

VI Meeting Regional Committee



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## Topic 33: REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENSES OF REPRESENTATIVES TO REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Director-General of the World Health Organization, by virtue of Resolution WHA6.44 of the Sixth World Health Assembly, requested that the V Meeting of the Regional Committee for the Americas (VII Meeting of the Directing Council) study and comment on the two proposals contained in Resolution EB11.850 of the Eleventh Session of the Executive Board. Briefly, these two proposals concerned (a) reimbursement of travel expenses of representatives of Member States and Associate Members to sessions of Regional Committees, and (b) the holding of sessions of Regional Committees at Regional Headquarters.

The holding of sessions of the Regional Committee at Regional Head—quarters in alternate years had been the established practice in the Region of the Americas, and therefore, no action was required on Part III of Resolution EB11.R50.

However, the Directing Council did study the proposal concerning the reimbursement of travel expenses of representatives to Regional Committee meetings, and adopted the following resolution:

#### "RESOLUTION II

"THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

HAVING STUDIED in detail Resolution WHA6.44 of the Sixth World Health Assembly, Parts II and III of Resolution EB11.850 of the Eleventh Session of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization, and the information supplied by the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau on the replies of the other Regional Committees and the practice followed by other intergovernmental organizations,

#### RESOLVES:

To propose to the Seventh World Health Assembly the reimbursement of travel expenses of representatives attending Regional Committee meetings."

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For the information of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference, the resolutions adopted by the Seventh World Health Assembly on the above subject (WHA7.27) as well as that on the holding of Regional Committee meetings at Regional Headquarters (WHA7.26) are attached as Annex I.

#### RESOLUTIONS OF THE SEVENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

# Payment of Travel Expenses of Representatives to Sessions of Regional Committees (WHA7.27 - 19 May 1954)

The Seventh World Health Assembly.

Having considered resolution EB13.R27 on the payment of travel expenses of representatives to sessions of Regional Committees,

- 1. NOTES that the Executive Board has withdrawn the recommendations on this subject contained in resolution EB11.R50; and
- 2. DECIDES that these expenses shall not be reimbursed by WHO.

### Sessions of Regional Committees at Regional Headquarters (WHA7.26 - 19 May 1954)

The Seventh World Health Assembly.

Having noted the comments of the regional committees and the recommendation of the Executive Board on the holding of sessions of regional committees at regional headquarters, and

Considering that, in accordance with Article 48 of the Constitution regional committees are responsible for determining the place of each meeting,

RECOMMENDS that, in deciding on the place of their meetings, regional committees should consider holding them from time to time at the site of the regional office, taking into account the costs involved for the Oraganization and the Member States concerned.