ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

STRATEGIES FOR HEALTH FOR ALL IN THE FACE OF RAPID URBANIZATION

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

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IN THE FACE OF RAPID URBANIZATION

9 and 11 May 1991

Administrative Arrangements

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1. INTRODUCTION

Rapid urbanization has been stressed as a major environmental problem by the World Commission on Environment and Development (the Brundtland Commission). It is also a major health concern, as evidenced by the Executive Board's choice of the topic "Strategies for health for all in the face of rapid urbanization" for the Technical Discussions at the Forty-fourth World Health Assembly. Sir Donald Acheson, Chief Medical Officer, and Chief Medical Adviser to Her Majesty's Government, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, has been appointed by the Board to be General Chairman of the Technical Discussions. A task force established for the Technical Discussions has prepared four themes, each with a background paper (available in English and French):

- healthy public policy for urban areas; discussion of policy issues and options; intersectoral action for a healthy environment and healthy public policies; community participation; meeting basic needs in the city;

- organization of urban health systems, decision-making processes and structure for city health; developing the capacity of the health department to influence public policies, by collecting and disseminating useful health information and initiating intersectoral links to promote healthy policies; health development policies and strategies to cover entire city populations, in particular the unserved and the underserved; provision of an appropriate mix of health services, including health centres and hospitals;

- city networks for health; WHO Healthy Cities project, city twinning schemes, CITYNET, etc.; experience in developed and developing countries; how to develop "a healthy city";

- development of environmental health services, including control of urban pollution (air, water, industrial wastes, solid wastes); the role of the city health department in pollution control.

2. PROGRAMME OF WORK

The Technical Discussions will take place all day on Thursday, 9 May 1991 and for half a day on Saturday, 11 May 1991, as shown below.

**Provisional Timetable**

**Thursday, 9 May 1991**

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Keynote addresses:

9:30 - 10:00  Urban health systems: Dr R. Guerrero  
(15 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

10:00 - 10:30  Urban health and healthy cities networks: Dr (Mrs) A. Sabouraud  
(15 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

10:30 - 11:00  Population growth and urban development: Dr E. Salim  
(15 minutes presentation, 15 minutes discussion)

11:00 - 11:30  Coffee break

11:30 - 12:30  Working group discussions

12:05  Press conference with Sir Donald Acheson and invited delegates.

14:30 - 17:30  Working group discussions

Saturday, 11 May 1991

09:00 - 12:30  FINAL PLENARY

09:00 - 10:30  Reports of working group Chairmen and discussions

10:30 - 11:00  Coffee break

11:00 - 12:15  Discussion of the report

12:15 - 12:30  Closing statement  Sir Donald Acheson, General Chairman of the Technical Discussions

3. WORKING GROUPS - THURSDAY, 9 May 1991

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5. City networks for health

6. Development of urban environmental health services
   (Secretary, Mr E. Giroult)

A = Arabic, C = Chinese, E = English, F = French; R = Russian, S = Spanish

4. REGISTRATION

Those participating in the World Health Assembly who wish to take part in the Technical Discussions are requested to complete a registration form (available at the Technical Discussions Registration Desk in the Palais des Nations) on Saturday, 4 May 1991 between 08h30 and 14h00 or on Monday, 6 May 1991 or Tuesday, 7 May 1991 between 08h30 and 18h00. Registration closes on the evening of Tuesday, 7 May.

5. DOCUMENTATION

A44/Technical Discussions/1 Administrative arrangements
A44/Technical Discussions/2 Health and the cities: a global overview
A44/Technical Discussions/3 Urban policies and health status
A44/Technical Discussions/4 The organization of urban health systems
A44/Technical Discussions/5 City networks for health
A44/Technical Discussions/6 Development of urban environmental health services
A44/Technical Discussions/7 Cities and the population issue