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Topic 24: RESOLUTIONS OF THE WHO ASSEMBLY AND EXECUTIVE BOARD OF
INTEREST TO THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE AMERICAS

At the request of the Director-General of the World Health Organization, the Director of the Bureau has the honor to bring the following resolutions of the Eighth World Health Assembly and the Sixteenth Session of the WHO Executive Board to the attention of the Regional Committee:

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Resolution WHA8.10, on the second general program of work, is the subject of a separate document (Topic 16, Document CD8/12). The remaining resolutions are annexed hereto for the attention of the VIII Meeting of the Directing Council of the Pan American Sanitary Organization (VII Meeting of the WHO Regional Committee for the Americas.)

ANNEX I: Resolutions as cited.

RESOLUTION WHA8.12

RELATIONS WITH UNICEF

The Eighth World Health Assembly,

Having reviewed the co-operative relationship between UNICEF and WHO and the action taken by the Executive Board and the Director-General pursuant to resolutions WHA7.50 and WHA7.35 of the Seventh World Health Assembly,

Noting that the Director-General's proposed programme and budget estimates for 1956 do not include provision for technical personnel in jointly-assisted UNICEF/WHO projects at an estimated cost of approximately \$480,000,

Considering that, in view of the principle enunciated by the Fifth and Seventh World Health Assemblies according to which "WHO should assume, subject to the limitation of its financial resources, the responsibility for the employment of the technical personnel needed for joint activities to be initiated in the future", it would be appropriate to take a further step, in 1956, towards achieving this objective,

Noting with appreciation the action taken by the UNICEF Executive Board at its September 1954 and March 1955 meetings to allocate funds to meet, in 1955, personnel costs in certain jointly-assisted projects, and

Noting, further, the specific action taken by the UNICEF Executive Board concerning UNICEF/WHO relations, as reflected in its report of the March 1955 session, including its expressed intention "not to make allocations for the costs of international project personnel in 1957 and subsequent years",

1. EXPRESSES its appreciation of the continued effective co-operative relationship between the two organizations;
2. REITERATES the request of the Seventh World Health Assembly in resolution WHA7.35, "in the event that the UNICEF Executive Board decides to begin action on any jointly-assisted projects for which WHO is unable to provide the finances required for the technical personnel required, that the UNICEF Executive Board at the same time decides to reimburse WHO for the health personnel required, in accordance with the agreed principles governing co-operation between UNICEF and WHO, until such time as WHO is able to make financial provision therefor";

3. DECIDES that an amount of \$240,000 shall be added to the proposals of the Director-General, in order to provide for half the costs of the international health personnel in jointly-assisted UNICEF/WHO projects shown under "Other Extra-Budgetary Funds" in the proposed programme and budget estimates for 1956;¹

4. EXPRESSES the hope that the UNICEF Executive Board will provide funds for the other half of the costs referred to in paragraph 3 above, together with the funds required for any new activities initiated, as foreseen in paragraph 2 above, unless such funds are provided in the Technical Assistance programmes for 1956, following appropriate requests by the governments concerned;

5. REQUESTS the Director-General to include in his annually proposed programme and budget estimates, beginning in 1957, full provision for international health personnel costs of jointly-assisted UNICEF/WHO projects, due regard being given to the principle that WHO must maintain a balanced public-health programme, and

6. REQUESTS the Director-General to report to the Executive Board and the Ninth World Health Assembly any further developments in relations between UNICEF and WHO.

(Eighth plenary meeting
23 May 1955, A8/VR/8)

RESOLUTION WHA8.13

STATUS OF ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND OF ADVANCES TO THE
WORKING CAPITAL FUND

The Eighth World Health Assembly,

I. Having considered the report of the Director-General on the status of annual contributions;¹

Noting with satisfaction the substantial payments made by Members to liquidate their arrears, and

Considering that future sessions of the Health Assembly should annually review the status of annual contributions, bearing in mind provisions of Article 7 of the Constitution,

1. REQUESTS Member Governments to provide for their contributions to the World Health Organization annually and to pay such contributions as early as possible after they are due, and

2. RESOLVES that, if a Member is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization in an amount which equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years at the time of the opening of the World Health Assembly in any future year, the Assembly shall consider, in accordance with Article 7 of the Constitution, whether or not the right of vote of such a Member shall be suspended; further

II. Taking into account the great efforts made by many Member Governments to pay their arrears, and

Considering that it is necessary to stimulate the continuity of action to this effect,

REQUESTS the Director-General to inform all governments of the satisfaction felt by the Eighth World Health Assembly for the payments made by the Government Members.

(Eighth plenary meeting,
23 May 1955, A8/VR/8)

¹ Document A8/AFL/11

RESOLUTION WHA8.20

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES

The Eighth World Health Assembly,

Having noted the view of the Executive Board that public information activities of WHO should be intensified, and

Having considered the study on problems of public information submitted by the Director-General in response to the request of the Executive Board,

1. RECOMMENDS that advantage be taken of the information facilities available to National WHO Committees;
2. INVITES regional committees to consider ways and means of improving information activities in their regions where necessary, and
3. INVITES governments to have their public information units co-operate to the fullest possible extent with WHO information services in making the aims and work of WHO better known throughout the world.

(Ninth plenary meeting,
26 May 1955, A8/VR/9)

RESOLUTION WHA8.30

MALARIA ERADICATION

The Eighth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the comprehensive report and proposal on malaria eradication submitted by the Director-General,¹

Having examined the recommendations of the XIV Pan American Sanitary Conference in Santiago, Chile, in October, 1954 and of the Malaria Conference for the Western Pacific and South-East Asia Regions in Baguio, Philippines, in November, 1954, concerning the danger constituted by the potential development of anopheline resistance to insecticides and concerning measures to obviate that danger,

Considering resolution EB15.R67,² adopted by the Executive Board at its fifteenth session after a study of the reports available up to that time,

Considering that the ultimate goal of malaria control programmes should be the eradication of the disease,

- I.
 1. REQUESTS governments to intensify plans of nation-wide malaria control so that malaria eradication may be achieved and the regular insecticide-spraying campaigns safely terminated before the potential danger of a development of resistance to insecticides in anopheline vector species materializes;
 2. AUTHORIZES the Director-General to request those governments in whose countries malaria still exists to give priority to malaria eradication projects in their requests for assistance under the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, and to provide the locally available resources which are required to achieve malaria eradication;
- II. DECIDES 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 Document A8/R&B/10

² Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org. 60, 27

- III. 1. AUTHORIZES the Director-General to obtain financial contributions for malaria eradication from governmental and private sources;
2. ESTABLISHES, under Financial Regulations 6.6 and 6.7, a Malaria Eradication Special Account, which shall be subject to the following rules:

- (1) The Special Account shall be credited with voluntary contributions received in any usable currency and shall also be credited with the value of contributions in kind, whether in the form of services or supplies and equipment;
- (2) The resources in the Special Account shall be available for incurring obligations for the purposes set out in (3) below, the unexpended balances of the Account being carried forward from one financial year to the next;
- (3) The Special Account shall be used for the purpose of meeting the costs of:
 - (a) research;
 - (b) such supplies and equipment, apart from minimal requirements to be provided from Regular and Technical Assistance funds, as are necessary for the effective implementation of the programme in individual countries, and
 - (c) such services as may be required in individual countries and as cannot be made available by the governments of such countries;
- (4) The operations planned to be financed from the Special Account shall be presented separately in the annual programme and budget estimates, this presentation to include an indication as to whether the resources required are known to be available in the Special Account or from another source;
- (5) In accordance with Financial Regulations 6.6 and 11.3, the Special Account shall be maintained as a separate account, and its operations shall be presented separately in the Director-General's annual financial report;

- IV. AUTHORIZES the Executive Board or a committee of the Board to which it may delegate authority to act between sessions of the Board to carry out the following functions:

- (1) to accept contributions to the Special Account

as provided under Article 57 of the Constitution, and

(2) to advise the Director -General from time to time on any questions of policy relating to the administration of the Special Account or to the implementation of the programme.

(Ninth plenary meeting
26 May 1955, A8/VR/9)

RESOLUTION EB16.R16

MALARIA ERADICATION PROGRAMME

The Executive Board,

Considering the decision of the Eighth World Health Assembly that the World Health Organization should take the initiative in the implementation of a programme having as its objective the world-wide eradication of malaria,¹

Considering that the Eighth World Health Assembly established a Malaria Eradication Special Account to be used for specified purposes, in accordance with Financial Regulations 6.6 and 6.7,

1. REQUESTS the Director-General to continue with the implementation of the programme as set out in resolution WHA8.30, paragraphs I, II and III;
2. DEFERS until its seventeenth session the consideration of the establishment and terms of reference of a committee to act between sessions of the Board, as authorized in paragraph IV.

(Second meeting, 30 May 1955
EB16/Min/2)

¹ Resolution WHA8.30

RESOLUTION WHA8.32

PLANNING FOR THE 1956 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

The Eighth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the 1956 Technical Assistance Programme,¹

Having considered resolution EB15.R43 of the Executive Board and its review of activities planned to be carried out in 1956 under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance,

Cognizant of the new country planning procedure for 1956 and subsequent years,

1. CONCURS in the opinions of the Board as expressed in that resolution;
2. CALLS ATTENTION to the added responsibilities of national health administrations, in view of the new country planning procedures and the provision for governments' review of and decision on country programmes and priorities or projects, and
3. AUTHORIZES the Executive Board to act on behalf of the World Health Assembly in connexion with any aspect of this programme.

(Ninth plenary meeting
26 May 1955, A8/VR/9)

¹ Document A8/P and B/12

RESOLUTION WHA8.38

CAMPAIGNS AGAINST SMALLPOX

The Eighth World Health Assembly,

Having noted resolution WHA7.5 of the Seventh World Health Assembly on the subject of campaigns against smallpox, and the report submitted by the Director-General,¹

URGES again that health administrations conduct, wherever necessary, campaigns against smallpox as an integral part of their public-health programmes.

(Ninth plenary meeting
26 May 1955, A8/VR/9)

¹ Document A8/P and B/7