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The attached resolutions adopted by the Sixteenth World Health Assembly and by the Executive Board at its thirty-first and thirty-second sessions are submitted to the consideration of the XV Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas.

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Thirty-first Session

EB31.R47
26 January 1963

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

EXPANDED PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Executive Board,

Considering that the programmes assisted by the World Health Organization, whatever the funds from which they are financed, are developed to meet the health needs of countries on the basis of the technical requirements and possibilities of solving them;

Considering that all assistance provided by the Organization should make a positive contribution towards the fulfilment of national health plans;

Recalling the principle that the importance of a problem to the entire health programme of the requesting country should be taken into consideration and that, if no currently appropriate long-term national health plan exists, assistance may be offered in developing such a plan;

Recalling the decisions of World Health Assemblies and of the Executive Board at various sessions calling attention to the inseparability of social, economic and health factors for the orderly execution of national development programmes;

Reiterating the decisions of various World Health Assemblies that appropriate national arrangements to co-ordinate assistance in the field of health are desirable and that, in the over-all co-ordinating machinery, representatives from the field of health should be represented; and

Recalling the advantages which were expected to accrue to governments with the introduction of the project programming procedures of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, in the expectation that they would result in projects of fundamental importance on a long-term basis,

1. DRAWS the attention of governments to the importance of considering carefully any decision to request a change in the planned programme and of the need to bear in mind the technical consequences of such changes, in view of the fact that premature discontinuation of projects will result not only in the loss of work already done, but may incur wasteful costs in the payment of termination indemnities to staff;
2. REQUESTS the Director-General to continue to assist governments to establish or revise national health plans, and to develop realistic plans of operations for projects within those national health plans; and further
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to transmit this resolution to the Executive Chairman of the Technical Assistance Board for consideration at the time the "ground rules" for transfers between participating organizations are established.

Nineteenth meeting, 26 January 1963
EBJ1/Min/19

Thirty-first Session

EB31.R49
26 January 1963

ORIGINAL: FRENCH

DECENTRALIZATION OF UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITIES

The Executive Board,

Recalling its resolutions EB29.R45 and EB30.R23 on Decentralization of United Nations activities;

Having in mind the effective collaboration with regional organizations and Member States which is made possible by the decentralized structure of WHO;

Calling to the attention of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and their regional organs the value of applying preventive public health measures in all economic and social development activities at the national level;

Bearing in mind the constitutional responsibilities of the Organization in the field of health, the willingness of the Organization to assist, and the economic advantages which can accrue from early participation of health experts in the planning and execution of development plans specially in the field of water resources, agricultural and industrial development; and

Noting the report of the Director-General on decentralization of United Nations activities and collaboration with the regional economic commissions of the United Nations,¹

1. NOTES the report of the Director-General;

¹ Document EB31/40

2. REQUESTS the Director-General to continue the co-operation recorded in this report and to bring any significant new developments to the attention of the Board; and

3. EXPRESSES the hope that the directing bodies of the United Nations regional development institutes will adopt appropriate devices, such as advisory committees, for associating the interested specialized agencies with their deliberations and decisions.

Nineteenth meeting, 26 January 1963
EB31/Min/19

Thirty-first Session

EB31.B26
21 January 1963

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

MALARIA ERADICATION SPECIAL ACCOUNT

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the Malaria Eradication Special Account;¹

Recalling the provision of resolutions WHA15.20 and WHA15.34 of the Fifteenth World Health Assembly² on the acceleration of the malaria eradication programme from continued voluntary contributions;

Bearing in mind the advantages of a more rapid implementation of the global malaria eradication programme;

Appreciating the contributions thus far made which have made it possible to finance the malaria eradication operations; and

Noting that the Director-General has already expressed the thanks of the Organization to the individual donors,

1. REQUESTS the Director-General to transmit this resolution together with the report of the Director-General¹ to all Members of the Organization calling particular attention to the Executive Board's expression of appreciation;

2. APPEALS to Members who are in a position to do so to make voluntary contributions to the Malaria Eradication Special Account in order to make it possible to implement the programme operations planned to be financed from that account; and

¹ Document EB31/41

² Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org. 112, pp. 9, 10 and 15

3. REQUESTS the Director-General to continue his efforts as in the past to obtain voluntary contributions to the Malaria Eradication Special Account.

Eighth and ninth meetings,
21 January 1963
EB31/Min/8 and EB31/Min/9

SIXTEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA16.17
18 May 1963

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

MALARIA ERADICATION SPECIAL ACCOUNT

The Sixteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the Malaria Eradication Special Account;¹

Having noted that the financing of the "regular" malaria eradication programme for the year 1963 is assured and that, according to resolution WHA14.15, the full cost of the "regular" malaria eradication programme for the year 1964 is included in the proposed regular budget estimates;

Realizing, however, that funds are available only for financing a portion of the "accelerated" malaria eradication programme planned for 1963 and 1964;

Noting further that the "accelerated" programme will be financed through funds set aside by the Director-General not only for the current year's obligations but also for continuing commitments in the ensuing year either up to the full completion of any individual activity approved for implementation within a period of two years, or to such appropriate phase of the activity as would be decided in each instance depending upon its nature,

1. REQUESTS the Director-General to transmit this resolution together with the report of the Director-General to all Members of the Organization, calling particular attention to the Assembly's expression of appreciation to the donors to the Malaria Eradication Special Account; and

¹ Document A16/AFL/11

2. REITERATES its appeal to Members in a position to do so, and especially to economically more developed Members, to make voluntary contributions to the Malaria Eradication Special Account in order to enable the Organization to carry out planned "accelerated" operations.

Eleventh plenary meeting, 18 May 1963
A16/VR/11

Thirty-second Session

EB32.R23
28 May 1963

ORIGINAL: FRENCH

MALARIA ERADICATION SPECIAL ACCOUNT

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the Malaria Eradication Special Account;¹

Appreciating the contributions made to the Malaria Eradication Special Account; and

Noting that the Director-General has already expressed the thanks of the Organization to the individual donors,

REQUESTS the Director-General to transmit this resolution, together with the report which he has submitted to the Executive Board, to all Members of the Organization, calling particular attention to the Executive Board's expression of appreciation.

Fourth meeting, 28 May 1963
EB32/Min/4

¹ Document EB32/9 Rev.1

Thirty-first Session

EB31.R31
24 January 1963

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH AND
FRENCH

DEVELOPMENT OF THE MALARIA ERADICATION PROGRAMME

The Executive Board,

Having considered the Report of the Director-General on the development of the malaria eradication programme;¹

Noting in general the satisfactory progress being made and in particular the outstanding advance represented by the transfer to the consolidation phase of 160 million people during the past year;

Appreciating that, in countries without the administrative and public health facilities for the full implementation of malaria eradication programmes, there is need for the development of the peripheral health structure which would be adequate to support effectively such programmes during the consolidation and maintenance phases;

Recognizing that the further implementation and development of such programmes will be dependent firstly on the availability and the training of national health workers of various categories and secondly on technical and material assistance from WHO and from other agencies; and

Believing that the Executive Board may wish, at a future session, to review the long-term implications of the Organization's support of the global malaria eradication programme,

1. REQUESTS the Director-General to bring the report up to date for presentation to the Sixteenth World Health Assembly;

¹ Documents EB31/23 and Corr.1

2. URGES governments of countries which are embarking on pre-eradication programmes to recognize the necessity of the parallel development of their health infrastructure on a national coverage basis;
3. INVITES other international and bilateral agencies to consider the way in which they may be able to give the maximum support to the implementation of pre-eradication programmes as well as to new malaria eradication programmes; and
4. REQUESTS the Director-General to prepare a further assessment of the full cost of the global programme and of the likely annual expenditures for the Organization for the next five years including the respective annual expenditures of other agencies and report to a future session of the Executive Board.

Eighth and fifteenth meetings,
21 and 24 January 1963
EB31/Min/8 and EB31/Min/15

SIXTEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA16.23
18 May 1963

ORIGINAL: FRENCH

REPORT ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE MALARIA ERADICATION PROGRAMME

The Sixteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the Report of the Director-General on the Development of the Malaria Eradication Programme;¹

Noting that the objectives of the co-ordinated plan for continental Europe had been successfully fulfilled in that all the remaining malarious areas had reached the consolidation phase by the end of 1962;

Noting the outstanding progress towards eradication during the past year in which areas inhabited by millions of people passed from the attack to the consolidation phase mainly in South-East Asia and in the Americas; and

Recognizing that administrative and technical problems like inadequate health services, particular epidemiological patterns, insecticide resistance or changes in the behaviour of the vectors, as well as parasite resistance to drugs, may delay the effective development of malaria eradication in certain areas,

1. INVITES governments to undertake preliminary operations or to pursue with vigour the eradication programmes to their planned conclusion and to collaborate with neighbouring countries on a regional basis to permit progress to be made on a broad geographical area and for mutual protection against re-introduction of the disease;

¹ Document A16/P&B/3, Parts I & II

2. RECOMMENDS, in countries without the administrative and public health facilities for full implementation of malaria eradication programmes, the parallel development in a flexible way of a minimum public health service on the basis of total coverage, to support effectively such programmes especially during the consolidation and maintenance phases;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to provide appropriate assistance for the study and solution of the technical difficulties found in problem areas and to pursue research into the development of methods to overcome the technical difficulties encountered in malaria eradication;
4. REQUESTS the Director-General to study the present position in regard to the implementation of the malaria eradication programme, its achievements, shortcomings and prospects, including the provision of adequate staff and finances for the global eradication programme and to submit a report on the matter to the World Health Assembly as early as possible; and
5. REQUESTS the Director-General to report further progress in the malaria eradication programme to the Seventeenth World Health Assembly.

Eleventh plenary meeting, 18 May 1963
A16/VR/11

Thirty-first Session

EB31.R32 Rev.1
26 January 1963

ENGLISH AND
SPANISH ONLY

DEVELOPMENTS IN ACTIVITIES ASSISTED JOINTLY WITH UNICEF

The Executive Board,

Having considered the Report of the Director-General on developments in activities assisted jointly with UNICEF;¹

Aware of the Declaration of UNICEF on a Long-Term Policy for Children in Relation to the Development Decade;

Cognizant of the fact that, in many developing countries, basic health services must be established or strengthened in order to apply known measures for the control of prevalent communicable diseases;

Believing that malaria eradication in Africa is technically feasible provided the necessary health organization has been established; and

Recalling that social and economic development can be attained and enjoyed only by a healthy people,

1. NOTES the Report of the Director-General;
2. REITERATES the importance of the health needs of children forming part of general plans for health services;
3. EMPHASIZES the importance of malaria eradication activities as a pre-requisite for social and economic progress and particularly for agricultural development;
4. STRESSES the importance of basic health services as an essential part of malaria eradication and communicable disease control;

¹ Documents EB31/11 and Add.1 & Add.1 Corr.1

5. WELCOMES UNICEF's continued support of programmes for the establishment of basic health services, and for mass control and eradication campaigns against communicable diseases;
6. EXPRESSES the hope that UNICEF will continue to give increasing material support to malaria programmes, with particular emphasis on assistance to newly developing countries in Africa; and
7. EXPRESSES its satisfaction with the continuing co-operation between the two Organizations in all aspects of the work jointly assisted by them.

Seventh and fifteenth meetings,
18 and 24 January 1963
EB31/Min/7 and EB31/Min/15

SIXTEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLYWHA16.24
18 May 1963

ORIGINAL: FRENCH

DEVELOPMENTS IN ACTIVITIES ASSISTED
JOINTLY WITH UNICEF

The Sixteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the Report of the Director-General on Developments in Activities assisted jointly with UNICEF,¹

1. NOTES the Report of the Director-General;
2. ENDORSES the views expressed by the Executive Board at its thirty-first session,² with particular emphasis on UNICEF's continued support of programmes for the establishment of basic health services, education and training, and for mass control and eradication campaigns against communicable diseases, and the importance of assistance to malaria eradication activities, particularly in Africa;
3. EXPRESSES its satisfaction with the continuing close and efficient co-operation between the two organizations in jointly-assisted programmes; and
4. REQUESTS the Director-General to transmit to UNICEF the concern of WHO in that any reduction in material assistance to joint UNICEF/WHO activities would adversely affect health and welfare of children.

Eleventh plenary meeting, 18 May 1963
A16/VR/11

¹ Document A16/P&B/8

² Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org. 124, 19, resolution EB31.R32

SIXTEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA16.26
22 May 1963

ORIGINAL: FRENCH

VOLUNTARY FUND FOR HEALTH PROMOTION: MEDICAL RESEARCH

The Sixteenth World Health Assembly,

Considering that the programme planned under the Special Account for Medical Research as set forth in Official Records No. 121, Annex 4, is satisfactory;

Noting that this programme is complementary to the research programme included in the regular budget of the Organization; and

Emphasizing the world-wide importance of medical research,

1. EXPRESSES the hope that more countries will make voluntary contributions to the Special Account;
2. REQUESTS the Director-General to implement the medical research programme, within the broad concept of the third general programme of work for a specific period, to the extent that funds become available through voluntary contributions to the Special Account; and
3. INVITES the Director-General to take such further action as would most effectively contribute to the development of the medical research programme.

SIXTEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLYWHA16.27
22 May 1963

ORIGINAL: FRENCH

VOLUNTARY FUND FOR HEALTH PROMOTION:
COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY

The Sixteenth World Health Assembly,

Considering that the programme planned under the Special Account for Community Water Supply as set forth in Official Records No. 121, Annex 4, is satisfactory; and

Believing that this programme is of considerable importance in stimulating and assisting countries to develop plans for community water supply systems,

1. EXPRESSES the hope that more countries will make voluntary contributions to the Special Account;
2. REQUESTS the Director-General to implement the planned programme, within the broad concept of the third general programme of work for a specific period, to the extent that funds become available through voluntary contributions to the Special Account; and
3. INVITES the Director-General to take such further action as would most effectively contribute to the development of the community water supply programme.

Twelfth plenary meeting, 22 May 1963
A16/VR/12

Thirty-first Session

EB31.R39
25 January 1963

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

CONTINUED ASSISTANCE TO NEWLY INDEPENDENT STATES

The Executive Board,

Having studied the Report of the Director-General on continued assistance to newly independent States,¹

1. NOTES the Report of the Director-General;
2. ENDORSES the action which has been taken to implement an accelerated programme for assisting newly independent and emerging States, particularly in Africa, along the lines laid down by the Fifteenth World Health Assembly in its resolution WHA15.22;² and the arrangements made by the Director-General for the provision of assistance in national health planning, education and training and operational staff;
3. RECOGNIZES that the funds provided in the Director-General's proposed programme and budget for 1964 are not sufficient to meet the requirements of the newly independent States, as described in the Report of the Director-General;
4. CALLS UPON Member States who are in a position to do so to make voluntary contributions to the Special Account for Accelerated Assistance to Newly Independent and Emerging States; and
5. REQUESTS the Director-General to transmit this resolution to the Members of the Organization.

Seventeenth meeting, 25 January 1963
EB31/Min/17

¹ Document EB31/42 and Add.1

² Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org. 118, 10-12

SIXTEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA16.31
22 May 1963

ORIGINAL: FRENCH

CONTINUED ASSISTANCE TO NEWLY INDEPENDENT STATES

The Sixteenth World Health Assembly,

Having studied the report of the Director-General on continued assistance to newly independent States;¹

Noting resolution EB31.R39 of the Executive Board at its thirty-first session;²

Recognizing the urgent need to accelerate the assistance to newly independent and emerging States in accordance with the programme laid down by the Fifteenth World Health Assembly in resolution WHA15.22,³ and

Realizing that the implementation of such an accelerated programme requires larger resources than are currently available to the Organization,

1. NOTES the report of the Director-General;
2. ENDORSES the actions taken by the Director-General to implement an accelerated programme for assisting newly independent and emerging States; and
3. INVITES Members that are in a position to do so to make voluntary contributions to the Special Account for Accelerated Assistance to Newly Independent and Emerging States, as established by the Fifteenth World Health Assembly in its resolution WHA15.22.³

Twelfth plenary meeting, 22 May 1963
A16/VR/12

¹ Document A16/P&B/13

² Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org. 124, 22

³ Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org. 118, 10-12

SIXTEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA16.37

23 May 1963

ORIGINAL: FRENCH

SMALLPOX ERADICATION PROGRAMME

The Sixteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the progress so far achieved in the world-wide programme of smallpox eradication,¹

1. NOTES

(i) that smallpox continues to be a serious health problem in the endemic areas, and exposes the rest of the world to risk of infection;

(ii) that the implementation of many national eradication programmes is making slow progress due to inadequacy of national resources, particularly in transport, equipment, and potent and stable vaccine so necessary for tropical and sub-tropical areas;

2. INVITES Member States to make voluntary contributions in cash or in kind to enable the Organization to provide assistance to requesting countries to meet their deficiencies of transport, equipment and vaccine;

3. RECOMMENDS to those countries where the disease is still present

(i) that they intensify their control programmes aiming at eradication and take the necessary steps to ensure the provision of a potent and stable vaccine;

¹ Document A16/P&B/9

(ii) that neighbouring countries, and particularly contiguous ones, co-ordinate their smallpox control activities and/or eradication campaigns in order to diminish the risk of spread of the disease between their respective territories during their programmes; and

4. REQUESTS the Director-General to submit a further report on the progress of the smallpox eradication programme to the Seventeenth World Health Assembly.

Thirteenth plenary meeting, 23 May 1963
A16/VR/13

Thirty-first Session

EB31.R50
26 January 1963

ORIGINAL: FRENCH

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE

The Executive Board,

Having studied the report of the Director-General¹ on the United Nations Development Decade;

Recalling the decisions of the Fifteenth World Health Assembly in resolution WHA15.57 on the United Nations Development Decade, and its own decisions in resolution EB29.R44;

Agreeing with the statement made by the Director-General to the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-fourth session on this subject;

Noting the resolution 916 (XXXIV) adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-fourth session, with regard to the United Nations Development Decade;

Taking into account the views expressed by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination at its twenty-seventh session; and

Considering that all the practical activities of the World Health Organization under its annual programme constitutes a contribution by WHO to the United Nations Development Decade,

1. REITERATES the fact that the improvement of health is fundamental to social and economic development;
2. STRESSES the need for governments to devote increased resources to the control of disease and the improvement of health;

¹ Document EB31/28

3. CALLS ATTENTION of governments, and particularly the national health authorities, to the decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council in resolution 916 (XXXIV), regarding the programme and financial resources for the Development Decade;
4. REQUESTS the Director-General to co-operate fully and actively with the Special Committee on Co-ordination, established by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 920 (XXXIV), on the basis of the understanding reached by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, as contained in its twenty-seventh report to the Council; and
5. EXPRESSES the hope that the existing arrangements for co-ordination at the disposal of the United Nations system will be fully utilized for assisting developing countries in fulfilling the objectives of the Decade.

Nineteenth meeting, 26 January 1963
EB31/Min/19

SIXTEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLYWHA16.40
23 May 1963

ORIGINAL: FRENCH

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE

The Sixteenth World Health Assembly,

Having studied the report of the Director-General¹ on the United Nations Development Decade;

Reaffirming the decisions on the Development Decade set forth in resolution WHA15.57 of the Fifteenth World Health Assembly; and

Mindful of the aims of the United Nations Development Decade and the contribution which the World Health Organization can make to their achievement, particularly through assistance to governments, on their request, in national health planning and the education and training of professional and auxiliary health staff,

1. NOTES the report of the Director-General;
2. EMPHASIZES the importance of investment in health as a vital component of economic and social development; and
3. STRESSES the need for expanding WHO activities in keeping with the health objectives of the United Nations Development Decade, both through the Organization's regular programme and the use of other available resources.

Thirteenth plenary meeting, 23 May 1963
A16/VR/13

¹ Document A16/P&B/6