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## Topic 6: EMERGENCY REVOLVING FUND

The Directing Council, at its III Meeting, adopted a resolution creating an Emergency Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00, to be used by the Bureau to provide immediate relief to Member Countries in cases of unforeseen emergency health problems. Reimbursement to the Emergency Fund was to be made by refunding through payments from countries that 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 were to receive reports pertaining to the use of such funds.

In accordance with the provisions of the above resolution, emergency procurement action has been undertaken on request of governments. For the calendar year 1959 the Financial Report of the Director, Official Documents No. 33, reflects the activities in relation to the respective governments, as well as the status of the Fund at the end of the year. Supplementary information on activities during 1960 and status of the Fund as of 29 February 1960 is presented below.

-	Balance as of 1 January 1960	Expended since 1 January 1960	Reimbursed since 1 January 1960	Balance as of 29 Feb. 1960
Argentina Grenada Nicaragua	8,582 500 200	-	8,\$582 500 200	\$ - -
COUNTRY TOTALS	9,282	•	9,282	-
CASH IN BANK	40,718	-	9,282	50,000
AUTHORIZED AMOUNT	50,000			50,000

In addition to the above table the Director wishes to report that commitments for purchases under the Fund have been entered into as explained below. Upon receipt and payment of vendor's invoices these purchases will be reflected as expenditures under the Fund, and the respective governments will be informed of the exact amount to be reimbursed to the Fund.

Upon request of the Ministry of Public Health, Cuba, emergency supplies of rabies vaccine and laboratory mice food were purchased and shipped to Cuba in February 1960. The estimated cost of supplies delivered is \$11,636.00.

Upon request of the National Health Services, Mexico, emergency supplies of rabies vaccine were purchased and shipped to Mexico (Mexicali) in January 1960. The estimated cost of supplies delivered is \$2,190.00.

In view of the above commitments the balance of the Fund available for further procurement is approximately \$36,174.00 as of 29 February 1960.