necessary to ensure their proper functioning;

(3) that Ministries of Health should continue to encourage and support the efforts of such other national bodies as are responsible for the planning and implementation of community water supply programmes;

(4) that direct communication be established between planning and community water supply authorities and Ministries of Health in order to ensure due consideration of health implications in the planning of community water supply projects;

(5) that maximum advantage be taken of technical assistance and loan funds available from international and other agencies for the construction of community water supplies;

(6) that continuing records of needs, and of progress toward satisfying those needs, be maintained for comparison with, and periodic review of, the country's goals and programmes;

(7) that support of the community water supply programme of the World Health Organization be indicated through contributions to the Special Account for Community Water Supply;

(8) that they develop rural water supplies using readily available materials;

2. INVITES Member States to create by international agreement an appropriate river authority in cases where the water of international rivers has to be used for human consumption, and

3. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to continue co-operative activities with Member States, and with international and other agencies, for the stimulation and encouragement of community water supply programmes;

(2) to intensify assistance to Member States for rural water supply programmes;

(3) to give appropriate attention in future regular programmes and budgets for sufficient staff and other resources to enable the Organization to fulfil its leadership role and programme activities, in order to accomplish the goals recommended by the Director-General to the Seventeenth World Health Assembly, and

(4) to report on the progress of the programme to the Twenty-first World Health Assembly, estimating the amount of additional annual expenditure that would be entailed.

NINETEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA19.51
20 May 1966

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH AND
FRENCH

REPORTS OF EXPERT COMMITTEES

The Nineteenth World Health Assembly,

Considering resolution EB.57.RC adopted by the Executive Board at its thirty-seventh session; and

Considering the great value and importance of the reports of the expert committees of the World Health Organization,

SUGGESTS that Member States ensure that wide dissemination be given to recommendations of expert committees through reference to a national expert panel, or otherwise, so that the best use may be made of such recommendations in the context of the development of their national health programmes.

Fourteenth plenary meeting, 20 May 1966
A19/VR/14