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PROCEDURE OF DECISIONS OF THE FOURTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

(i) Composition of the Committee on Credentials

The Fourth World Health Assembly appointed a Committee on Credentials consisting of representatives of the following twelve Members:

Ceylon, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Greece, Iraq, Israel, Liberia, New Zealand, Portugal, Switzerland, Turkey and Uruguay.

(First plenary meeting,
7 May 1951, A4/VR/1)

(ii) Composition of the Committee on Nominations

The Fourth World Health Assembly appointed a Committee on Nominations consisting of delegates of the following eighteen Members:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Chile, Egypt, France, India, Iran, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Thailand, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom, United States of America, Venezuela and Yugoslavia.

(First plenary meeting,
7 May 1951, A4/VR/1)

(iii) Verification of Credentials

The Fourth World Health Assembly recognized the validity of the Credentials of the following Delegations:¹.

Afghanistan, Argentine, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Burma, Cambodia, Canada, Ceylon, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Portugal, El Salvador, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Thailand, Turkey, Union of South Africa, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet-Nam, Yugoslavia and Southern Rhodesia (Associate Member).

(Second, fifth, seventh and tenth plenary meeting, 7, 9, 16 and 24 May 1951, A4/VR/2, 5, 7 and 10)

1. The credentials of the delegation of Bolivia were provisionally recognized at the tenth plenary meeting.

Annex

(iv) Election of Officers of the Fourth World Health Assembly

The Fourth World Health Assembly, after consideration of the recommendations of the Committee on Nominations, elected the following officers:

Dr. Leonard G. Scheele (United States of America), as President of the Fourth World Health Assembly;

Dr. D.G. Dowling (Australia), Dr. A.H. Taba (Iran) and Dr. K. Evang (Norway), as Vice-Presidents.

(Second plenary meeting,
7 May 1951, A4/VR/2)

(v) Election of Officers of the Main Committees

The Fourth World Health Assembly, after consideration of the recommendations of the Committee on Nominations, elected the following officers of the main committees:

Committee on Programme

Chairman: Lt.Col. M. Jafar (Pakistan)

Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters

Chairman: Professor G.A. Canaperia (Italy)

Committee on International Sanitary Regulations

Chairman: Dr. M.T. Morgan (United Kingdom)

(Second plenary meeting,
7 May 1951, A4/VR/2)

The Main Committees subsequently elected the following officers:

Committee on Programme

Vice-Chairman: Dr. A. Khaum (Austria)

Rapporteur: Dr. G. Zarkovic (Yugoslavia)

Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters

Vice-Chairman: Mr. T.J. Brady (Ireland)

Rapporteur: Dr. A.L. Bravo (Chile)

Committee on International Sanitary Regulations

Vice-Chairman: Dr. Munir Sadat (Syria)

Rapporteur: Dr. K.C.K.E. Raja (India)

(vi) Establishment of the General Committee

The Fourth World Health Assembly, after consideration of the recommendations of the Committee on Nominations, elected the following eight delegates as members of the General Committee¹:

Dr. E.A. McCusker (Canada); Dr. N. Romero y Ortega (Chile);
H.E. Dr. Abdel Gawad Hussein Bey (Egypt); Professor J. Parisot (France);
The Hon. Rajkumari Amrit Kaur (India); Dr. Regino G. Padua (Philippines);
Dr. F.W.P. Cluver (Union of South Africa); and Dr. P. Gregoric (Yugoslavia).

(Second plenary meeting,
7 May 1951, A4/VR/2)

¹ The General Committee consisted of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Assembly, the Chairmen of the Main Committees and the delegates mentioned above.

Annex

(vii) Verbatim records of World Health Assembly Plenary Meetings

In view of the fact that the introduction of simultaneous interpretation made it more costly to produce two separate provisional records for each plenary meeting, one in English and one in French, and increased the possibility of delay in production, the Fourth World Health Assembly decided that the provisional verbatim record of each plenary meeting of the Assembly should in future consist of one record only, containing:

- (1) speeches in English or French in the original language only
- (2) the translation into English or French of speeches in the other official languages.

(First plenary meeting,
7 May 1951, A4/VR/1)

(viii) Adoption of the Provisional and Supplementary Agendas

The Fourth World Health Assembly adopted the provisional agenda prepared by the Executive Board at its seventh session and, subsequently, the supplementary agenda.

(Second and seventh plenary
meetings,
7 and 16 May, 1951, A4/VR/2
and A4/VR/7)

(ix) Procedure for examination of the Programme and Budget for 1952

The Fourth World Health Assembly

1. Instructed the Committee on Programme to make a broad appraisal of the proposed programme, together with the comments and recommendations of the Executive Board;
2. Instructed the Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters to consider and recommend the scale of assessments for 1952 and to review the broad financial aspects of the programme and budget, together with the comments and recommendations of the Executive Board;
3. Instructed the Committee on Programme and Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters,
 - (1) to meet jointly early in the session, in order to make joint recommendations on the total amount of the budget, and
 - (2) to establish a joint working party, composed of 12 members, to make a detailed examination of the programme and budget as early as possible during the session, and to report on its findings and recommendations to the Committee on Programme and the Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters meeting in joint session;
4. Instructed the Committee on Programme and the Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters to meet jointly to consider the report and recommendations of the working party and to make joint recommendations to the Health Assembly on the programme and budget for 1952, including in particular the amounts of the total budget to be devoted to each part of it, i.e.:

Part I Organizational Meetings
Part II Operating Programme
Part III Administrative Services

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(x) Technical Discussions at the Fourth World Health Assembly

The Fourth World Health Assembly

1. Decided to hold, during the present session, informal technical discussions on "The Education and Training of Medical and Public-Health Personnel" as proposed in resolution EB7.R51 of the Executive Board, and

2. Authorized the President

(1) to designate a convener of a General Meeting to consider a suitable division of the subject matter for discussion by three smaller groups; and

(2) to propose nominations for three conveners of these smaller group meetings from among the members of delegations.

(Third plenary meeting,
8 May 1951, A4/VR/3)

(xi) Election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board

The Fourth World Health Assembly

After consideration of the nominations of the General Committee, elected the following six Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board:

Belgium, Ceylon, Cuba, Greece, Lebanon, Liberia.

(Eighth plenary meeting,
16 May 1951, A4/VR/8)

(xii) Earthquake in El Salvador

The Fourth World Health Assembly, considering that the World Health Organization was founded on principles of solidarity and universal aid, and that the recent earthquake in El Salvador had caused considerable loss of human life and rendered great numbers homeless, as well as depriving them of many health benefits, sent to the Government and people of El Salvador its deepest sympathy and hopes for a speedy re-establishment of normal conditions, and stood in silence for one minute to pay tribute to the victims of the catastrophe.

(Seventh plenary meeting,
16 May 1951, A4/VR/7)

(xiii) Léon Bernard Foundation Prize

The Fourth World Health Assembly, endorsing the resolution of the Executive Board at its seventh session transmitting the proposal of the Léon Bernard Foundation Committee, awarded the Léon Bernard Foundation Medal and Prize to Professor René Sand of Belgium, and paid tribute to Professor Sand's untiring efforts and extremely valuable contribution to social medicine.

(Second plenary meeting,
7 May 1951, A4/VR/2)