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Topic 35: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR 1955

At the request of the Director-General of the World Health Organization, the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau brings to the attention of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference, Regional Committee of the WHO, Resolution 41 approved at the Seventh World Health Assembly on 20 May 1954, which reads as follows:

"TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME FOR 1955 (WHA7.41 - 20 May 1954)

"The Seventh World Health Assembly,

Noting that the amount of Technical Assistance funds expected to be made available to the Organization from year to year is subject to fluctuations resulting from the voluntary nature of contributions;

Believing that the financial problems which have been encountered in the past will continue to arise until such time as the financial arrangements governing the Technical Assistance programme are placed on the basis of beginning projects only when funds are in hand to assure their completion;

Considering that the fluctuations from year to year in the amount of Technical Assistance funds made available to WHO disrupt planned programmes under all resources of the Organization, are inimical to the steady planning and implementation of individual projects and retard the approved general programme of work for a specific period;

1. REQUESTS the Director-General to do everything possible to develop the programmes financed from the regular budget of WHO and from Technical Assistance funds in such a way as to separate them as completely as possible in order that adjustments in one programme will not necessitate consequential adjustments in the other programme;

¹Except for the provision in para. 2

- 2. REQUESTS the Director-General, to the extent practicable, to include in the estimates of expenditure from Technical Assistance funds, provisions for the fellowship requirements of appropriate individual projects (including individual fellowships), irrespective of the source from which other costs relating to such projects be financed, subject to the consent of the governments and the approval of the Technical Assistance Board;
- 3. AUTHORIZES the Director-General to implement the programme in priorities (categories of urgency) as proposed by him and to the extent of available resources;
- 4. AUTHORIZES the Executive Board to act on behalf of the World Health Assembly in connexion with any aspect of this programme, including any necessary modification thereof, in order to adjust it to the amount of funds made available;
- 5. REQUESTS the Executive Board to report to the Eighth World Health Assembly on any such modification made, and
- 6. AUTHORIZES the Director-General to continue to take the action necessary for WHO to participate in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance."