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Topic 9: EMERGENCY REVOLVING FUND

The Directing Council, at its III Meeting, adopted a resolution creating an Emergency Fund to be used by the Bureau to provide immediate relief to Member Countries in cases of unforeseen emergency health problems. The pertinent portion of this resolution follows:

(Resolution II)

"THE DIRECTING COUNCIL

RESOLVES:

1. To create the Emergency Fund from existing surplus at the end of the fiscal year of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, December 31, 1949, the sum of \$50,000 shall be set aside and deposited in dollars (USA) in a bank in Washington, D. C., and this fund shall be administered by the Director or by his authorized representative. Reimbursement to the Emergency Fund shall be made by refunding through payments from countries who may receive materials for emergency services, or by orders approved by the Executive Committee chargeable to the general funds of the Bureau. The Executive Committee and the Directing Council shall receive reports pertaining to the use of such funds."

In accordance with the provisions of the above resolution, the Director has the honor to present the following report.

Upon the request of the Acting Senior Medical Officer of Grenada, BWI, emergency supplies were purchased and shipped to that territory in order to safeguard the health of the people in the areas affected by the hurricane which struck on 22 September 1955. The funds for the purchase of the supplies and the cost of transportation were advanced by the Bureau from the Emergency Revolving Fund under the authority of the above quoted resolution. The total cost of the emergency supplies delivered to Grenada amounted to \$267,45. Complying with the provisions governing the Emergency Revolving Fund, the Director, on 16 November,

1955, communicated with the authorities of Grenada regarding the reimbursement of the amount of \$267.45 to the Emergency Revolving Fund. The Director has the pleasure to report that the Bureau, on 16 May 1956, received payment in full from the authorities of Grenada. The money has been duly credited to the Emergency Fund.

Upon the request of the Ministry of Health of Argentina, emergency supplies and equipment were purchased and shipped to that Government in order to combat the poliomyelitis epidemic which began early in 1956. The total cost of supplies and equipment delivered to the Ministry of Health of Argentina amounted to \$74,315.82. A deposit of \$59,740.00 was in transit from the government; therefore, advances totalling \$14,575.82 were made by the Bureau on 2 March, 13 March, and 15 March 1956.

Complying with the provisions governing the Emergency Fund, the Director communicated with the Government of Argentina regarding the reimbursement of the \$14,575.82 to the Emergency Revolving Fund.

Proposed Resolution

The Executive Committee,

Having examined the report presented by the Director regarding the use of funds from the Emergency Revolving Fund during 1955 and early 1956 (Document CE28/5);

Having noted that the Fund has been reimbursed for the expenditure made in 1955;

Being aware that the need for reimbursement of \$14,575.82 expended in early 1956 has been called to the attention of the government who received the emergency assistance;

RESOLVES:

To take note of the report of the Director on the use of the Emergency Revolving Fund during 1955 and early 1956.