DRAFT REPORT OF THE THIRD SESSION

(First part)

Note: The order in which these items appear is entirely fortuitous. They will be rearranged by subject in the consolidated report to be presented at the final meeting of the third session.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (ЕВЗ/л Rev.1, EB3/53)

The Executive Board adopted the provisional agenda and the supplementary agenda.

APPOINTMENT OF RAPPORTEURS

The Board appointed as rapporteurs for the third session Dr. D. A. Dowling and Professor J. Parisot.

ACTION TAKEN ON MEMBERSHIP (ЕВЗ/52)

A cable was received from the Deputy Minister of Public Health of the USSR, dated Moscow, 12 February 1949, and a similar communication from the Deputy Minister of Health of the Ukrainian SSR, dated Kiev, 14 February 1949, reading as follows:

"I have the honour to inform you that the Health Ministry of the USSR and the medical institutions and organizations under it are not satisfied with the work of the World Health Organization stop tasks connected with international measures for prevention and control of diseases and with the spread of medical science achievements are not being accomplished by the Organization satisfactorily stop at the same time maintenance of the Organization's swollen administrative machinery involves expenses which are too heavy for Member States to bear stop all this shows that the direction taken by the activities of the Organization does not correspond to those tasks which were set before it in 1946 at the inaugural conference of the Organization stop in view of the above the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics no longer considers itself a member of this Organization yours et cetera

Vinogradov Deputy Minister of Public Health of the USSR."

On 15 February, the following reply was sent to the Deputy Minister of Public Health of the USSR, and a similar cable to the Deputy Minister of Health of the Ukrainian SSR:
"Your cable 455 of twelfth February received with regret. stop because Constitution of WHO makes no such provision I cannot accept your communication as a withdrawal from the Organization stop your communication will be submitted to third session of Executive Board opening here twentyfirst February stop Article twentyeight provides that Executive Board shall give effect to decisions and policies established by Health Assembly and may submit advice or proposals to the Assembly stop most advisable you should be present at this session in order to present your views on execution and administration of the programme stop it is considered premature to have expressed dissatisfaction with implementation of aims of Constitution by WHO after only four months of organizational work in 1948 and a few weeks of 1949. WHO is only now emerging from organizational period stop first year programme for 1949 is now operating within limits prescribed by first Health Assembly stop proposed programme for 1950 to be discussed at third session Executive Board provides for large-scale control of epidemics by eradication and extensive strengthening of national health administrations which would meet your point of view stop your advice on this programme highly desirable your participation in Board meeting is essential and I propose that I visit Moscow for fuller discussions immediately after Executive Board in early March stop I await your invitation signed Chisholm."

The text of these cables together with the reply was communicated simultaneously to all States Members of the World Health Organization, with a message to the effect that the Constitution of WHO requires the co-operation of all nations and urging governments to take all possible steps to induce the governments concerned to reconsider their position.

A cable was later received from the Deputy Minister of Health of the Byelorussian SSR couched in the same terms as those from the USSR and the Ukrainian SSR and a reply was despatched on 17 February.

In view of the foregoing, the Board adopted the following resolution:

"The Executive Board

"APPROVES of the steps taken by the Director-General in connexion with the action taken by certain States with regard to their membership of the World Health Organization, and

"RESOLVES that the matter shall be brought before the second World Health Assembly."
The Board furthermore authorized its Chairman to send the following cablegram to the governments of the Byelorussian SSR and the USSR:

MINZDRAV SSR MOSCOW
MININDEL MINSK

CMS49— THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION NOW IN SESSION NOTES WITH REGRET THE CHANGE IN YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS WHO AND STATES ITS BELIEF THAT THE SCOPE AND QUALITY OF THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY WHO IN THE SHORT PERIOD OF ITS EXISTENCE IS SUCH AS TO INSPIRE THE CONFIDENCE OF ALL MEMBER STATES IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSTITUTION STOP THE BOARD CALLS ATTENTION TO THE ABSENCE OF THE MEMBERS FROM USSR AND BYELORUSSIA FROM ITS SECOND SESSION WHICH MAY HAVE LED TO POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING STOP THE BOARD REQUESTS ME TO SOLICIT YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT WHICH WOULD PREVENT DAMAGE TO VALUABLE WORK AND INTERNATIONAL HEALTH STOP BOARD WILL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE SECOND HEALTH ASSEMBLY STOP I WISH TO HAVE YOUR INVITATION TO VISIT MOSCOW ALONG WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL IMMEDIATELY AFTER CLOSE OF THIS SESSION OF BOARD IN ORDER THAT THIS MATTER MAY BE PROPERLY DISCUSSED STOP

SIR ALY TEWFUK SHOUHA PAISHA
CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE BOARD

A similar cable omitting reference to membership in the Executive Board was sent to the Ukrainian SSR.

PRINTING OF MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD (EB3/9)

The Executive Board, having considered a report on the cost of printing the minutes of the Board, decided that these minutes should not be printed but should continue to be circulated to governments in mimeographed form.
MALARIA

RECOMMENDATIONS TO GOVERNMENTS (EB3/10 and ADD.1)

Further to a discussion at the second session of the Executive Board (Off.Rec.WHO.14, 12) on recommendations to governments on measures for malaria control, the Board examined a synopsis of opinions of members of the ad hoc Expert Committee on Malaria. The Board then adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

Having considered the draft resolution on legislation covering malaria control presented by the delegation of the Ukraine to the first World Health Assembly and amended

Having consulted the members of the Expert Committee on Malaria on the subject and considered their comments,

REQUESTS the Expert Committee on Malaria of WHO to draft, at its next session, a set of recommendations to governments on malaria control to be submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

PREVENTION OF REIMPORTATION OF ANOPHELINES (EB3/10)

The Board noted that the resolution adopted by the Assembly on quarantine measures for the prevention of the reimportation of anophelines had been communicated to Members, and that the Italian government had been asked to send in a report on measures taken and results obtained.

It was further noted that this resolution would be referred to the Expert Committee on Insecticides at its first session, which would be held as soon as possible.

1 Off.Rec.WHO, 13, 306
2 Ibid., 301
The Board emphasized the importance and value of the proposals for increasing world food production (see Annex) and adopted the following resolution:

1. The Executive Board

NOTES with approval the proposal for a joint action programme of FAO/WHO to increase world food production and raise standards of health; and

REQUESTS the Director-General to continue collaboration with FAO in order to prepare plans for the implementation of this programme in 1950.

2. The Executive Board

REQUESTS the Director-General, in consultation with FAO, 1) To present to the Economic and Social Council at its eighth session the proposal for a joint action programme of FAO and WHO to increase world food production and raise standards of health;

2) To request the Council to consider the means by which such a proposal might best be implemented.

3. The Executive Board

RECOMMENDS that the proposal for a joint action programme of FAO/WHO to increase world food production and raise standards of health, together with the Board's approval and the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council, be brought to the attention of the Second Health Assembly.
TUBERCULOSIS

Report of Third Session of Expert Committee (WHO/BC/3)

The Executive Board discussed the Report of the third session of the ad hoc Expert Committee on Tuberculosis and noted that it would be published and presented to the second World Health Assembly. The Board requested that this report, along with the comments made by the Executive Board at its third session (see Annex), should be referred to the new Expert Committee on Tuberculosis which will meet later in the year.

Streptomycin

The Board adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

REQUESTS the Director-General to draw to the attention of Member Governments and their public Health Administrations the desirability of guiding the medical profession and the public in such a way as to avoid or at least delay the creation of streptomycin-resistant tubercle bacilli.

NUTRITION (EB3/29)

Professor Verzar, who was nominated by WHO as a member of the Standing Advisory Committee on Nutrition of FAO and WHO and designated by FAO as an observer at the third session of the Executive Board, spoke on behalf of FAO, attesting to the close collaboration already existing between the two organizations.

The Executive Board noted with approbation the report of the third meeting of the Standing Advisory Committee on Nutrition of FAO.

1 Off.Rec. WHO, 14, 19
HABIT-FORMING DRUGS (EB3/40)

The Board considered and adopted the report on the first session of the Expert Committee on Habit Forming Drugs. The Director-General was authorized to implement the recommendations contained therein, should funds prove available in 1949, with special reference to the recommendations:

1) that steps should be taken to secure information on the use or dispensability of diacetylmorphine in the various countries through the World Medical Association, and by sending an expert to countries where the consumption of diacetylmorphine is high; and

2) that a mechanism should be established for giving a single name to every habit-forming drug subject to international control.

It was decided that the latter recommendation should be referred to the Expert Committee on the Unification of Pharmacopoeias.

WORLD INFLUENZA CENTRE (EB3/36)

The Board heard with interest a statement by the Assistant Director-General in charge of technical services on the work carried out by the World Influenza Centre of WHO. The Director-General was asked to convey the appreciation of the Board to Dr. C. H. Andrewes, Director of the Centre, for work carried out during the recent influenza epidemic in certain European countries.

It was pointed out that national health administrations ought to obtain more rapid and detailed information — not only on the types of virus involved — but also on the epidemiology, the clinical description of the disease, the morbidity, mortality, with age groups affected, and any administrative steps found to be of value. As reliable data in this regard can only be obtained from national health administrations, it was decided that national health administrations should be asked to make this information available to WHO in Geneva for distribution.

It was recommended that no information concerning the type of virus isolated should be revealed before the identity of the virus had been finally established.
INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES

The Board considered resolution 160 (VII) of the Economic and Social Council regarding the establishment of international research laboratories and the relevant documentation thereof submitted by the United Nations (UN doc. E/245/Rev. 1). Noting the desire of the Council to have the opinion of the WHO Executive Board on this matter, the Board decided to recommend to the second Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The second Health Assembly notes resolutions 22 (III) and 160 (VII) of the Economic and Social Council regarding the establishment of United Nations research laboratories, and the report of the Secretary-General on this subject (UN document E/620);

CONFIRMS the resolution concerning this subject which was adopted by the Interim Commission of WHO on 3 October 1946, and the views of the Interim Commission as stated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the Executive Secretary of WHO on 4 December 1946;

CONSIDERS that research in the field of health is best advanced by assisting, co-operating and making use of the activities of existing institutions and that the World Health Assembly and the expert committees of WHO provide an adequate mechanism for the implementation of such a policy;

REQUESTS that in view of the responsibility and authority placed upon WHO in respect of international research in the field of health, the Economic and Social Council communicate such recommendations as it may be considering within the field of health to the World Health Organization which, under its Constitution, is required to consider such recommendations of the Economic and Social Council and to report to the Council on the steps taken by WHO to give effect to such recommendations.

UNIFORMITY OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT: TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS (EB3/32)

Further to the discussion on suggestions for co-operation with WHO adopted by the International Red Cross Conference at Stockholm, the Executive Board recommended:

3 Off. Rec. WHO, 14, items 1.15, 10 and 3.3.10
1 that the International Committee of the Red Cross should undertake to be the responsible body for the uniformity of medical equipment for both military and civilian needs;

2 that WHO should co-operate in this activity with the International Red Cross organs by providing to these bodies any relevant information in its possession and that a suggestion should be forwarded from the Executive Board that the International Committee of the Red Cross might consider the desirability of enlarging the composition and authority of the Standing International Commission for the study of medical equipment by including representatives of other civilian medical organizations concerned with this problem;

3 that the Director-General should notify the International Committee of the Red Cross to this effect; and

4 that the additional proposals made by the XVIIth International Red Cross Conference (doc. EB2/38) be investigated and reported on as soon as facilities became available.

UNITED NATIONS BOARD OF AUDITORS (EB3/12)

The Board, having examined the feasibility of using the United Nations Board of Auditors, adopted the following resolution:

"The Executive Board

CONSIDERING the problems involved and the obstacles to be overcome if the United Nations Board of Auditors should act as the External Auditors of WHO;

CONSIDERING the action taken by the third General Assembly of the United Nations in proposing a joint system for external audit; and

NOTING that the resolution adopted by the first Health Assembly, establishing the external audit policies, scope and requirements, corresponds with that of the United Nations, and that this represents the general system to be followed by the external auditors;

RECOMMENDS that, in order to implement Regulation 32 of the Financial Regulations and to note the recommendation of the third General Assembly of the United Nations, the second Health Assembly (1) adopt as the resolution appointing the external auditor for 1950 one which follows the resolution on this subject adopted by the first Health Assembly; and (2) appoint Mr. Uno Brunskog as external auditor of the accounts of the World Health Organization for the financial period ending 31 December 1950".
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF WHO AT ITS THIRD SESSION ON THE REPORT OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE EXPERT COMMITTEE ON TUBERCULOSIS

The Board discussed the Report of the Third Session of the Expert Committee on Tuberculosis. Criticism was directed to the following points: (to be annexed)

1 There may be some difficulty in arranging training in all five aspects of tuberculosis control (demonstration, epidemiology, laboratory and clinical work, and public-health nursing) in one centre, and the opinion was expressed that it might be better to send Fellows for training in places geographically apart.

2 The recommendation of the expert committee, to the effect that certain eminent specialists should be invited to contribute memoranda on given subjects, would be introducing a new precedent, since it was the view of the Board that information on technical subjects should come from international groups or committees rather than from individual members.

3 The attention of governments should be drawn to the danger of the development of resistant strains of tubercle bacilli in streptomycin therapy. The Executive Board requested the Director-General to bring to the attention of Member Governments and their public health administrations, the desirability of guiding the medical profession and the public in such a way as to avoid or at least delay the creation of streptomycin-resistant tubercle bacilli.

4 With regard to the memorandum on "Suggestions for the Control of Tuberculosis in Countries with Undeveloped Programmes", it was pointed out that attention had not been drawn specifically to the need for emphasizing the importance of nutrition and environmental hygiene in the development of anti-tuberculosis control programmes. The importance of increasing the standard of living requires more attention, and it was considered that there were certain inconsistencies in the last section of the memorandum, which seemed to imply that institutional accommodation should not be encouraged, but that at the same time mass x-ray examination should not be undertaken until such institutional accommodation was available.
TUBERCULOSIS: BCG RESEARCH PROGRAMME (EB3/7, to be annexed)

The Board noted the progress report on the BCG Research Programme recommended by the Joint Committee on Health Policy UNICEF/WHO.

It was suggested that the different centres preparing BCG should be periodically supervised, and that such supervision be the responsibility of members of the Expert Committee on Biological Standardization. It was pointed out that the periodical supervision of laboratories would not provide absolute guarantees of safety of BCG products apart from those actually observed.

The method of reporting on the work of the group which is now operating under Dr. Palmer on the research side of the BCG project in Copenhagen, was raised and discussed. Several suggestions were made with a view to ensuring official recognition of the results. It was pointed out that this research should be regarded as urgent, and that Dr. Palmer and his associates would report to the BCG Panel of WHO, which would meet in Copenhagen in April along with specialists appointed by UNICEF. This panel will report to the Expert Committee on Tuberculosis and therefore to the Executive Board and the World Health Assembly. The Board supported the view that the present arrangements should be continued, the advisers appointed for Dr. Palmer, acting as consultants.
RECONSIDERATION OF ASSIGNMENT TO GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (EB3/43)

The Board noted that the Greek Government, taking up its reservation made during the first World Health Assembly, had requested that Greece should not be made part of the Eastern Mediterranean Area, but be included in Area (4), which comprises countries of the European continent.

The Board referred this request to the second Health Assembly for decision along with the following draft resolution:

The World Health Assembly,

HAVING CONSIDERED the request of the Greek Government for the inclusion of Greece in regional organization area (4),

RESOLVES that Greece shall from now on form part of regional organization area (4), which comprises countries of the European continent.

FUNCTIONING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD (EB2/75) (to be annexed)

The Board noted the document submitted by Professor J. Parisot (Annex ), approved of the principles laid down in the document and directed the Director-General to apply these principles as far as practicable. It was, however, pointed out that it would not be possible to hold a session of the Board simultaneously with the Assembly, but that it would be desirable for the Board to meet soon after the Assembly, allowing a few days for preparation. It was also pointed out that the second meeting of the Board could not be held about midway between two consecutive Assemblies because the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly require the documentation to be in the hands of governments 60 days before the Assembly opens. At present, about 45 days are needed to prepare these documents and have them printed. They have to be reviewed by the Board and this meeting of the Board would have to be so arranged that it would terminate about 105 days before the opening date of the subsequent Assembly.
SUGGESTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL UNIFORMITY OF SERVICES DESIGNED FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE CONTROL OF FOOD AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS (EB3/35)

The Executive Board noted the document on this subject submitted by the Republic of Austria.

PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE REGIONAL OFFICE IN SOUTH EAST ASIA (EB3/15)

The Board noted that in accordance with the resolution of the second session of the Executive Board of 8 November 1948, the Director-General had initiated negotiations with the Government of India concerning the Draft Agreement between "Host" Governments and Regional Organizations and the extension of privileges and immunities to the Regional Office in South East Asia.

PHYSICAL TRAINING (EB3/31)

The Board noted the progress that had been made in the collection of information on physical training and decided to put this item on the Agenda of the second World Health Assembly.

PROTECTION OF HEALTH AND LIFE OF THE WORKER IN MODERN INDUSTRY (EB3/33 as amended to be annexed)

Dr. Hyde suggested that the proposal of the American Federation of Labour concerning the protection of health and life of the worker in modern industry be submitted to the Joint ILO/WHO Committee on Industrial Hygiene.

The Board considered this suggestion appropriate, and adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

REQUESTS the Director-General to submit to the ILO/WHO Joint Expert Committee on Occupational Hygiene, at its first meeting, the proposal of the American Federation of Labour concerning the protection of health and life of the worker in modern industry.

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1 Off. Rev. World Hlth Org. 14, 26
2 Ibid, 54
3 See Annual Report of the Director-General
RELATIONS WITH SECTIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS NOT MAINLY CONCERNED WITH HEALTH (EB3/25 to be annexed)

The Executive Board decided to take no further action on applications from non-governmental organizations for admission to relationship, until the results of the experience of WHO with those non-governmental organizations at present in relationship had become available to the second World Health Assembly.

INTER-ORGANIZATION AGREEMENTS: Correction of French Texts (EB3/16)

The Board decided to recommend to the second World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The World Health Assembly

Having regard to the resolutions of the first World Health Assembly of 10 and 17 July 1948, approving the draft agreements between the World Health Organization on the one part and the United Nations, the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the other part,

Noting that the texts of these agreements in the French language are not in conformity with the texts as previously approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 15 November 1947, by the International Labour Conference on 12 March 1948 and by the Executive Board of UNESCO, on 15 July 1948

RESOLVES that these texts be replaced by the texts which are annexed, which will be considered to have had effect as from 10 July 1948.

FINANCIAL REPORTS


The Board considered the report of the External Auditor, and the Balance Sheet and Statements of Costs of Operations, and adopted the following resolution:
"THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, having considered the final report of the External Auditor on the accounts of the Interim Commission, covering the period from 1 January 1948 to 31 August 1948, recommends to the Health Assembly the acceptance of the report."


The Board adopted the following resolutions on the financial report on accounts from 1 September to 31 December 1948 and the Report of the External Auditor:

"The Executive Board RESOLVES that

(a) Considering the fact that there will not be a formal session of the Executive Board between the time of the receipt of the report of the External Auditor on the accounts of the Organization for the period 1 September 1948 to 31 December 1948 and the date of the convening of the second Health Assembly; and

(b) Considering the requirement that the comments, if any, of the Board on such report be made to the second Health Assembly;

(c) An ad hoc Committee of the Executive Board, consisting of Professor Parisot, Dr. Stampar and Dr. Van den Berg, is authorized to meet one day before the date of the convening of the second Health Assembly to consider the report of the External Auditor (on the accounts of the Organization for the period 1 September 1948 to 31 December 1948) and to submit to the second Health Assembly on behalf of the Board such comments, if any, as it deems necessary."

FORM OF REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE BOARD (EB3/45)

The Board considered suggestions on the form of future reports of the Executive Board, and agreed that

(a) the report should contain brief summaries of discussions leading up to decisions taken by the Board or relevant documentation, rather than depend so largely upon references;

(b) portions of the report should be discussed as soon as they are drafted by the Rapporteurs; and

(c) the entire draft report of each session should be presented to members at least twenty-four hours before the meeting at which it would be considered for adoption.

TRANSPORTATION OF CORPSES (EB3/49)

The Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the existing international convention concerning the transportation of corpses is not universally applied and probably needs to be revised;

WHEREAS it is considered of importance that regulations concerning this subject be made applicable for the whole world,

The Executive Board

REQUESTS that the matter be put on the agenda of the next meeting of the Expert Committee on International Epidemiology and Quarantine for consideration and report on the advisability of including this matter in the Sanitary Regulations of WHO.

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1No. 4391 - INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF CORPSES, SIGNED AT BERLIN 10 FEBRUARY 1937, LEAGUE OF NATIONS (1938) TREATY SERIES P.313 Nos. 4372-4400.
SUMMARY OF INFORMATION COLLECTED WITH REGARD TO THE PROBLEM OF 
BEJEL (EB3/21 Add.1)

The Board noted the summary of information collected on the 
subject of Bejel and decided to refer this matter to:
1. The Regional Organization for the Eastern Mediterranean Area, in 
order that further investigations may be carried out in the area concerned 
and information obtained from the University of Baghdad, and
2. the next meeting of the Expert Committee on Venereal Diseases, along 
with any comments from the Regional Organization.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS: SUGGESTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF 
POLAND (EB3/41)

The Board noted the suggestion submitted by the Health Administration 
of the Republic of Poland regarding the integration of the activities of 
international medical organizations with those of the World Health 
Organization.

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION 
(EB3/55 to be annexed as amended)

The Board considered a report on the first session of the Regional 
Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean Region, held in Cairo from 7 to 
10 February 1949, and adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

Conditionally APPROVES the selection of Alexandria as the site of the 
Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean Region, this action being 
subject to consultation with the United Nations;
REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the United Nations to thank the 
Government of Egypt for their action in placing the site and buildings at 
Alexandria at the disposal of the Organization for a period of nine 
years at a nominal rate of P.T.10;
APPROVES the establishment of the Regional Office for the Eastern 
Mediterranean Region to commence operations on or about 1 July 1949;
APPROVES the resolution of the Regional Committee that "the functions of 
the Alexandria Sanitary Bureau be integrated within those of the Regional 
Organization of the World Health Organization";
AUTHORIZES the Director-General to express appreciation to the Government
of Egypt for the transfer of functions, files and records of the
Alexandria Sanitary Bureau to the Organization upon commencement of
operations in the Regional Office; and
Having considered the nomination of the Regional Committee, appoints,
as from 1 July 1949, Sir Aly Tewfik Shousha, Pasha, to the position of
Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, and
AUTHORIZES the Director-General to issue a contract to him for a period
of five years from 1 July 1949, subject to Staff Regulations and
Staff Rules, at a salary of $13,500 per annum.

It was pointed out that the above salary was on the same basis
as that of the Assistant Director-General and that of the Director of
the South East Asia Region.

RELATIONS WITH THE PAN AMERICAN SANITARY ORGANIZATION
(EB3/22 Add. 1, to be annexed).

The Executive Board approved the working arrangement with the
Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which had been signed by the Director-
General and the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (see
Annex ), pending the coming into effect of the Initial Agreement
between the two organizations.
LEON BERNARD FOUNDATION (EB3/46, as amended, to be annexed)

The Board considered the statutes of the Leon Bernard Foundation, which had been amended in accordance with a request of the World Health Assembly.

Article 2 of the Statutes was amended by substituting, for the words "award a prize", the words "propose to the World Health Organization the award of a prize."

Subject to this change the Board approved of the amendments to the Statutes of Leon Bernard Foundation which had been presented by the Director-General.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES (EB3/58)

The Board noted that in implementation of the Assembly resolution for the establishment of a Bureau of Medical Supplies, a Medical Supply Section had been established within the Secretariat on 1 January 1949 and a Chief of Section appointed. (For further details see the Annual Report of the Director-General).

MIGRATION: COLLABORATION WITH ILO (EB3/51)

The Executive Board noted the development of close collaboration with ILO in the health aspects of migration, and expressed the hope that such collaboration should be continued.

MENTAL HEALTH (EB3/47 Rev.1)

In view of the breadth and importance of the resolutions on mental health adopted by the Executive Board at its second Session the Board authorized the convening in 1949 of the nuclear committee of experts on mental health recommended by the first World Health Assembly, to advise on the implementation of the Assembly's decisions on the 1950 programme and give suggestions for the programme for 1951.

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1 Off, Rec, World Hlth Org, 13, page 326
2 Off, Rec, World Hlth Org, 14, p.20
3 Ibid., 13, p.309
ALLOCATIONS TO GOVERNMENTS (EB3/8 and Add. 1)

The Board noted the report on the 1949 programme allocation. It was stressed that initial partial allocations had been made so that operations might be started early in the year, even though requests had not been received from all countries. Requests subsequently received would be considered when the final allocations for the remainder of the year were made. Attention of the Board was also drawn to the allocation for regional consultants who would serve a number of countries. Detailed information was presented concerning the services of teams and consultants available to each country. It was agreed that the Director-General would present a report showing the geographical distribution of the field staff.

On the question of the relationship of consultants to the regional and headquarters offices respectively, it was explained that consultants would be administratively responsible to regional offices during their assignment to a region, but would perform their functions according to technical policy furnished by headquarters.

It was further pointed out that requests from governments, normally would be submitted through regional offices, where they existed.

On a question raised concerning the allocation for the Palestine refugees, it was explained that this was financed by the UNRRA Special Fund.

It was also emphasized that in the appointment of consultants, primary consideration would be given to technical competence and suitability to assignment, with secondary consideration given to geographical distribution.

RETIREMENT AND PENSION PLAN (EB3/4 and Add. 1)

After having considered the Joint Staff Pension Plan of the United Nations and the desirability of participating in this plan, the Board adopted the following resolutions:

"The Executive Board

Authorized by the First World Health Assembly "to adopt a retirement and pension plan for the World Health Organization, in co-operation with the United Nations or with other specialized agencies," or by adopting any other practical arrangements;

Off Rec. World Hlth Org., 13, p. 312
Having considered all the aspects of the question and the various alternatives for the retirement and pension plan;

Holding the opinion that the adoption of a Joint Staff Pension Plan by international organizations is a pre-requisite for the establishment of an International Civil Service;

Considering that the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Plan leaves open the possibility of adherence by other organizations; and

Having considered this plan

a) COMES TO THE CONCLUSION that it meets the requirements of the World Health Organization;

b) ACCEPTS the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, on the understanding that retroactive membership of present staff members of WHO be permitted as from the date of their membership in the Staff Provident Fund of the Organization (including the Interim Commission period);

c) AUTHORIZES the Director-General to enter into negotiations with the Secretary-General of the United Nations as to any payments which will have to be made by WHO to the Pension Fund in respect of the new obligations incurred by the Fund through WHO's admission, and as to other transitional arrangements that may be necessary;

d) DECIDES that membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund should be mandatory upon the whole WHO staff fulfilling the conditions of admission to the Fund, subject to the proviso that staff members seconded from governments which continue to contribute to a national pension fund will not be allowed to participate in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

e) DECIDES that any of the present (or future) personnel of WHO ineligible for membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund be entitled to remain (or become) members of the present WHO Staff Provident Fund on the existing contributory basis of 6% from the Organization and the member respectively; and

f) DECIDES to place on the agenda of the second Health Assembly the matter of the election of members and alternate members of the Organization's Staff Benefit Committee.

STATUS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO 1948 BUDGET (EB3/60 and Corr. 1)

In view of the number of contributions to the 1948 budget which had not yet been received, the Executive Board adopted the following resolution:

"The Executive Board,

Conscious of the necessity for funds to be provided in good time by the Members, and
Recalling the resolution of the Health Assembly on this subject

REAFFIRMS its resolution at its second session,¹

RECOMMENDS upon Members who have not yet paid their contributions to the 1948 budget and the working capital fund to do so as soon as possible,

DRAWS THE ATTENTION of governments which are in arrears in their contributions to the provisions of Article 7 of the Constitution, and

REQUESTS the Director-General to transmit this resolution to all such governments.

INVITATIONS TO THE SECOND HEALTH ASSEMBLY (EB3/63)

The Board agreed that the following governments should be invited to send representatives to the second World Health Assembly as Observers, with the proviso that, if any of those governments should ratify the Constitution of WHO before 13 June 1949, these representatives would have the status of full Members:

- Bolivia
- Columbia
- Costa Rica
- Cuba
- Ecuador
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Luxemburg
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Peru
- Uruguay
- Yemen

PALESTINE REFUGEES (EB3/26 Rev. 1 and Rev. 1 Add. 1)

The Board, after hearing a statement of the work of the United Nations project for Relief of Palestine Refugees, by Brigadier Farmington, Deputy Director of UNRRA, noted and approved the actions taken by the Director-General for relief to Palestine Refugees, including the allocations made from the UNRRA Special Fund as an emergency measure for this purpose.

¹ Off. Rec. World Hlth Org., 14, p. 30
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2 Ibid., 7, 182.
COMMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD ON THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME AND
BUDGET FOR 1950 (EB3/37 AS REVISED, EB3/68)

1. The Executive Board, having considered the Proposed Programme and Budget for 1950, comments on the Proposed Programme and Budget for 1950 as provided for in Article 55 of the Constitution as follows:

2. THE PROGRAMME

2.1 "The Board studied the proposed Programme and Budget for 1950 and believes that this programme should be carried out in the year 1950, and that it is within the technical ability of the Organization to do so.

2.2 "The Board considers that a logical conception of the long-term objectives of WHO should lead in the future to the establishment of a programme covering several consecutive years.

2.3 "The Board invites the attention of the World Health Assembly to the introductory statement of the Director-General. The Board is in agreement with this statement and considers it highly significant.

2.4 "The Board believes that the functions of the World Health Organization can only be undertaken properly and efficiently if the principle of active co-operation and responsibility of governments and communities in all health work is constantly applied.

2.5 "The Board also draws attention to the proposals in the Supplemental Programme concerning health demonstration areas. It agrees that this new international technique deserves a thorough trial with a view to its progressive expansion on the basis of accumulated experience.

3. SUPPLIES

3.1 "Although the Board recognizes the critical need for health and medical supplies in many areas of the world, it believes that the distribution of these commodities is basically an economic problem. The Board feels that one of the functions of WHO is to assist and support governments in the utilization of international economic
machinery in efforts to obtain supplies for health purposes.

3.2 "Whereas WHO should provide supplies required for its own work, including its demonstration teams, the Board is of the opinion that it is not within the province of, nor is it possible for, the Organization to make itself responsible for supplies required by governments. However, the Board recognizes that it may be desirable in some cases for supplies to be made available for specific projects, examined in advance in detail and approved by the Executive Board, either to continue the implementation of programmes after the WHO demonstration teams have finished their task, or to implement or further a health project carried out by a governmental health administration.

3.2.1 "Governments will pay for these supplies wherever possible. In some cases this payment would take the form of a credit, for the account of WHO in the national bank, in the local currency representing the cost of the supplies received. WHO could then or thereafter use this local currency for a number of important purposes. These funds could effectively be used:

(1) to finance fellowships

(2) to purchase services or supplies available in the country and of which WHO has need, or

(3) for approved health projects.

4 THE BUDGET

4.1 "The Budget submitted to the Second World Health Assembly comprises:

4.1.1 A Regular Budget for the Organization of $______ and

4.1.2 A Supplemental Operating Programme of Advisory and Technical Services which involves an additional cost of $______

4.2 "The Board recognizes the practical problems in financing this budget but believes that the programme is of such vital importance that it should be carried out. The Board believes that the method proposed in Paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 below offers a practical solution of the problem.

4.3 "The first World Health Assembly in approving the Programme and Budget for 1949 provided for delays in filling positions of approximately twenty-five to thirty per cent, in order to operate within a maximum of $5,000,000 for the year. The Board understood this as an
expression by the Health Assembly of its intention that WHO should undergo orderly expansion during 1949 and that it should begin operations in 1950 at a $7,000,000 level. The Regular Budget submitted provides for:

4.3.1 Continuation of activities at the level attained at the end of 1949 under the budget approved by the First World Health Assembly.

4.3.2 Continuation of certain activities undertaken in 1949 under a Special Fund of 1 million dollars accepted from UNRRA by the first Health Assembly.  

4.4 "The Regular Budget will be financed through the contributions of all Member Governments, in accordance with the scale of assessments to be established by the second World Health Assembly in accordance with Article 56 of the Constitution. The Executive Board invites governments in a position to do so, to indicate to the second World Health Assembly their willingness to make additional contributions to WHO to finance the Supplemental Operating Programme of Advisory and Technical Services.

4.5 "The Board invites the attention of the World Health Assembly to the fact that the formal budget (pages 22 to 28) for 1950 provides the flexibility necessary for the work of the Organization in 1950 to be carried out effectively. The number of positions and the amounts of money shown in the various individual projects (in the Information Annexes to the Programme and Budget document) are estimates provided to facilitate the consideration of the total budget. It should be understood that these are estimates and are, therefore, subject to such adjustments by the Director-General as may be necessary in the carrying out of the operating programme.

5 CONCLUSION

"The Board endorses and commends to the second Health Assembly the proposed Programme and Budget of the World Health Organization for 1950 and submits them in full confidence that all Members will give them favourable consideration."

1 Off. Rec. WHO 13, p.314, Item 4
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1 PREPARATIONS FOR THE SECOND HEALTH ASSEMBLY

1.1 Programme and Budget for 1950 (EB3/37 and Adds, 1 - 10)
(to be printed in Off. Rec. WHO 16)

The Executive Board approved the programme and budget for 1950 proposed by the Director-General. The comments of the Board are annexed. (EB3/Min/8 - 17, 20, 21)

1.1.1 Modus Operandi for Consideration by the Health Assembly of the 1950 Programme and Budget (EB3/50)

The Board adopted the following resolution

"The Executive Board
RECOGNIZING the necessity for a properly integrated approach in the consideration of the Programme and Budget for 1950

RECOMMENDS to the second World Health Assembly that it refer to the Committee on Programme the proposed programme for 1950; that the Committee on Administration and Finance be instructed to recommend cost estimates for the programme recommended by the Committee on Programme and to comment generally on the administrative and financial aspects of the proposals; and that the reports of the two committees be referred by the Health Assembly to a Joint Committee on Programme and Administration and Finance for joint recommendation to the Health Assembly of the final decisions on the 1950 Programme and Budget." (EB3/Min/19.)

1.2 Agenda for Second Health Assembly (EB3/23 and add 1)

The Board requested the Director-General to prepare the Agenda of the Second Health Assembly on the basis of the draft agenda submitted, subject to inclusion of two items, proposed by the members from Poland and the United Kingdom. It was further agreed that an endeavour should be made to group relevant items for discussion in order to conserve the time of the experts concerned. (EB3/Min/19)

1.3 Annual Report of the Director-General (to be printed in Off. Rec. WHO, 18)

1.4 Time and place of the Third World Health Assembly - EB3/24

The Executive Board noted the view of the United Nations, as expressed by its Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, that specialized agencies should hold their annual conferences as early in the year as possible,\(^1\) and also the suggestion, drawn to its attention by third General Assembly,\(^2\) that such annual conferences should be held at the headquarters of the organizations as frequently as possible.

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2 Specific Subjects

2.1 Malaria

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2 Ibid., 7, 182.
2.1.1 **Recommendations to Governments** (EB3/10 and ADD.1)

Further to a discussion at the second session of the Executive Board on recommendations to governments on measures for malaria control, the Board examined a synopsis of opinions of members of the ad hoc Expert Committee on Malaria. The Board then adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

Having considered the draft resolution on legislation covering malaria control presented by the delegation of the Ukraine to the first World Health Assembly and amended

Having consulted the members of the Expert Committee on Malaria on the subject and considered their comments,

REQUESTS the Expert Committee on Malaria of WHO to draft, at its next session, a set of recommendations to governments on malaria control to be submitted to the Executive Board for approval. (EB3/Min.1)

2.1.2 **Prevention of Reimportation of Anophelines** (EB3/10)

The Board noted that the resolution adopted by the Assembly on quarantine measures for the prevention of the reimportation of anophelines had been communicated to Members, and that the Italian government had been asked to send in a report on measures taken and results obtained.

It was further noted that this resolution would be referred to the Expert Committee on Insecticides at its first session, which would be held as soon as possible. (EB3/Min/1)

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3 Ibid., 301
2.1.3 Joint Action Programme with FAO (EB3/48)

The Board emphasized the importance and value of the proposals for increasing world food production (see Annex 3) and adopted the following resolution:

1 The Executive Board

NOTES with approval the proposal for a joint action programme of FAO/WHO to increase world food production and raise standards of health; and

REQUESTS the Director-General to continue collaboration with FAO in order to prepare plans for the implementation of this programme in 1950.

2 The Executive Board

REQUESTS the Director-General, in consultation with FAO,

1) To present to the Economic and Social Council at its eighth session the proposal for a joint action programme of FAO and WHO to increase world food production and raise standards of health;

2) To request the Council to consider the means by which such a proposal might best be implemented.

3 The Executive Board

RECOMMENDS that the proposal for a joint action programme of FAO/WHO to increase world food production and raise standards of health, together with the Board's approval and the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council, be brought to the attention of the Second Health Assembly. (EB3/Min/2)

2.1.4 Leon Bernard Foundation (EB3/46, as amended, to be annexed)

The Board considered the statutes of the Leon Bernard Foundation, which had been amended in accordance with a request of the World Health Assembly.¹

Article 2 of the Statutes was amended by substituting, for the words "award a prize", the words "propose to the World Health Organization the award of a prize."

Subject to this change the Board approved of the amendments to the Statutes of Leon Bernard Foundation which had been presented by the Director-General. (EB3/Min/6).

¹ Off.Rec.World Hlth. Org. 13, 326
2.2 Tuberculosis

2.2.1 Report of Third Session of Expert Committee (EB2/20 Add.1)

The Executive Board discussed the Report of the third session of the ad hoc Expert Committee on Tuberculosis and noted that it would be published and presented to the second World Health Assembly. The Board requested that this report, along with the comments made by the Executive Board at its third session (see Annex), should be referred to the new Expert Committee on Tuberculosis which would meet later in the year (EB3/Min/1).

2.2.2 BCG Research Programme (EB3/7 to be annexed)

The Board noted the progress report on the BCG Research Programme which was recommended by the Joint Committee on Health Policy UNICEF/WHO and authorized at the second session of the Board.

The Board directed that the different centres preparing BCG for the vaccination campaign of UNICEF should be periodically supervised, such supervision being the responsibility of members of the Expert Committee on Biological Standardization.

The method of reporting on the work of the group which is now operating under Dr. Palmer on the research side of the BCG project in Copenhagen, was discussed, and several suggestions were made with a view to ensuring official recognition of the results. This research should be regarded as urgent, and Dr. Palmer and his associates will report to the BCG Panel of WHO, which will meet in Copenhagen in April along with specialists appointed by UNICEF. This panel will report to the Expert Committee on Tuberculosis and therefore to the Executive Board and the World Health Assembly. The Board supported the view that the present arrangements should be continued, the advisers appointed for Dr. Palmer acting as consultants (EB3/Min/3).

2.2.3 Streptomycin (EB2/20 Add.1)

The Board adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board REQUESTS the Director-General to draw to the attention of Member Governments and their public Health Administrations the desirability of guiding the medical profession and the public in such a way as to avoid as far as possible the creation of streptomycin-resistant tubercle bacilli (EB3/Min/1).

2.3 Maternal and Child Health (EB3/39)

The Board discussed and noted the report of the Expert Committee on Maternal and Child Health, along with Annexes 1 and 2, and made comments to be attached to the report when it would be presented to the second World Health Assembly.¹ (See Annex ) (EB3/Min/5; Min/18).

2.4 Nutrition (EB3/29)

Professor Verzar, who was nominated by WHO as a member of the Standing Advisory Committee on Nutrition of FAO and WHO and designated by FAO as an observer at the third session of the Executive Board, spoke on behalf of FAO, attesting to the close collaboration already existing between the two organizations.

The Executive Board noted with approbation the report of the third meeting of the Standing Advisory Committee on Nutrition of FAO. (EB3/Min/2).

2.5 Environmental Hygiene: Protection of Health and Life of the Worker in Modern Industry (EB3/33 as amended to be annexed)

It was suggested that the proposal of the American Federation of Labour concerning the protection of health and life of the worker in modern industry be submitted to the Joint ILO/WHO Committee on Industrial Hygiene.

The Board considered this suggestion appropriate, and adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

REQUESTS the Director-General to submit to the ILO/WHO Joint Expert Committee on Occupational Hygiene, at its first meeting, the proposal of the American Federation of Labour concerning the protection of health and life of the worker in modern industry. (EB3/Min/4).

2.6 Mental Health (EB3/47 Rev.1)

In view of the breadth and importance of the resolutions on mental health adopted by the Executive Board at its second Session² the Board authorized the convening in 1949 of the nuclear committee of experts on mental health recommended by the first World Health Assembly,³ to advise on the implementation of the Assembly's decisions on the 1950 programme and give suggestions for the programme for 1951. (EB3/Min/4; Min/8).  

¹ To be printed in Off.Rec. World Hlth Org., 19.
² Off.Rec. World Hlth Org., 14, p.20
³ Off.Rec. World Hlth Org., 13, page 309
2.7 Other

2.7.1 Physical Training (EB3/31)

The Board noted that progress had been made in the collection of information on physical training and decided to put this item on the Agenda of the second World Health Assembly. (See Annual Report of the Director-General for 1948) (EB3/Min/4).

2.7.2 Bejel (EB3/21 Add.l)

The Board noted the summary of information collected on the subject of Bejel and decided to refer this matter to:

1. the Regional Organization for the Eastern Mediterranean Area, in order that further investigations may be carried out in the area concerned and information obtained from the University of Baghdad, and

2. the next meeting of the Expert Committee on Venereal Diseases, along with any comments from the Regional Organization. (EB3/Min/5).

2.7.3 World Health Day (EB3/23 and Add.l)

In implementation of the first Health Assembly's decision to sponsor a World Health Day on 22 July of each year, the Board noted the steps that were being taken by the Director-General. It accepted the suggestion that a brief statement to be prepared by the Director-General be issued to members for use on that day. (EB3/Min/19)

3 GENERAL OPERATIONS

3.1 Allocations to Governments in connexion with Advisory and Demonstration Services and Fellowships (EB3/8 and Add. 1)

The Board noted the report on the 1949 programme allocation. It was stressed that initial partial allocations had been made so that operations might be started early in the year, even though requests had not been received from all countries. It was noted that allocations had been made only in relation to requests, which explained the uneven geographic distribution. Requests subsequently received would be considered when the final allocations for the remainder of the year were made. Attention of the Board was also drawn to the allocation for regional consultants who would serve a number of countries. Detailed information was presented concerning the services of teams and consultants available to each country. The Director-General later presented a report showing the geographical distribution of the staff. (see item 9.3.4).
On the question of the relationship of consultants to the regional and headquarters offices respectively, it was explained that consultants would be administratively responsible to regional offices during their assignment to a region, but would perform their functions according to technical policy furnished by headquarters.

It was further pointed out that requests from governments normally would be submitted through regional offices, where they existed.

It was noted that the allocation for assistance in the United Nations project for relief to Palestine Refugees was financed from the UNRRA Special Fund.

It was emphasized that in the appointment of consultants, primary consideration would be given to technical competence and suitability to assignment, with secondary consideration for geographical distribution. (EB3/Min/7)


The Executive Board adopted the following resolutions:

1. The Executive Board

Having regard to the obligation of WHO to collaborate with the United Nations in the health statistical aspects of the enquiry by the United Nations into "Wastage of Human Life", and

Noting that the Expert Committee on Maternal and Child Health has approved this project,

AUTHORIZES the Director-General to allocate funds from the UNRRA special Fund of one million dollars to cover the expenses of two research assistants and any necessary office supplies to assist in undertaking this collaboration, subject to the approval of this programme by the Joint Committee on Health Policy UNICEF/WHO.

2. The Executive Board

DECIDES that the headquarters staff of the section of Maternal and Child Health may be increased by 6 persons to be paid from the one million UNRRA fund, subject to acceptance by the Joint Committee on Health Policy.
3. The Executive Board

Subject to approval of the Joint Committee on Health Policy; and

Having regard to the importance of giving assistance to Member Governments in the procurement of production equipment for Penicillin,

AUTHORIZES the Director-General to advance from the Special UNRRA Fund sums not to exceed $100,000 on behalf of Member Governments, and subject to reimbursement, for the procurement of equipment to produce penicillin.

The Board also approved a programme of emergency Medical Assistance to Palestine Refugees, subject to the concurrence of the Joint Committee on Health Policy. (EB3/Min/20)

*3.3 Palestine Refugees (EB3/26 Rev.1 and Rev.1 Add.1)

The Board, after hearing a statement by Brigadier Parminter, Deputy Director of UNRPR on the work of the United Nations project for Relief of Palestine Refugees, noted and approved the actions taken by the Director-General for relief to Palestine Refugees, including the allocations made from the UNRRA Special Fund for this purpose as an emergency measure. (EB3/Min/8)

*3.4 Medical Supplies (EB3/58)

The Board noted that in implementation of the Assembly resolution for the establishment of a Bureau of Medical Supplies, a Medical Supply Section had been established within the Secretariat on 1 January 1949 and a Chief of Section appointed. (For further details see the Annual Report of the Director-General for 1948). (EB3/Min/6).

3.5 Uniformity of Medical Equipment: Technical Services for International Red Cross (EB3/32)

Further to the discussion on suggestions for co-operation with WHO adopted by the International Red Cross Conference at Stockholm, the Executive Board recommended:

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1 Off.Rec. World Hlth.Org. 14, items 1.15.10 and 3.3.10.
1 that the International Committee of the Red Cross should be asked to continue its work to achieve the uniformity of medical equipment for both military and civilian needs;

2 that WHO should co-operate in this activity with the International Red Cross organs by providing to these bodies any relevant information in its possession;

3 that it be suggested that the International Committee of the Red Cross be asked whether it would consider increasing the composition and authority of the Standing International Commission for the study of medical equipment by including representatives of public-health services and of other civilian medical organizations concerned with this problem;

4 that the Director-General should notify the International Committee of the Red Cross to this effect; and

5 that the additional proposals made by the XVIIth International Red Cross Conference (EB3/38) be investigated and reported on as soon as facilities become available.

(B3/Min/2)

3.6 Special Office for Europe (EB3/2C, to be annexed as revised: Add.1 and Add.2)

The Board noted that, in accordance with its previous decision and following the conference of representatives of war-damaged countries in Europe, the Director-General had established a Special Office for Europe at Genova on 1 January 1949.

In considering the activities of this office, the Board had before it a report on work on certain UNRRA Penicillin plants in Europe. Noting a provisional programme agreed with representatives of Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia during consultations held in Genova on 17 and 13 February, it approved action of the Director-General in attempting to procure from the USA on behalf of the three countries concerned six Podbielniak Extractors, including accessories. These countries had agreed to re-imburse WHO in hard currency but would prefer local currency.

(see also section 2.7.2 Joint Projects with UNICEF)

The Board received a report on the availability of medical supplies in Europe, including a request from representatives of Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia for WHO assistance in obtaining export licences from USA for sanitary materials and equipment considered essential for the recovery of war-stricken countries of Europe. (EB3/Min/18)

4 EXPERT COMMITTEES (for reports of committees, see under subject)


The Executive Board noted the list of expert committees which had already been established and those which it was planned to establish during 1949 and 1950 (to be annexed as revised). It was decided:

1 that the Committee on Environmental Sanitation should meet during 1949 and that its membership should be increased to nine;
2 that the Joint Committees with FAO on Nutrition and with ILO on the Hygiene of Seafarers and on Occupational Hygiene also meet in 1949;
3 that an Expert Committee on Antibiotics to deal with research in this subject and in technological problems in general should be added to the expert committees recommended for establishment in 1950 (see section);
4 that the study groups on smallpox, cholera, typhus and other diseases set up jointly with the Office international d'Hygiène publique, and any expert groups which are set up in connexion with the programme to be financed by money made available by the Office, should report directly to the Board; and
5 that the ad hoc Committee of the Board which will meet before the Assembly to consider the request of the External Auditor (see section) would also be authorized to note reports of expert committees available at that time so that they might be referred to the Assembly.

The Board also adopted the following resolutions:

The Executive Board

NOTES the establishment of the Expert Committee on Insecticides; and

AUTHORIZES the establishment of a panel of experts possessing specialized knowledge of particular subjects relating to the chemistry or use of insecticides;

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

RECOMMENDS that an Expert Committee on Plague with a membership of 9 be established to act as an advisory body to WHO. (EB3/Min/20)

4.2 Amendments to Regulations and Rules of Procedure for Expert Committees and their Sub-Committees (EB3/54, to be annexed)

The Board adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

APPROVES the additions and amendments to the Regulations and Rules of Procedure for expert committees and their sub-committees: (as revised and set out in Annex)

TRANSMITS these amendments and additions to the World Health Assembly for consideration. (EB3/Min/7).

4.3 Amendments to Provisional Appointment Regulations for Expert Committees and their Sub-Committees. (EB3/54, to be annexed)

The Board adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

APPROVES the additions and amendments to the Provisional Appointment Regulations for expert committees and their sub-committees: (as revised and set out in Annex); and

CONFIRMS these Regulations. (paragraph (f) to be added to Regulation 4) (EB3/Min/18).
5. TECHNICAL SERVICES

5.1 Epidemiology and Quarantine

5.1.1 Report of Expert Committee on Epidemiology and Quarantine (EB3/27 and EB3/75) (Sanitary Regulations: Joint Programmes with the Office International d'Hygiène Publique)

The Executive Board

1 Noted the Report of the Expert Committee on International Epidemiology and Quarantine on its first session;

2 endorsed generally the series of principles intended to guide the drafting of the proposed WHO Sanitary Regulations (report and special memorandum to be printed in Off. Rec. WHO) and decided that after consultation with ICAO and the Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization, these principles should be referred to the second Health Assembly for consideration and adoption, along with the comments of members of the Board (to be annexed); and

3 after hearing a statement by Dr. Gaud, APPROVES the programme proposed for the expenditure of the eight million French francs made available by the Office International d'Hygiène Publique and requested the Director-General to decide on the allocation of this sum, in consultation with the Chairman of its Permanent Committee (EB3/Min/21).

5.1.2 Report of the Section on Quarantine on its First Session (EB3/27 Corr.1)

The Executive Board

1 Accepted the report of the Section on Quarantine

2 with reference to the section of the report dealing with complaints of certain governments against measures taken in excess of the Sanitary Conventions, decided to send to the Health Assembly and to the Expert Committee on International Epidemiology and Quarantine the comments made by Dr. Hafezi and the Board (to be annexed);

3 SUGGESTED that governments against which complaints were received should be invited to send representatives or relevant information to the session of the expert committee at which such complaints would be discussed (EB3/Min/21).
5.1.3 Extension of Radio-Telegraphic Broadcasts of Epidemiological Bulletins to Health Administrations

The Board adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

having considered the report of the Expert Committee on International Epidemiology and Quarantine and noted the measures taken by the Director-General to initiate an experimental daily epidemiological radio-telegraphic broadcast for health administrations

APPROVES the continuation of this service for such a period of time as may be required to obtain full information on its usefulness to health administrations;

REQUESTS governments to assist by retransmitting the bulletin free of charge through wireless stations owned or controlled by them; and

REQUESTS the Director-General to continue the broadcasting service if sufficient evidence of its usefulness to health administrations is available and savings on individual telegrams sent by WHO are thereby effected. (EB3/Min/21).

5.1.4 Application for Approval of Yellow Fever Vaccine (EB3/27 Add.2)

The Board noted that approval of the Yellow-Fever Vaccine manufactured at the Indische Instituut, Amsterdam, had been recommended by the members of the Yellow Fever Panel concerned with the laboratory evaluation of 17 D Yellow-fever vaccines; and adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

APPROVES for international use the Yellow-fever vaccine produced by the Indische Instituut, Amsterdam. (EB3/Min/21).

5.1.5 Transportation of Corpses (EB3/49)

The Board adopted the following resolution:

whereas the existing international convention concerning the transportation of corpses is not universally applied and probably needs to be revised,

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whereas it is considered of importance that measures concerning this subject be made applicable for the whole world,

The Executive Board

REQUESTS that the matter be put on the agenda of the next meeting of the Expert Committee on International Epidemiology and Quarantine for consideration and report on the advisability of including this matter in the Sanitary Regulations of WHO. (EB3/Min/5).

*5.2 Habit Forming Drugs (EB3/40)

The Board considered and adopted the report of the first session of the Expert Committee on Habit-forming Drugs.

It was decided to refer this report to the Economic and Social Council. The Board also recommended:

(1) that steps should be taken to secure information in the various countries on the use or dispensability of diacetylmorphine through Public Health Administrations, the World Medical Association and other appropriate agencies and that an expert be sent to countries where the consumption of diacetylmorphine is high; and

(2) that a mechanism should be established for giving a single name to every habit-forming drug subject to international control.

The Director-General was authorized to give effect to these recommendations should funds prove available in 1949 and it was agreed that recommendation (2) above should be referred to the Expert Committee on the Unification of Pharmacopoeias. (EB3/Min/2).
5.3 Co-ordination of Research

5.3.1 World Influenza Centre (EB3/36)

The Board heard with interest a statement by the Assistant Director-General in charge of technical services on the work carried out by the World Influenza Centre of WHO. The Director-General was asked to convey the appreciation of the Board to Dr. C. H. Andrews, Director of the Centre, for work carried out during the recent influenza epidemic in certain European countries.

The Board pointed out that national health administrations ought to obtain more rapid and detailed information - not only on the types of virus involved - but also on the epidemiology, the clinical description of the disease, the morbidity, mortality, with age groups affected, and any administrative steps found to be of value. As reliable data in this regard can only be obtained from national health administrations, it was decided that national health administrations should be asked to make this information available to WHO in Geneva for distribution. (EB3/Min/2)

5.3.2 World Brucellosis Centre (EB3/67)

The Executive Board adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board REQUESTS the Director-General to take the necessary steps for having regional brucellosis centres officially designated in the countries where the disease is prevalent,

And to include brucellosis among the subjects for which co-ordination of research by WHO appears advisable. (EB3/Min/21)

* 5.3.3 International Research Laboratories (EB3/13)

The Board considered resolution 160 (VII) of the Economic and Social Council regarding the establishment of international research laboratories and the relevant documentation thereon submitted by the United Nations (UN doc. E/245/Rev. 1). Noting the desire of the Council to have the opinion of the WHO Executive Board on this matter, the Board decided to recommend to the second Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The second Health Assembly notes resolutions 22 (III) and 160 (VII) of the Economic and Social Council regarding the establishment of United Nations research laboratories, and the report of the Secretary-General on this subject (UN document E/620);
CONFIRMS the resolution concerning this subject which was adopted by the Interim Commission of WHO on 11 November 1946, and the views of the Interim Commission as stated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the Executive Secretary of the Interim Commission on 4 December 1946;

CONSIDERS that research in the field of health is best advanced by assisting, co-ordinating and making use of the activities of existing institutions and that the World Health Assembly and the expert committees of WHO provide an adequate mechanism for the implementation of such a policy;

REQUESTS that in view of the responsibility and authority placed upon WHO in respect of international research in the field of health and in implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and WHO, the Economic and Social Council communicate such recommendations as it may be considering within the field of health to the World Health Organization which, under its Constitution and the Agreement, is required to consider such recommendations of the Economic and Social Council and to report to the Council on the steps taken by WHO to give effect to such recommendations. (EB3/Min/2).

5.4 Suggestions for International Uniformity of Services Designed for the Protection of Public Health and the Control of Food and Pharmaceutical Products (EB3/35)

The Executive Board noted the document on this subject submitted by the Republic of Austria. (EB3/Min/4).

5.5 Editorial and Reference Services

5.5.1 Publications

The Board decided that the study of the value of and the necessity for continuing the publication of the Annual Epidemiology and Vital Statistics report should be referred to the first session of the Expert Committee on Health Statistics. (EB3/Min/14).

5.5.2 Printing of Minutes of Executive Board (EB3/9)

The Executive Board, having considered a report on the cost of printing the minutes of the Board, decided that these minutes should not be printed but should continue to be circulated to governments in mimeographed form. (EB3/Min/2).

1 Off. Rec. World Hlth Org., 4, 139
6 REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

6.1 South East Asia

6.1.1 Regional Organization for South East Asia

The Executive Board noted that the Regional Office for South East Asia had begun operations on 1 January 1949; that serious difficulties of accommodation had not been overcome until 1 February; that the Deputy Director and a temporary medical officer had reported for duty, in addition to local staff; and that because of the difficulties of accommodation referred to above, the date of the next meeting of the Regional Committee had not yet been fixed (EB3/Min/18).

*6.1.2 Privileges and Immunities of the Regional Organization in South East Asia (EB3/15)

The Board noted that in accordance with the resolution of the second session of the Executive Board of 8 November 1948 the Director-General had initiated negotiations with the Government of India concerning the Draft Agreement between "Host" Governments and Regional Organizations and the extension of privileges and immunities to the Regional Office in South East Asia (EB3/Min/4, Min/18).

*6.2 Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EB3/55 to be annexed as amended)

The Board considered a report on the first session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean Region, held in Cairo from 7 to 10 February 1949, and adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

Conditionally APPROVES the selection of Alexandria as the site of the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean Region, this action being subject to consultation with the United Nations;

REQUESTS the Secretary-General of the United Nations to thank the Government of Egypt for their action in placing the site and buildings at Alexandria at the disposal of the Organization for a period of nine years at a nominal rate of PT 10;

APPROVES the establishment of the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean Region to commence operations on or about 1 July 1949;

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1 Off. Rec. World Hlth. Org., 14, 26
2 Ibid, 54
APPROVES the resolution of the Regional Committee that "the functions of the Alexandria Sanitary Bureau be integrated within those of the Regional Organization of the World Health Organization;"

AUTHORIZES the Director-General to express appreciation to the Government of Egypt for the transfer of functions, files and records of the Alexandria Sanitary Bureau to the Organization upon commencement of operations in the Regional Office; and

Having considered the nomination of the Regional Committee, APPOINTS, as from 1 July 1949, Sir Aly Tewfik Shousha, Pasha, to the position of Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, and

AUTHORIZES the Director-General to issue a contract to him for a period of five years from 1 July 1949, subject to Staff Regulations and Staff Rules, at a salary of $13,500 per annum.

6.3 Regional Organization for Africa (EB3/14)

The Board considered the establishment of the Regional Organization for Africa, and agreed that this regional organization could not be established until the status of "Member States in the Region" and the rights and obligations of Associate Members and other territories had been defined (EB3/Min/18).

6.4 Relations with the Pan American Sanitary Organization

The Executive Board approved the working arrangement with the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which had been signed by the Director-General and the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (see Annex ), pending the coming into effect of the Initial Agreement between the two organizations (EB3/Min/6).

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1 Articles 47 and 44 (b) of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, Off. Rec. World Hlth. Org., 2, 16
6.5 Europe

6.5.1 Proposal for establishment of Regional Organization for Europe (EB3/38)

The Board considered a proposal submitted by the Government of Czechoslovakia to place on the Agenda of the second Health Assembly the question of establishing a Regional Organization for Europe and to provide for a European Regional Office in the 1950 Budget. The following resolution was adopted:

The Executive Board

APPROVES the proposal of the Czechoslovak Government for the establishment of a Regional Organization for Europe

REQUESTS the Director-General to place this item on the Agenda of the second World Health Assembly; and

RESOLVES to bring to the attention of the second World Health Assembly the fact that the Special Office for Europe (see section 3.6) would automatically be dissolved on the establishment of the Regional Organization. This would be in accordance with the resolution of the first World Health Assembly and following agreement of the majority of the member States of the European Area

CONSIDERS that the question of the site of the European Regional Office should await consideration until the first meeting of the Regional Committee for Europe. (EB3/Min/18).

6.5.2 Reconsideration of Assignment to Geographical Areas (EB3/43)

The Board noted that the Greek Government, taking up its reservation made during the first World Health Assembly, had requested that Greece should not be made part of the Eastern Mediterranean Area, but be included in Area (4), which comprises countries of the European continent.

The Board referred this request to the second Health Assembly for decision along with the following draft resolution:

The World Health Assembly,

HAVING CONSIDERED the request of the Greek Government for the inclusion of Greece in regional organization area (4);

RESOLVES that Greece shall from now on form part of regional organization area (4), which comprises countries of the European continent. (EB3/Min/4)
6.6 Allocation of Funds for Regional Offices (EB3/56)

The Board adopted the following resolution:

"The Executive Board

AUTHORIZES the Director-General to allot a sum not to exceed $300,000 for the administrative functions of the regional Organizations during 1949. This includes the amount of $200,000 previously authorized by the Board". (EB3/Min/18)

6.7 Regulations for Regional Offices

The Director-General was requested to prepare for presentation to the fourth or fifth session of the Board detailed regulations for the operation of regional offices.

6.8 Status of Members, Associate Members and Other Territories

The Board agreed that the decision on these questions should be based on the practical requirements for co-operation and the effective functioning of Regional Organizations, and adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

Considering that decisions on the questions of the status of Member States in a Region and the rights and obligations of Associate Members and other territories are urgent and of particular importance in the establishment of the African Region; and

Considering that the World Health Assembly is the appropriate body for making such decisions;

REQUESTS the Director-General to obtain the views of Member Governments on the interpretation of the words "Member States in the Region" in line 1 of Article 47 of the Constitution and that he place these views together with full documentation and data before the second World Health Assembly. (EB3/Min/18)

1 Off. Rec. World Hlth Org., 14, 25
7 LIAISON

(For collaboration with UN and Specialized Agencies not listed here, see under subject heading.)

* 7.1 Inter-Organization Agreements: Correction of French Texts (EB3/16) (To be annexed)

The Board decided to recommend to the second World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The World Health Assembly

HAVING REGARD to the resolutions of the first World Health Assembly of 10 and 17 July 1948, approving the draft agreements between the World Health Organization on the one part and the United Nations, the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the other part,

NOTING THAT the texts of these agreements in the French language are not in conformity with the texts as previously approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 15 November 1947, by the International Labour Conference on 12 March 1948 and by the Executive Board of UNESCO on 15 July 1948

RESOLVES that these texts be replaced by the texts which are annexed, which will be considered to have had effect as from 10 July 1948. (EB3/Min/4).

7.2 United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (EB3/74)

The Board adopted the following resolutions regarding relations with the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund:

1. The Executive Board

REQUESTS the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Health Policy UNICEF/WHO to place on the agenda of its next meeting the item: "Consideration of the procedure of the Joint Committee;"

2. The Executive Board

In accordance with the resolution of the First Health Assembly regarding relations with UNICEF, notably the clauses which state that:
The World Health Assembly

BELIEVES that the existing health programmes of the Fund, which associate health and social activities, are designed to meet emergency needs of children;

FINDS that the health projects of UNICEF fall within the competence of the World Health Organization;

DECLARES that the World Health Organization is ready and willing to handle these projects as soon as suitable arrangements can be made;

RECOMMENDS that, pending the assumption of responsibility by the World Health Organization, the health projects financed by UNICEF be established by mutual agreement between UNICEF and the World Health Organization, and that the implementation of these projects be regulated by a Committee on Health Policy composed of representatives of the two organizations acting with the advice of the expert committees of the World Health Organization.

And, noting the provision in the Agreement between the United Nations and WHO, that: "the United Nations recognizes the World Health Organization as the specialized agency responsible for taking such action as may be appropriate under its Constitution for the accomplishment of the objectives set forth therein" 2

REQUESTS the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Health Policy of UNICEF/WHO to place on the agenda of the next regular meeting the following item: "Development of a plan for the assumption by WHO of responsibility for the UNICEF health projects;" and

REQUESTS the WHO members of the Joint Committee on Health Policy of UNICEF/WHO to report to the second World Health Assembly on the plan developed (see above) and on the functioning of the joint committee. (EB3/Min/15).

7.3 United Nations Appeal for Children (EB3/19)

The Board noted that the resolution of the first Health Assembly on this matter had been brought before the General Assembly of the United Nations, but that the Assembly had decided to entrust UNAC to UNICEF. (See Annex) (EB3/Min/6, EB3/Min/15).

1 Off.Rec. World Hlth Org. 13, 328
2 Ibid. 10, 59
7.4 Co-ordination of International Congresses of Medical Sciences

The Board, considering that a formal agreement with the Permanent Council for the Co-ordination of Medical Congresses was undesirable at this time, adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the first Health Assembly decided to support the co-ordination of international congresses of medical sciences and to increase the responsibilities of WHO in this activity and

Whereas the permanent Council for Co-ordination of International Congresses of Medical Sciences, a non-governmental international organization, will be established in the near future, as the result of joint UNESCO/WHO action, and

Whereas the above-mentioned Permanent Council, in order to perform its tasks will need support and assistance from WHO, suitable arrangements for collaboration are essential,

The Executive Board

RECOMMENDS to the second World Health Assembly for its approval the following principles governing collaboration between WHO and the Permanent Council:

1 that the Permanent Council be recognized as a non-governmental organization brought into official relationship with WHO;

2 that a senior staff member of the Secretariat of WHO be assigned by the Director-General to represent WHO at the meetings of the Permanent Council in an advisory capacity;

3 that WHO assist the Permanent Council in its tasks by giving advice, upon request, to selected congresses of interest to WHO and by supplying them with material support in the form of reimbursement of a part of the actual expenses for the Secretariat, technical services and publication of their proceedings, or where possible, by direct participation in such technical services by WHO staff.

4 that adequate justification of the use made of any funds allocated to the Permanent Council by WHO should be regularly furnished by

1 Off. R.e. World Hlth Org., 12, 323
the Council,

5 that WHO designate priorities for some of the Council's activities or sponsor some selected congresses. In such cases, the Permanent Council should use the funds provided by WHO in conformity with the latter's decisions,

6 that arrangements for collaboration be reviewed every year and set up in accordance with the policy and budgetary appropriations of WHO, and

REQUESTS the Director-General to implement the above by making arrangements for collaboration with the Permanent Council on the basis of this resolution and within the limits of annual budgetary appropriations.

The Board also confirmed the decision that assistance given to congresses by the WHO should not include reimbursement of travelling expenses to the scientists attending the congresses. It decided that the value of the proceedings selected for publications should be given careful consideration. (EB3/Min/15)

*7.5 Relations with Sectional Organizations and International Non-Governmental Organizations not mainly concerned with Health (EB3/25 to be annexed)

The Board decided that consideration of these applications should be postponed until after the second World Health Assembly when the experience gained from the attendance at the Assembly of the 16 Organizations already admitted would be available. (EB3/Min/4)

7.6 Integration of Activities of International Medical Institutions (EB3/41)

The Board noted a draft resolution submitted by the Health Administration of the Republic of Poland. It expressed its sympathy with the suggestion and drew attention to the fact that action was already being taken along the proposed lines through the co-ordination of international medical congresses and relations with international non-governmental organizations. (EB3/Min/5)

7.7 Migration: Collaboration with ILO (EB3/51)

The Board noted the development of close collaboration with ILO in the health aspects of migration, and expressed the hope that such collaboration would be continued. (See Annex) (EB3/Min/6)

1 Off.Rec.World Hlth Org., 12, 55
8 CONSTITUTIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

8.1 Action taken on Membership (EB3/52)

A telegram was received from the Deputy Minister of Public Health of the USSR, sent from Moscow on 12 February 1949, and a similar communication from the Deputy Minister of Health of the Ukrainian SSR, from Kiev on 14 February 1949, announcing that for various reasons, which were enumerated, these governments no longer considered themselves Members of the World Health Organization (for text of telegram, see Annex).

On 15 February the Director-General sent telegrams in reply to the Deputy of Public Health of the USSR, and to the Deputy Minister of Health of the Ukraine (for text see Annex). The text of these telegrams together with that of the reply was communicated simultaneously to all States Members of the World Health Organization, stating that the Constitution of WHO required the co-operation of all nations and urging governments to take all possible steps to induce the governments concerned to reconsider their position.

A telegram was later received from the Deputy Minister of Health of the Byelorussian SSR couched in similar terms, and a reply was sent on 17 February.

In view of this, the Board adopted the following resolution:

"The Executive Board

"APPROVES of the steps taken by the Director-General in connexion with the action taken by certain States with regard to their membership of the World Health Organization, and

"RESOLVES that the matter shall be brought before the second World Health Assembly."

The Board also authorized the Chairman to send further telegrams to the governments of the USSR, the Byelorussian SSR and the Ukrainian SSR (for text, see Annex) (EB3/Min.1, Min.4).

8.2 Invitations to the Second Health Assembly (EB3/63)

The Board agreed that the following governments should be invited to send representatives to the second World Health Assembly as Observers, with the proviso that, if any of these governments should ratify the Constitution of WHO before 13 June, 1949, these representatives would
have the status of full Members:

- Bolivia
- Columbia
- Costa Rica
- Cuba
- Ecuador
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Luxembourg
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Peru
- Uruguay
- Yemen

8.3 Amendments to Rules of Procedure of the Assembly

The Board adopted the following resolution:

"The Executive Board

"APPROVES and RECOMMENDS the additions and amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly (as revised and set out in Annex )

"TRANSmits these amendments and additions to the World Health Assembly for consideration." (EB3/Min 7, Min/18)

8.4 Functioning of the Executive Board (EB3/75) (to be annexed)

The Board had before it the note submitted by Professor J. Parisot (Annex ) and approved in principle the proposals set forth in that document, leaving it to the Director-General to put them into effect as far as practicable.

It was pointed out that it would not be possible to hold a session of the Board simultaneously with the Assembly, but that it would be desirable for the Board to meet soon after the Assembly, allowing a few days for preparation. It was also pointed out that the following session of the Board could not be held about midway between two consecutive Assemblies because the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly require the documentation to be in the hands of governments 60 days before the Assembly opens. At present, about 45 days are needed to prepare these documents and have them printed. They have to be reviewed by the Board and this meeting of the Board would have to be so arranged that it would terminate about 105 days before the opening date of the subsequent date Assembly. T (EB3/Min/4)

8.5 Form of Reports of Executive Board (EB3/45)

The Board considered suggestions on the form of future reports of the Executive Board, and agreed that
(a) the report should contain brief summaries of discussions leading up to decisions taken by the Board or relevant documentation, rather than depending so largely upon references;

(b) portions of the report should be discussed as soon as they are drafted by the Rapporteurs; and

(c) the entire draft report of each session should be presented to members at least twenty-four hours before the meeting at which it would be considered for adoption. (EE3/Min/6)

8.6 **Time and Place of Fourth Session** (EE3/80)

The Board decided to commence its fourth session in Geneva on the afternoon of 8 July 1949. (EE3/Min/21)

8.7 **Denunciation of Rome Agreement** (EE3/77)

The Board adopted the following resolution with regard to the Rome Agreement of 1907:

The Executive Board

desiring to bring to the attention of Members of the World Health Organization, which were Parties to the Rome Agreement of 1907, the present situation with respect to the termination of this Agreement;

INVITES those Parties to the Agreement of 1907 which have not already done so to denounce the said Agreement and if possible to accept the Protocol of 1946;

INVITES those governments which are now competent to act on behalf of any Party not now in a position to act for itself, to denounce the Agreement of 1907 and to agree to the dissolution of the Office on behalf of those Parties;

INVITES those governments which are responsible for the conduct of the international relations of any non-self-governing territories and which acceded to the Agreement of 1907 on behalf of any such territories, to denounce the Agreement of 1907 and to agree to the dissolution of the Office on behalf of any such territories. (EE3/Min/20).

9 **ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

9.1 **Budget and Management**
9.1.1 **Scales of Assessment (EB3/68; EB3/17)**

The Board adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

In considering the several questions referred to it under resolutions adopted by the first Health Assembly concerning the scale of assessments for 1950 and future years,

RECOGNIZES that it is in the best interests of WHO that no one Member State should contribute more than one-third to the regular expenses of WHO for any year,

EXPRESSES the hope that it may be possible for this principle to be made effective not later than 1951, and

RECOMMENDS that the unit scale of assessments be continued. (EB3/Min/19)

9.1.2 **Status of Contributions**

9.1.2.1 **Status of Contributions to 1948 Budget (EB3/60 and Corr.1)**

In view of the number of contributions to the 1948 budget which had not yet been received, the Executive Board adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

Conscious of the necessity for funds to be provided in good time by the Members, and

Recalling the resolution of the Health Assembly on this subject

REAFFIRMS its resolution at its second session,

ENJOINS upon Members who have not yet paid their contributions to the 1948 budget and the working capital fund to do so as soon as possible,

DRAWS THE ATTENTION of governments which are in arrears in their contributions to the provisions of Article 7 of the Constitution, and

REQUESTS the Director-General to transmit this resolution to all such governments. (Annex ) (EB3/Min/7)

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1 Off.Rec.World Hlth. Org. 13, 316
2 Ibid., 14, 30
9.1.2.2 Status of Contributions to the 1949 Budget (EB3/66)

The Board noted the status of contributions for 1949. (See annex) (EB3/Min/19)

9.1.3 Currency of Contributions (EB3/28)

The Executive Board

Having considered the matter of currency of contributions to the operating budget of WHO, and

RECOGNIZING that it is evident that it will be possible to use, to some extent, currencies other than US dollars and Swiss francs in carrying out the operating budget of the Organization,

RECOMMENDS to the second World Health Assembly that contributions to the operating budget in currencies other than US dollars and Swiss francs be accepted on the basis that all Member Governments should have equal rights in paying a proportionate share of their contribution in such currencies as may be acceptable, to be determined under the provisions of Financial Regulation No. 19. (EB3/Min/21)

9.1.4 Working Capital Fund (EB3/59)

The Board adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

RECOGNIZING the serious situation which will result from inadequate financing of the regular budget pending receipt of contributions,

REQUESTS the Director-General to inform immediately all Governments Members of the Organization of the existing condition, and to indicate to them that the Executive Board is recommending to the second Health Assembly that the working capital fund should be increased to $4,000,000 for 1950.

REQUESTS the Director-General to invite Member Governments to initiate arrangements to make it possible for their additional contributions to the working capital fund, as may be established by the second Health Assembly, to be paid to the Organization during 1949 and certainly not later than 1 January 1950. (EB3/Min/7)

9.2 Finance and Accounts


The Board considered the report of the External Auditor, and the Balance Sheet and Statements of Costs of Operations, and adopted the following resolution:

"The Executive Board,

Having considered the final report of the External Auditor on the accounts of the Interim Commission, covering the period from 1 January 1948 to 31 August 1948,

RECOMMENDS to the Health Assembly the acceptance of the report." (EB3/Min/4)
The Board adopted the following resolutions on the financial report on accounts from 1 September to 31 December 1948 and the report of the External Auditor:

"The Executive Board

RESOLVES that

(a) Considering the fact that there will not be a formal session of the Executive Board between the time of the receipt of the report of the External Auditor on the accounts of the Organization for the period 1 September 1948 to 31 December 1948 and the date of the convening of the second Health Assembly; and

(b) Considering the requirement that the comments, if any, of the Board on such report be made to the second Health Assembly;

(c) An ad hoc Committee of the Executive Board, consisting of Professors Parisot and Stampar and Dr. van den Berg, is authorized to meet one day before the date of the convening of the second Health Assembly to consider the report of the External Auditor (on the accounts of the Organization for the period 1 September 1948 to 31 December 1948) and to submit to the second Health Assembly on behalf of the Board such comments, if any, as it deems necessary." (EB3/Min/4)

9.2.3 United Nations Board of Auditors (EB3/12)

The Board, having examined the feasibility of using the United Nations Board of Auditors, adopted the following resolution:

"The Executive Board

Considering the problems involved and the obstacles to be overcome if the United Nations Board of Auditors should act as the External Auditors of WHO;

Considering the action taken by the third General Assembly of the United Nations in proposing a joint system for external audit;

and Noting that the resolution adopted by the first Health Assembly, establishing the external audit policies, scope and requirements, corresponds with that of the United Nations, and that this represents the general system to be followed by the external auditor;

RECOMMENDS that, in order to implement Regulation 32 of the Financial Regulations and to note the recommendation of the third General Assembly of the United Nations, the second Health Assembly (1) adopt as the resolution appointing the external auditor for 1950 one which follows the resolution on this subject adopted by the first Health Assembly; and (2) appoint Mr. Uno Brunskog as external auditor of the accounts of the World Health Organization for the financial period ending 31 December 1950. (EB3/Min/2)

9.2.4 Confirmation of the Financial Rules (EB3/6 and Add.1)

The Board noted that, although draft financial rules had been prepared, they required further consideration and would be presented to the fourth session of the Board. (EB3/Min 21)
9.3 Personnel

9.3.1 Amendments to Staff Rules (EB3/78)

9.3.1.1 Local Recruitment for Offices outside Headquarters

The Board noted that, in accordance with Staff Rule 793, the salaries of staff members recruited locally at offices outside headquarters for posts in grades 1 through 7 might be fixed in terms of the best prevailing wages or salaries for comparable work in the area; and noted the suggestions of the Director-General, and adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

CONSIDERING that the question of local recruitment at offices outside headquarters might be more usefully considered when more experience has been gained

AGREES to postpone consideration of the question to a later session,

and

REQUESTS the Director-General to pursue the study and to place before the Board, in due course, suitable recommendations (EB3/min/7).

9.3.1.2 Expatriation Allowance

It was noted that the United Nations General Assembly had decided in December 1948 to suspend the present two-year limitation on expatriation allowance for staff and to permit payment until the end of 1949 to those staff members entitled to this allowance which would otherwise lapse in the course of 1949. The Board also noted, in accordance with Article 36 of the Constitution and Staff Regulation 16, that the Director-General had decided, subject to confirmation by the Executive Board, to introduce a similar measure as regards staff of WHO by inserting the following additional Staff Rule after Rule 843.3

843.4 Notwithstanding the above provisions as regards the two-year limitation, staff members entitled to the expatriation allowance whose allowance under the preceding provisions would lapse in the course of 1949, shall continue to receive the allowance until 31 December 1949.

The following resolution was adopted:

The Executive Board

Taking note of the additional Staff Rule concerning the suspension of the two-year limitation to the payment of the expatriation allowance

CONFIRMS this Rule. (EB3/min/18)
After having considered the Joint Staff Pension Plan of the United Nations and the desirability of participating in this Plan, the Board adopted the following resolutions:

"The Executive Board

Authorized by the First World Health Assembly "to adopt a retirement and pension plan for the World Health Organization, in co-operation with the United Nations or with other specialized agencies, or by adopting any other practical arrangements,"

Having considered all the aspects of the question and the various alternatives for the retirement and pension plan,

Holding the opinion that the adoption of a Joint Staff Pension Plan by international organizations is a pre-requisite for the establishment of an International Civil Service;

Considering that the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Plan leaves open the possibility of adherence by other organizations and

Having considered this plan

a COMES TO THIS CONCLUSION that it meets the requirements of the world Health Organization;

b ACCEPTS the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, on the understanding that retroactive membership of present staff members of WHO be permitted as from the date of their membership in the Staff Provident Fund of the Organization (including the interim Commission period);

c AUTHORIZES the Director-General to enter into negotiations with the Secretary-General of the United Nations as to any payments which will have to be made by WHO to the Pension Fund in respect of the new obligations incurred by the Fund through WHO's admission, and as to other transitional arrangements that may be necessary;

d DECIDES that membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund should be mandatory upon the whole WHO staff fulfilling the conditions of admission to the Fund, subject to the proviso that staff members succeeded from governments which continue to contribute to a national pension fund will not be allowed to participate in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

e DECIDES that any of the present (or future) personnel of WHO ineligible for membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund be entitled to remain (or become) members of the present WHO Staff Provident Fund on the existing contributory basis of 6% from the Organization and the member respectively, and

f DECIDES to place on the agenda of the second Health Assembly the matter of the election of members and alternate members of the Organization's Staff Benefit Committee. (EB3/3/w4/7)

1 Off Rec. "World Hlth Org. 13, p. 312
9.3.3 Administrative Tribunal (EB3/3)

The Board noted a verbal report agreed by rapporteurs that negotiations with the ILO were still under way on the subject of the temporary use by WHO of the ILO Administrative Tribunal\(^1\) (EB3/Min/19).

9.3.4 Nationality Distribution of Staff of WHO (EB3/71 corr.1)

The Board noted the present nationality distribution of the staff of WHO as set out in the statement presented and drew attention to the desirability of achieving a more equitable distribution. The Director-General outlined the procedures followed in recruiting personnel and assured the Board that the question of geographical distribution would continue to be given careful consideration (EB3/Min/16).

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\(^1\) Off. Rec. World Hlth. Org., 14, 31
TEXT OF ANNEX 6

COMMENTS ON REPORT OF EXPERT COMMITTEE ON MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Note: The numbers in this Annex refer to the numbers in the Report of Expert Committee on Maternal and Child Health.

4.1.1 Provision of milk for children and pregnant and lactating mothers

In view of the varying definitions of the word "infant" the Board considered it preferable to use the term "baby".

4.1.2 Co-operation with UNICEF

Attention was drawn to the very useful work which is being done in the international Social Teaching Courses on paediatrics in Paris, Switzerland, Sweden and England.

6 DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAMMES IN MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

With reference to the recommendation that the staff of the Maternal and Child Health section should be increased it was pointed out that any action on these lines would depend on budgetary considerations.

6.1 Demonstration Teams

It was pointed out that demonstration teams should also be placed in areas which are prepared to set up basic public health administrations.

7 STAFFING OF MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SECTION

The Board suggested that the WHO members of the Joint Committee UNICEF/WHO should endeavour to obtain the approval of a programme involving the necessary additions to the staff of the Maternal and Child Health Section during 1949.

8 PROGRAMME FOR 1950

With reference to the recommendation made under (1) it was pointed out that the expansion of the 1949 programme in 1950 would fall within the budget limitations prevailing in 1950.

9.1 International Paediatric Congress

The recommendation to the Joint Committee on Health Policy UNICEF/WHO given in this section should not imply that WHO would allocate funds to enable paediatricians and others to attend this Congress.
9.2 It was agreed:

(1) that the document attached to the Report on Maternal and Child Health and entitled "The plan for an international programme of immunization against the principal communicable diseases of childhood" should be accepted as a working paper;

(2) that the following recommendations from this document should be forwarded to the Health Assembly:

1. It is recommended that an international conference of experts on immunization procedures should be convened as soon as possible. This conference should bring together epidemiologists, paediatricians, heads of child-health services, and experts responsible for the preparation of vaccines in state and other official laboratories and institutes. The conference should discuss the use of the newer techniques for producing the more effective vaccines (e.g., pertussis vaccine) and plans for their widespread application in immunization programmes. The results of the conference should receive wide publicity in the professional and lay press.

2. It is recommended that WHO should undertake a survey of the legislation regarding protective immunization, and of the work carried out in susceptible age-groups. The information thus collected should help the World Health Assembly in framing recommendations to governments in this respect.

(3) that the Director-General should be requested to approach governments directly for information as to their practices and views on immunization.

9.3 Training of Personnel

It was considered that the recommendation (6) could have been better worded as follows: "advice and assistance in training and employment of illiterate personnel under effective supervision in countries where literate personnel are not available." The Board considered that the word "indigenous" should not be used in documents of WHO.

9.4 World-wide Shortage of Nurses, Midwives and Auxiliary Nursing Personnel

It was considered that the recommendation would be improved if item (5) became item (1).
9.5 Maternal and Child Health in Under-Developed Countries

With reference to paragraph (3) it was pointed out that Maternal and Child Health services should not necessarily be delayed until a hospital is available as a starting place, although it might be most desirable to aim at the establishment of a hospital, however simple, as a base.

10 RECOMMENDATIONS TO EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. The Executive Board agreed that the collaboration of an expert in obstetrics was desirable, but considered that he need not necessarily be a Professor.

2. The Board decided that the membership of the Expert Committee would not be increased beyond nine.
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1 PREPARATIONS FOR THE SECOND WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

1.1 Programme and Budget for 1950

The Executive Board considered the proposed programme and budget for 1950 (EB3/Min/8 - 17, 20, 21), and adopted the following resolution:

"The Executive Board

ENDORSES and COMMENDS to the second Health Assembly the proposed Programme and Budget of the World Health Organization for 1950 and SUBMITS them in full confidence that all Members will give them favourable consideration."

The comments of the Board are annexed (Annex 3).

1.1.1 Modus Operandi for Consideration by the second Health Assembly of the 1950 Programme and Budget (EB3/50)

The Board adopted the following resolution

"The Executive Board

RECOGNIZING the necessity for a properly integrated approach in the consideration of the Programme and Budget for 1950

RECOMMENDS to the second Health Assembly that it refer to the Committee on Programme the proposed programme for 1950; that the Committee on Administration and Finance be instructed to recommend cost estimates for the programme recommended by the Committee on Programme and to comment generally on the administrative and financial aspects of the proposals; and that the reports of the two committees be referred by the Health Assembly to a Joint Committee on Programme and Administration and Finance for joint recommendation to the Health Assembly of the final decisions on the 1950 Programme and Budget. (EB3/Min/19)."

1.2 Agenda for Second Health Assembly (EB3/23 and add 1)

The Board requested the Director-General to prepare the Agenda of the second Health Assembly on the basis of the draft agenda submitted, subject to inclusion of two further items. It was agreed that an endeavour should be made to group relevant items for discussion in order to conserve the time of the experts concerned (EB3/Min/19).

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1 Hereinafter, throughout the report, "World Health Assembly" is referred to as "Health Assembly".

1.3 Annual Report of the Director-General

The Board noted the Annual Report of the Director-General to the second Health Assembly and to the United Nations for 1948 (EB3/Min/18).

1.4 Time and place of the Third Health Assembly - EB3/24

The Executive Board noted the view of the United Nations, as expressed by its Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, that specialized agencies should hold their annual conferences in the first six months of the year, and also the suggestion, drawn to its attention by third General Assembly, that such annual conferences should be held at the headquarters of the organizations as frequently as possible.

In order that the Director-General might start preliminary arrangements for the material organization of the third Health Assembly, and in pursuance of Article 28 (e) of the Constitution, the Board:

(1) Taking into consideration the schedules of meetings of other Organizations, suggested that the third Health Assembly should be held on or about 15 May 1950, subject to agreement with the United Nations; and

(2) in the interests of economy and efficiency, recommended that, when deciding on the country or region in which the third Health Assembly would be held, the second Health Assembly should take into consideration the advantages of convening it at the headquarters of the Organization (EB3/Min/7).

2 Specific Subjects

2.1 Malaria

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1 Ibid., 16
2 Off. Rec. World Hlth Org.: 14, 11
3 Ibid., 7, 182.
2.1.1 Recommendations to Governments (EB3/10 and ADD.1)

Further to a discussion at the second session of the Executive Board on recommendations to governments on measures for malaria control, the Board examined a synopsis of opinions of members of the ad hoc Expert Committee on Malaria. The Board then adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

Having considered the draft resolution on legislation covering malaria control presented by the delegation of the Ukraine to the first Health Assembly and amended,

Having consulted the members of the ad hoc Expert Committee on Malaria on the subject and considered their comments,

REQUESTS the Expert Committee on Malaria of WHO to draft, at its next session, a set of recommendations to governments on malaria control to be submitted to the Executive Board for approval. (EB3/Min/1)

2.1.2 Prevention of Reimportation of Anophelines (EB3/10)

The Board noted that the resolution adopted by the Assembly on quarantine measures for the prevention of the reimportation of anophelines had been communicated to Members, and that the Italian government had been asked to send in a report on measures taken and results obtained.

It was further noted that this resolution would be referred to the Expert Committee on Insecticides at its first session, which would be held as soon as possible. (EB3/Min/1)

2.1.3 Joint Action Programme with FAO (EB3/48)

The Board emphasized the importance and value of the proposals for increasing the world food production (see Annex 4) and adopted the

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3 Ibid., 301
The Executive Board

NOTES with approval the proposal for a joint action programme of FAO/WHO to increase world food production and raise standards of health; and

REQUESTS the Director-General to continue collaboration with FAO in order to prepare plans for the implementation of this programme in 1950.

The Executive Board

REQUESTS the Director-General, in consultation with FAO.

(1) To present to the Economic and Social Council at its eighth session the proposal for a joint action programme of FAO and WHO to increase world food production and raise standards of health;

(2) To request the Council to consider the means by which such a proposal might best be implemented.

The Executive Board

RECOMMENDS that the proposal for a joint action programme of FAO/WHO to increase world food production and raise standards of health, together with the Board's approval and the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council, be brought to the attention of the second Health Assembly.

2.1.4 Leon Bernard Foundation (EB3/46, as amended, Annex 5)

The Board considered the statutes of the Leon Bernard Foundation, which had been amended in accordance with a request of the first Health Assembly.¹

Article 2 of the Statutes was amended by substituting, for the words "award a prize", the words "propose to the World Health Assembly the award of a prize".

Subject to this change the Board approved of the amendments to the Statutes of Leon Bernard Foundation which had been presented by the Director-General. (EB3/Min/6).

¹ Off. Rec. World Hlth. Org. 13, 326
2.2 Tuberculosis

2.2.1 Report of Third Session of Expert Committee (EB2/20 Add.1)

The Executive Board discussed the Report of the Third Session of the ad hoc Expert Committee on Tuberculosis and noted that it would be published and presented to the second Health Assembly. The Board requested that this report, along with the comments made by the Executive Board at its third session (see Annex 6), should be referred to the new Expert Committee on Tuberculosis which would meet later in the year (EB3/Min/1).

2.2.2 BCG Research Programme (EB3/7, Annex 7)

The Board noted the progress report on the BCG Research Programme which was recommended by the Joint Committee on Health Policy UNICEF/WHO and authorized at the second session of the Board.

The Board directed that the different centres preparing BCG for the vaccination campaign of UNICEF should be periodically inspected. Such inspection should come within the scope of the Expert Committee on Biological Standardization.

The method of reporting on the work of the group which is now operating under Dr. Palmer on the research side of the BCG project in Copenhagen, was discussed, and several suggestions were made with a view to ensuring official recognition of the results. This research should be regarded as urgent, and Dr. Palmer and his associates will report to the BCG Panel of WHO, which will meet in Copenhagen in April along with specialists appointed by UNICEF. This panel will report to the Expert Committee on Tuberculosis and consequently to the Executive Board and the Health Assembly. The Board supported the view that the present arrangements should be continued, the advisers appointed for Dr. Palmer acting as consultants (EB3/Min/3).

2.2.3 Streptomycin (EB2/20 Add.1)

The Board adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

REQUESTS the Director-General to draw to the attention of Member Governments and their public Health Administrations the desirability of guiding the medical profession and the public in such a way as to avoid as far as possible the creation of streptomycin-resistant tubercle bacilli (EB3/Min/1).

2.3 Maternal and Child Health (EB3/39)

The Board discussed and noted the report of the Expert Committee on Maternal and Child Health, with Annexes 1 and 2, authorized the publication of the report, with the exception of the section on immunization against communicable diseases of childhood (9.2), and made comments which, along with the report, would be presented to the second Health Assembly. (See Annex 8) (EB3/Min/5; Min/18).

2.4 Nutrition (EB3/29)

Professor Varadar, who was nominated by WHO as a member of the Standing Advisory Committee on Nutrition of FAO and designated by FAO as an observer at the third session of the Executive Board, spoke on behalf of FAO, attesting to the close collaboration already existing between the two organizations.

The Executive Board noted with approbation the report of the third meeting of the Standing Advisory Committee on Nutrition of FAO. (EB3/Min/2).

2.5 Environmental Hygiene: Protection of Health and Life of the Worker in Modern Industry (EB3/33 as amended, Annex 9)

It was suggested that the proposal of the American Federation of Labour concerning the protection of health and life of the worker in modern industry be submitted to the Joint ILO/WHO Expert Committee on Occupational Hygiene.

The Board considered this suggestion appropriate, and adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

REQUESTS the Director-General to submit to the ILO/WHO Joint Expert Committee on Occupational Hygiene, at its first meeting, the proposal of the American Federation of Labour concerning the protection of health and life of the worker in modern industry. (EB3/Min/4).

2.6 Mental Health (EB3/47 Rev.1)

In view of the breadth and importance of the resolutions on mental health adopted by the Executive Board at its second session the Board authorized the convening in 1949 of the nuclear committee of experts on mental health recommended by the first Health Assembly, to advise on the implementation of the Assembly's decisions on the 1950 programme and give suggestions for the programme for 1951. (EB3/Min/4; Min/8).

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3 Ibid., 13, 309
2.7 Other Subjects

2.7.1 Physical Training (EB3/31)

The Board noted that progress had been made in the collection of information on physical training and decided to put this item on the Agenda of the second Health Assembly.¹ (EB3/min/4).

2.7.2 Bejel (EB3/21 Add.1)

The Board noted the summary of information collected on the subject of Bejel and decided to refer this matter to:
1. the Regional Organization for the Eastern Mediterranean Area, in order that further investigations might be carried out in the area concerned and information obtained from the University of Baghdad, and
2. the next meeting of the Expert Committee on Venereal Diseases, along with any comments from the regional organization. (EB3/min/5).

2.7.3 World Health Day (EB3/23 and Add. 1)

The Board noted the steps that were being taken by the Director-General in implementation of the first Health Assembly's decision to sponsor a World Health Day on 22 July of each year. It accepted the suggestion that a brief statement to be prepared by the Director-General be issued to Members for use on that day. (EB3/min/19)

3 GENERAL OPERATIONS

3.1 Allocations to Governments in connexion with Advisory and Demonstration Services and Fellowships (EB3/8 and Add. 1)

The Board noted the report on the 1949 programme allocations. It was stressed that initial partial allocations had been made so that operations might be started early in the year, even though requests had not been received from all countries. It was noted that allocations had been made only in relation to requests, which explained the uneven geographic distribution; requests subsequently received would be considered when the final allocations for the remainder of the year were made.

Attention of the Board was also drawn to the allocation for regional consultants who would serve a number of countries, and detailed information was presented concerning the services of teams and consultants available to each country.

¹ See Off. Rec. World Hlth Org., 16
On the question of the relationship of consultants to the regional and headquarters offices respectively, it was explained that consultants would be administratively responsible to regional offices during their assignment to a region, but would perform their functions according to technical policy furnished by headquarters.

It was emphasized that in the appointment of consultants, primary consideration would be given to technical competence and suitability to assignment, with secondary consideration for geographical distribution.

It was further pointed out that requests from governments normally would be submitted through regional offices, where they existed. (EB3/Min/7)

3.2 Allocation of UNRRA Special Fund for projects approved by Joint Committee on Health Policy UNICEF/WHO

The Executive Board adopted the following resolutions:

1. The Executive Board

Having regard to the obligation of WHO to collaborate with the United Nations in the health statistical aspects of the enquiry by the United Nations into "Wastage of Human Life", and

Noting that the Expert Committee on Maternal and Child Health has approved this project,

AUTHORIZES the Director-General to allocate funds from the UNRRA Special Fund of one million dollars to cover the expenses of two research assistants and any necessary office supplies to assist in undertaking this collaboration, subject to the approval of this programme by the Joint Committee on Health Policy UNICEF/WHO

2. The Executive Board

DECIDES that the headquarters staff of the section of Maternal and Child Health may be increased by 6 persons to be paid from the one million UNRRA fund, subject to acceptance by the Joint Committee on Health Policy.
3 The Executive Board

Having regard to the importance of giving assistance to Member Governments in the procurement of production equipment for Penicillin, and

Subject to approval of the Joint Committee on Health Policy;

AUTHORIZES the Director-General to advance from the Special UNRRA Fund sums not to exceed $100,000 on behalf of Member Governments, and subject to reimbursement, for the procurement of equipment to produce penicillin.

The Board also approved a programme of emergency Medical Assistance to Palestine Refugees, subject to the concurrence of the Joint Committee on Health Policy. (EB3/Min/20)

3.3 Palestine Refugees (EB3/26 Rev.1 and Rev.1 Add.1)

After hearing a statement by Brigadier Parminter, Deputy Director of UNRPR, on the work of the United Nations project for Relief of Palestine Refugees, the Board noted and approved the actions taken by the Director-General for relief to Palestine Refugees, including the allocations which, as an emergency measure, were made from the UNRRA Special Fund for this purpose. (EB3/Min/8; Min/20)

3.4 Medical Supplies (EB3/58)

The Board noted that in implementation of the Assembly resolution for the establishment of a Bureau of Medical Supplies, a Medical Supply Section had been established within the Secretariat on 1 January 1949 and a Chief of Section appointed. (For further details see the Annual Report of the Director-General, 1948). (EB3/Min/6).

3.5 Uniformity of Medical Equipment; Technical Services for International Red Cross (EB3/32)

Further to the discussion on suggestions for co-operation with WHO adopted by the International Red Cross Conference at Stockholm, the Executive Board recommended:

1 that the International Committee of the Red Cross should be asked to continue its work to achieve the uniformity of medical equipment for both military and civilian needs;

2 that WHO should co-operate in this activity with the International Red Cross organs by providing to these bodies any relevant information in its possession;

3 that the International Committee of the Red Cross be asked whether it would consider increasing the composition and authority of the Standing International Commission.

1 Off.Rec.World Hlth.Org. 14, items 1, 15, 10 and 3, 310.
for the study of medical equipment by including representatives of public-health services and of other civilian medical organizations concerned with this problem;

4 that the Director-General should notify the International Committee of the Red Cross to this effect; and

5 that the additional proposals made by the XVIIth International Red Cross Conference (EB3/38) be investigated, and reported on as soon as facilities become available.

(EB3/Min/2)

3.6 Special Office for Europe (EB3/20, as revised (Annex 10) Add.1 and Add.2)

The Board noted that, in accordance with its previous decision and following the conference of representatives of war-devastated countries in Europe, the Director-General had established a Special Office for Europe at Geneva on 1 January 1949.

In considering the activities of this office, the Board had before it a report on work on certain UNRRA Penicillin plants in Europe. Noting a provisional programme agreed with representatives of Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia during consultations held in Geneva on 17 and 18 February 1949, it approved action of the Director-General in attempting to procure from the USA on behalf of the three countries concerned six Podbielniak Extractors, including accessories. These countries had agreed to re-imburse WHO in hard currency but would prefer to pay in local currency.

(see also section 3.2)

The Board received a report on the availability of medical supplies in Europe, including a request from representatives of Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia for WHO assistance in obtaining export licences from USA for sanitary materials and equipment considered essential for the recovery of war-devastated countries in Europe. (EB3/Min/18)

4 EXPERT COMMITTEES (for reports of committees, see under subject)


The Executive Board noted the list of expert committees which had already been established and those which it was planned to establish during 1949 and 1950 (as revised, Annex 11). It was decided:

1 that the Committee on Environmental Sanitation should meet during 1949 and that its membership should be increased to nine;

1 Off. Rec. World Hlth Org., 14, 18
2 that the Joint Committees with FAO on Nutrition and with ILO on the Hygiene of Seafarers and on Occupational Hygiene also meet in 1949;

3 that an Expert Committee on Antibiotics to deal with research in this subject and in technological problems in general should be added to the expert committees recommended for establishment in 1950 (see section );

4 that the study groups on smallpox, cholera, typhus and other diseases set up jointly with the Office international d'Hygiène publique, and any expert groups which are set up in connexion with the programme to be financed by money made available by the Office, should report directly to the Board; and

5 that the ad hoc Committee of the Board which will meet before the Health Assembly to consider the report of the External Auditor (see section 9.2.2) would also be authorized to note reports of expert committees available at that time.

The Board also adopted the following resolutions:

The Executive Board

notes the establishment of the Expert Committee on Insecticides; and

AUTHORIZES the establishment of a panel of experts possessing specialized knowledge of particular subjects relating to the chemistry or use of insecticides;

The Executive Board

AUTHORIZES the establishment of an Expert Committee on Plague with a membership of 9 to act as an advisory body to WHO. (EB3/Min/20)

4.2 Amendments to Regulations and Rules of Procedure for Expert Committees and their Sub-Committees (EB3/54)

The Board adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

APPROVES the additions and amendments to the Regulations and Rules of Procedure for expert committees and their sub-committees; (as revised and set out in Annex 12)

TRANSMITS these amendments and additions to the Health Assembly for consideration. (EB3/Min/7).

4.3 Amendments to Provisional Appointment Regulations for Expert Committees and their Sub-Committees (EB3/54)

The Board adopted the following resolution:
The Executive Board

APPROVES the additions and amendments to the Provisional Appointment Regulations for expert committees and their sub-committees; (as revised and set out in Annex 13).

5 TECHNICAL SERVICES

5.1 Epidemiology and Quarantine

5.1.1 Report of Expert Committee on Epidemiology and Quarantine (EB3/27 and EB3/75) Sanitary Regulations: Joint Programmes

with the Office International d’Hygiène Publique

The Executive Board

1 noted the Report of the Expert Committee on International Epidemiology and Quarantine on its first session; and

AUTHORIZED its publication.

2 RECOMMENDED generally the series of principles intended to guide in the drafting of the proposed WHO Sanitary Regulations and decided that, after consultation with ICAO on the economic and transport implications, these medical principles, along with the comments of members of the Board (Annex 14), with those of ICAO and of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, should be referred to the second Health Assembly for its consideration in the formulation of general principles; and

3 after hearing a statement by Dr. Gaud, approved the programme proposed for the expenditure of the sixteen million French francs made available by the Office International d’Hygiène Publique and requested the Director-General to decide on the allocation of this sum, in consultation with the Chairman of its Permanent Committee (EB3/Min/21).

5.1.2 Report of the Section on Quarantine on its First Session (EB3/27 Corr.1)

The Executive Board

1 accepted the report of the Section on Quarantine and authorized its publication.

2 with reference to the section of the report dealing with complaints of certain governments against measures taken in excess of the Sanitary Conventions, decided to send to the second Health Assembly and to the Expert Committee on International Epidemiology and Quarantine the comments made by the Board (Annex 13) and additional comments by Dr. Hafezi.

3 suggested that governments against which complaints were received should be invited to send representatives or relevant information to the session of the expert committee at which such complaints would be discussed (EB3/Min/21).

1 Off. Rec. World Hlth Org. 19
2 Ibid. 19
5.1.3 Extension of Radio-Telegraphic Broadcasts of Epidemiological Bulletins to Health Administrations (EB3/27.Add.1)

The Board adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

having considered the report of the Expert Committee on International Epidemiology and Quarantine and noted the measures taken by the Director-General to initiate an experimental daily epidemiological radio-telegraphic broadcast for health administrations

APPROVES the continuation of this service for such a period of time as may be required to obtain full information on its usefulness to health administrations;

REQUESTS governments to assist by retransmitting the bulletin free of charge through wireless stations owned or controlled by them; and

REQUESTS the Director-General to continue the broadcasting service if sufficient evidence of its usefulness to health administrations is available and savings on individual telegrams sent by WHO are thereby effected. (EB3/Min/21).

5.1.4 Application for Approval of Yellow Fever Vaccine (EB3/27 Add.2)

The Board noted that approval of the Yellow-Fever Vaccine manufactured at the Indische Instituut, Amsterdam, had been recommended by the members of the Yellow Fever Panel concerned with the laboratory evaluation of 17 D Yellow-fever vaccines; and adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

APPROVES for the issue of international certificates the yellow-fever vaccine produced by the Indische Instituut, Amsterdam (EB3/Min/21).

5.1.5 Transportation of Corpses (EB3/49)

The Board adopted the following resolution:
whereas the existing international convention\(^1\) concerning
the transportation of corpses is not universally applied
and probably needs to be revised,

whereas it is considered of importance that measures
concerning this subject be made applicable for the whole
world,

The Executive Board

REQUESTS that the matter be put on the agenda of the next
meeting of the Expert Committee on International Epidemiology
and Quarantine for consideration and report on the advisability
of including this matter in the Sanitary Regulations of WHO.
(EB3/Min/5).

5.2 Habit Forming Drugs (EB3/40)

The Board adopted the report of the first session of the Expert
Committee on Habit-forming Drugs and authorized its publication\(^2\).

It was decided to refer this report to the Economic and Social
Council. The Board also recommended:

(1) that steps should be taken to secure information in the various
countries on the use or dispensability of diacetylmorphine through
Public Health Administrations, the World Medical Association and other
appropriate agencies and that an expert be sent to countries where the
consumption of diacetylmorphine is high; and

(2) that a mechanism should be established for giving a single name to
every habit-forming drug subject to international control.

The Director-General was authorized to give effect to these
recommendations should funds prove available in 1949 and it was agreed
that recommendation (2) above should be referred to the Expert Committee
on the Unification of Pharmacopoeias. (EB3/Min/2).

\(^1\)No. 4391 - INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENT CONCERNING THE CONVEYANCE OF
CORPSES, SIGNED AT BERLIN 10 FEBRUARY 1937. LEAGUE OF NATIONS (1938)
TREATY SERIES P.313 Nos. 4372–4400.

5.3 Co-ordination of Research

5.3.1 World Influenza Centre (EB3/36)

The Board heard with interest a statement by the Assistant Director-General in charge of technical services on the work carried out by the World Influenza Centre of WHO. The Director-General was asked to convey the appreciation of the Board to Dr. C. H. Andrewes, Director of the Centre, for work carried out during the recent influenza epidemic in certain European countries.

The Board pointed out that national health administrations ought to obtain more rapid and detailed information— not only on the types of virus involved—but also on the epidemiology, the clinical description of the disease, the morbidity, mortality, with age groups affected, and any administrative steps found to be of value. As reliable data in this regard can only be obtained from national health administrations, it was decided that national health administrations should be asked to make this information available to WHO in Geneva for distribution. (EB3/Min/2)

5.3.2 World Brucellosis Centre (EB3/67)

The Executive Board adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board REQUESTS the Director-General to take the necessary steps for having regional brucellosis centres officially designated in the countries where the disease is prevalent, and to include brucellosis among the subjects for which co-ordination of research by WHO appears advisable.

(EB3/Min/21)

5.3.3 International Research Laboratories (EB3/13)

The Board considered resolution 160 (VII) of the Economic and Social Council regarding the establishment of international research laboratories and the relevant documentation thereon submitted by the United Nations (UN doc. E/245/Rev. 1). Noting the desire of the Council to have the opinion of WHO on this matter, the Board decided to recommend to the second Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The second Health Assembly notes resolutions 22 (III) and 160 (VII) of the Economic and Social Council regarding the establishment of United Nations research laboratories, and the report of the Secretary-General on this subject (UN document E/620);
CONFIRMS the resolution concerning this subject which was adopted by the Interim Commission of WHO on 11 November 1946, and the views of the Interim Commission as stated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations by the Executive Secretary of the Interim Commission on 4 December 1946;

CONSIDERS that research in the field of health is best advanced by assisting, co-ordinating and making use of the activities of existing institutions and that the World Health Assembly and the expert committees of WHO provide an adequate mechanism for the implementation of such a policy;

REQUESTS that in view of the responsibility and authority placed upon WHO in respect of international research in the field of health and in implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and WHO, the Economic and Social Council communicate such recommendations as it may be considering within the field of health to the World Health Organization which, under its Constitution and the Agreement, is required to consider such recommendations of the Economic and Social Council and to report to the Council on the steps taken by WHO to give effect to such recommendations. (EB3/Min/2).

5.4 Suggestions for International Uniformity of Services Designed for the Protection of Public Health and the Control of Food and Pharmaceutical Products (EB3/35)

The Executive Board noted the document on this subject submitted by the Republic of Austria. (EB3/Min/4).

5.5 Editorial and Reference Services

5.5.1 Publications

The Board decided that the study of the value of and the necessity for continuing the publication of Annual Epidemiological and Vital Statistics should be referred to the first session of the Expert Committee on Health Statistics. (EB3/Min/14).

5.5.2 Printing of Minutes of Executive Board (EB3/9)

The Executive Board, having considered a report on the cost of printing the minutes of the Board, decided that these minutes should not be printed but should continue to be circulated to governments in mimeographed form. (EB3/Min/2).
6 REGIONAL ORGANIZATION (EB3/76)

6.1 South East Asia

6.1.1 Regional Organization for South East Asia

The Executive Board noted that the Regional Office for South East Asia had begun operations on 1 January 1949; that serious difficulties of accommodation had not been overcome until 1 February; that the Deputy Director and a temporary medical officer had reported for duty, in addition to local staff; and that because of the difficulties of accommodation referred to above, the date of the next meeting of the Regional Committee had not yet been fixed (EB3/Min/18).

6.1.2 Privileges and Immunities of the Regional Organization in South East Asia (EB3/15)

The Board noted that in accordance with the resolution of the second session of the Executive Board of 8 November 1948, the Director-General had initiated negotiations with the Government of India concerning the Draft Agreement between "Host" Governments and Regional Organizations and the extension of privileges and immunities to the Regional Office in South East Asia (EB3/Min/4, Min/18).

6.2 Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EB3/55 as amended, Annex 16)

The Board considered a report on the first session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean Region, held in Cairo from 7 to 10 February 1949, and adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

Conditionally APPROVES the selection of Alexandria as the site of the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean Region, this action being subject to consultation with the United Nations;

REQUESTS the Director-General to thank the Government of Egypt for its action in placing the site and buildings at Alexandria at the disposal of the Organization for a period of nine years at a nominal rate of PT 10;

APPROVES the establishment of the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean Region to commence operations on or about 1 July 1949;

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1 Off. Rec. World Hlth. Org., 14, 26
2 Ibid, 54
APPROVES the resolution of the Regional Committee that "the functions of the Alexandria Sanitary Bureau be integrated within those of the Regional Organization of the World Health Organization";

AUTHORIZES the Director-General to express appreciation to the Government of Egypt for the transfer of functions, files and records of the Alexandria Sanitary Bureau to the Organization upon commencement of operations in the Regional Office; and

Having considered the nomination of the Regional Committee, APPOINTS, as from 1 July 1949, Sir Aly Tewfik Shousha, Pasha, to the position of Regional Director for the Eastern Mediterranean, and

AUTHORIZES the Director-General to issue a contract to him for a period of five years from 1 July 1949, subject to Staff Regulations and Staff Rules, at a salary of $13,500 per annum (EB3/Min/5, Min/6, Min/18).

6.3 Regional Organization for Africa (EB3/14)

The Board considered a paper on the establishment of the Regional Organization for Africa, and agreed that this regional organization could not be established until the status of "Member States in the Region" and the rights and obligations of Associate Members and other territories had been defined (EB3/Min/18).

6.4 Relations with the Pan American Sanitary Organization (EB3/22 Add. 1, Annex 17)

The Executive Board approved the working arrangement with the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which had been signed by the Director-General and the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau (see Annex 17), pending the coming into effect of the Initial Agreement between the two organizations (EB3/Min/6).

1 Articles 47 and 44 (b) of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, Off. Rec. World Hlth. Org., 2, 16
6.5 Europe

6.5.1 Proposal for establishment of Regional Organization for Europe (EB3/38)

The Board considered a proposal submitted by the Government of Czechoslovakia to place on the agenda of the second Health Assembly the question of establishing a Regional Organization for Europe and to provide for a European Regional Office in the 1950 Budget. The following resolution was adopted:

The Executive Board

APPROVES the proposal of the Czechoslovak Government for the establishment of a Regional Organization for Europe

REQUESTS the Director-General to bring to the attention of the second Health Assembly the existence of the Special Office for Europe (see section 3.6) which would automatically be dissolved upon the establishment of the Office, as envisaged in the resolution of the first Health Assembly by decision of the Members in the region; and

CONSIDERS that the question of the site of the European Regional Office should await consideration at the first meeting of the Regional Committee for Europe (EB3/Min/18).

6.5.2 Reconsideration of Assignment to Geographical Areas (EB3/43)

The Board noted that the Greek Government, taking up its reservation made during the first Health Assembly, had requested that Greece should not be made part of the Eastern Mediterranean Area, but be included in Area (4), which comprises countries of the European continent.

The Board referred this request to the second Health Assembly for decision along with the following draft resolution:

The Health Assembly,

HAVING CONSIDERED the request of the Greek Government for the inclusion of Greece in Regional Organization Area (4);

RESOLVES that Greece shall from now on form part of Regional Organization Area (4), which comprises countries of the European continent (EB3/Min/4).

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Off. Rec. World Hlth Org., 12, 331
6.6 **Allocation of Funds for Regional Offices (EB3/56)**

The Board adopted the following resolution:

*The Executive Board*

AUTHORIZES the Director-General to allot a sum not to exceed $300,000 for the administrative functions of the regional Organizations during 1949. This includes the amount of $200,000 previously authorized by the Board*.¹ (EB3/Min/18)

6.7 **Regulations for Regional Offices**

The Director-General was requested to prepare for presentation to the fourth or fifth session of the Board detailed regulations for the operation of regional offices.

6.8 **Status of Members, Associate Members and Other Territories**

The Board agreed that the decision on these questions should be based on the practical requirements for co-operation and the effective functioning of regional organizations, and adopted the following resolution:

*The Executive Board:*

Considering that decisions on the questions of the status of Member States in a Region and the rights and obligations of Associate Members and other territories are urgent and of particular importance in the establishment of the African Region; and

Considering that the Health assembly is the appropriate body for making such decisions;

REQUESTS the Director-General to obtain the views of Member Governments on the interpretation of the words "Member States in the Region" in line 1 of Article 47 of the Constitution and that he place these views, together with full documentation and data, before the second Health Assembly (EB3/Min/18).

¹ Off. Rec. World Hlth Org., 14, 25
7 LIAISON

(For collaboration with the United Nations and its specialized agencies not listed here, see under subject heading)

7.1 Inter-Organization Agreements: Correction of French Texts (EB3/16, Annex 18).

The Board decided to recommend to the second Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Health Assembly

Having regard to the resolutions of the first Health Assembly of 10 and 17 July 1948, approving the draft agreements between the World Health Organization on the one part and the United Nations, the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization on the other part,

noting that the texts of these agreements in the French language are not in conformity with the texts as previously approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 15 November 1947, by the International Labour Conference on 12 March 1948 and by the Executive Board of UNESCO, on 15 July 1948

RESOLVES that these texts be replaced by the texts which are annexed, which will be considered to have had effect as from 10 July 1948. (EB3/Min/4).

7.2 United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (EB3/74)

The Board adopted the following resolutions regarding relations with UNICEF:

1. The Executive Board

REQUESTS the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Health Policy UNICEF/WHO to place on the agenda of its next meeting the item: "Consideration of the procedure of the Joint Committee;"

2. The Executive Board

In accordance with the resolution of the first Health Assembly regarding relations with UNICEF, notably the clauses which state that:
The World Health Assembly

Believes that the existing health programmes of the Fund, which associate health and social activities, are designed to meet emergency needs of children;

finds that the health projects of UNICEF fall within the competence of the World Health Organization;

declares that the World Health Organization is ready and willing to handle these projects as soon as suitable arrangements can be made;

RECOMMENDS that, pending the assumption of responsibility by the World Health Organization, the health projects financed by UNICEF be established by mutual agreement between UNICEF and the World Health Organization, and that the implementation of these projects be regulated by a Committee on Health Policy composed of representatives of the two organizations acting with the advice of the expert committees of the World Health Organization.1

And, noting the provision in the Agreement between the United Nations and WHO, that: "the United Nations recognizes the World Health Organization as the specialized agency responsible for taking such action as may be appropriate under its Constitution for the accomplishment of the objectives set forth therein.2

REQUESTS the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Health Policy of UNICEF/WHO to place on the agenda of the next regular meeting the following item: "Development of a plan for the assumption by WHO of responsibility for the UNICEF health projects;" and

REQUESTS the WHO members of the Joint Committee on Health Policy of UNICEF/WHO to report to the second Health Assembly on the plan developed (see above) and on the functioning of the joint committee (EB3/Min/15).

7.3 United Nations Appeal for Children (EB3/19)

The Board noted that the resolution of the first Health Assembly on this matter had been brought before the General Assembly of the United Nations, but that the General Assembly had decided to entrust UNAC to UNICEF (See Annex 19) (EB3/Min/6, EB3/Min/15).

1 Off. Rec. World Hlth Org., 13, 328
2 Ibid., 10, 59
7.4 Co-ordination of International Congresses of Medical Sciences

(EB3/64)

The Board, considering that a formal agreement with the Permanent Council for the Co-ordination of Medical Congresses was undesirable at this time, adopted the following resolution:

Whereas the first Health Assembly decided to support the co-ordination of international congresses of medical sciences and to increase the responsibilities of WHO in this activity and

Whereas the permanent Council for Co-ordination of International Congresses of Medical Sciences, a non-governmental international organization, will be established in the near future, as the result of joint UNESCO/WHO action, and

Whereas the above-mentioned Permanent Council, in order to perform its tasks will need support and assistance from WHO, suitable arrangements for collaboration are essential,

The Executive Board

RECOMMENDS to the second Health Assembly for its approval the following principles governing collaboration between WHO and the Permanent Council:

1 that the Permanent Council be recognized as a non-governmental organization to be brought into official relationship with WHO;

2 that a senior staff member of the Secretariat of WHO be assigned by the Director-General to represent WHO at the meetings of the Permanent Council in an advisory capacity;

3 that WHO assist the Permanent Council in its tasks by giving advice, upon request, to selected congresses of interest to WHO and by supplying them with material support in the form of reimbursement of a part of the actual expenses for the Secretariat, technical services and publication of their proceedings, or where possible, by direct participation in such technical services by WHO staff.

4 that adequate justification of the use made of any funds allocated to the Permanent Council by WHO should be regularly furnished by the Council,

5 that WHO designate priorities for some of the Council's activities or sponsor some selected congresses. In such cases, the Permanent Council should use the funds provided by WHO in conformity with the latter's decision.

1 Off. Rec. World Hlth Org., 13, 323
that arrangements for collaboration be reviewed every year and
set up in accordance with the policy and budgetary appropriations
of WHO, and
REQUESTS the Director-General to implement the above by
making arrangements for collaboration with the Permanent
Council on the basis of this resolution and within the
limits of annual budgetary appropriations.

The Board also confirmed the decision that assistance given to
Congresses by WHO should not include reimbursement of travelling
expenses to the scientists attending the congresses. It decided
that the value of the proceedings selected for publications should
be given careful consideration. (EB3/Min/15)

7.5 Relations with Sectional Organizations and International Non-
Governmental Organizations not mainly concerned with Health
(EB3/25, Annex 20)

The Board decided that consideration of all applications
for relationship should be postponed until after the second Health
Assembly when the experience gained from the attendance at the
Assembly of the 16 Organizations already admitted would be available.
(EB3/Min/4)

7.6 Integration of Activities of International Medical
Institutions (EB3/41)

The Board noted a draft resolution submitted by the Health
Administration of the Republic of Poland. It expressed its
sympathy with the suggestion and drew attention to the fact that
action was already being taken along the proposed lines through the
co-ordination of international medical congresses and relations with
international non-governmental organizations. (EB3/Min/5)

7.7 Migration: Collaboration with ILO (EB3/51)

The Board noted the development of close collaboration with
ILO in the health aspects of migration, and expressed the hope that
such collaboration would be continued. (See Annex 21) (EB3/Min/6)
8 CONSTITUTIONAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

8.1 Action taken on Membership (EB3/52)

A telegram was received from the Deputy Minister of Public Health of the USSR, sent from Moscow on 12 February 1949, and a similar communication from the Deputy Minister of Health of the Ukrainian SSR, from Kiev on 14 February 1949, announcing that for various reasons, which were enumerated, these governments no longer considered themselves Members of the World Health Organization (for text of telegram, see Annex 22).

On 15 February the Director-General sent telegrams to the Deputy Minister of Public Health of the USSR, and to the Deputy Minister of Health of the Ukraine (for text see Annex 22). The text of these telegrams together with that of the reply was communicated simultaneously to all States Members of the World Health Organization, stating that the Constitution of WHO required the co-operation of all nations and urging governments to take all possible steps to induce the governments concerned to reconsider their position.

A telegram was later received from the Deputy Minister of Health of the Byelorussian SSR couched in similar terms, and a reply was sent on 17 February.

In view of this, the Board adopted the following resolution:

"The Executive Board

APPROVES of the steps taken by the Director-General in connexion with the action taken by certain States with regard to their membership of the World Health Organization, and

RESOLVES that the matter shall be brought before the second Health Assembly."

The Board also approved the text of telegrams to be sent by the Chairman to the governments of the USSR, the Byelorussian SSR and the Ukrainian SSR (for text, see Annex 22) (EB3/Min/1, Min/4).

8.2 Invitations to the second Health Assembly (EB3/63)

The Board agreed that the following governments should be invited to send observers to the second Health Assembly:

Bolivia
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
8.3 Amendments to Rules of Procedure of the Assembly (EB3/Min/8, Annex 23)

The Board adopted the following resolution:

"The Executive Board

"APPROVES and RECOMMENDS the additions and amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly (as revised and set out in Annex )

"TRANSMITS these amendments and additions to the second Health Assembly for consideration." (EB3/Min/7, Min/18)

8.4 Functioning of the Executive Board (EB2/75) (Annex 24)

The Board had before it the note submitted by Professor J. Parisot and approved in principle the proposals set forth in that document, leaving it to the Director-General to put them into effect as far as practicable.

It was pointed out that it would not be possible to hold a session of the Board simultaneously with the Assembly, but that it would be desirable for the Board to meet soon after the Assembly, allowing a few days for preparation. It was also pointed out that the following session of the Board could not be held midway between two consecutive Assemblies because the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly require that the documentation be in the hands of governments 60 days before the opening of the Assembly. As these documents would have to be reviewed by the Board and as about 45 days would be needed for their preparation and printing, this session of the Board would have to be arranged so that it would terminate about 105 days before the opening date of the subsequent Assembly. (EB3/Min/4).

8.5 Form of Reports of Executive Board (EB3/45)

The Board considered suggestions on the form of future reports of the Executive Board and agreed that
(a) the report should contain brief summaries of discussions leading up to decisions taken by the Board or relevant documentation, rather than depending so largely upon references; 
(b) portions of the report should be discussed as soon as they were drafted by the Rapporteurs; and 
(c) the entire draft report of each session should be presented to members at least twenty-four hours before the meeting at which it would be considered for adoption. (EB3/Min/6)

8.6 Time and Place of Fourth Session of the Executive Board (EB3/80)  
The Board provisionally decided to commence its fourth session in Geneva on the afternoon of 8 July 1949. (EB3/Min/21)

9.7 Denunciation of Rome Agreement (EB3/77)  
The Board adopted the following resolution with regard to the Rome Agreement of 1907:

The Executive Board desiring to bring to the attention of Members of the World Health Organisation which were Parties to the Rome Agreement of 1907, the present situation with respect to the termination of this Agreement;

INVITES those Parties to the Agreement of 1907 which have not already done so to denounce the said Agreement and if possible to accept the Protocol of 1946; 
INVITES those governments which are competent to act on behalf of any Party not now in a position to act for itself, to denounce the Agreement of 1907 and to agree to the dissolution of the Office on behalf of those Parties; 
INVITES those governments which are responsible for the conduct of the international relations of any non-self-governing territories and which acceded to the Agreement of 1907 on behalf of any such territories, to denounce the Agreement of 1907 and to agree to the dissolution of the Office on behalf of any such territories. (EB3/Min/20)

9 ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

9.1 Budget and Management
9.1.1 Scales of Assessment (EB3/68; EB3/17)

The Board adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

In considering the several questions referred to it under resolutions adopted by the first Health Assembly concerning the scale of assessments for 1950 and future years,¹

RECOGNIZES that it is in the best interests of WHO that no one Member State should contribute more than one-third to the regular expenses of WHO for any year,

EXPRESSES the hope that it may be possible for this principle to be made effective not later than 1951, and

RECOMMENDS that the unit scale of assessments be continued. (EB3/min/19)

9.1.2 Status of Contributions


In view of the number of contributions to the 1948 budget which had not yet been received, the Executive Board adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

Conscious of the necessity for funds to be provided in good time by the Members, and

RECALLING the resolution of the Health Assembly on this subject

REAFFIRMS its resolution at its second session,²

ENJOINS upon Members who have not yet paid their contributions to the 1948 budget and the working capital fund to do so as soon as possible,

DRAWS THE ATTENTION of governments which are in arrears in their contributions to the provisions of Article 7 of the Constitution, and

REQUESTS the Director-General to transmit this resolution to all such governments. (EB3/min/7)

¹ Off. Rec. World Hlth Org. 12, 316
² Ibid., 14, 30
9.1.2.2 Status of Contributions to the 1949 Budget (EB3/66)

The Board noted the status of contributions for 1949. (See Annex 26) (EB3/Min/19)

9.1.3 Currency of Contributions (EB3/28)

The Board adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

Having considered the matter of currency of contributions to the operating budget of WHO, and

RECOGNIZING that it is evident that it will be possible to use, to some extent, currencies other than US dollars and Swiss francs in carrying out the operating budget of the Organization,

RECOMMENDS to the second Health Assembly that contributions to the operating budget in currencies other than US dollars and Swiss francs be accepted on the basis that all Member Governments should have equal rights in paying a proportionate share of their contribution in such currencies as may be acceptable, to be determined under the provisions of Financial Regulation No. 19. (EB3/Min/21).

9.1.4 Working Capital Fund (EB3/59)

The Board adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

RECOGNIZING the serious situation which will result from inadequate financing of the regular budget pending receipt of contributions,

REQUESTS the Director-General to inform immediately all Governments Members of the Organization of the existing condition, and to indicate to them that the Executive Board is recommending to the second Health Assembly that the working capital fund should be increased to $4,000,000 for 1950.

REQUESTS the Director-General to invite Member Governments to initiate arrangements to make it possible for their additional contributions to the working capital fund, as may be established by the second Health Assembly, to be paid to the Organization during 1949. (EB3/Min/7)

9.2 Finance and Accounts


The Board considered the report of the External Auditor, and the Balance Sheet and Statements of Costs of Operations, and adopted the following resolution:

"The Executive Board,

Having considered the final report of the External Auditor on the accounts of the Interim Commission, covering the period from 1 January 1948 to 31 August 1948,
RECOMMENDS to the second Health Assembly the acceptance of the report." (EB3/Min/4)


The Board adopted the following resolutions on the financial report on accounts from 1 September to 31 December 1948 and the Report of the External Auditor:

"The Executive Board
RESOLVES that
Considering the fact that there will not be a formal session of the Executive Board between the time of the receipt of the report of the External Auditor on the accounts of the Organization for the period 1 September 1948 to 31 December 1948 and the date of the convening of the second Health Assembly; and
Considering the requirement that the comments, if any, of the Board on such report be made to the second Health Assembly;
An ad hoc Committee of the Executive Board, consisting of Professors Parisot and Stamper and Dr. van den Berge, is authorized to meet one day before the date of the convening of the second Health Assembly to consider the report of the External Auditor (on the accounts of the Organization for the period 1 September 1948 to 31 December 1948) and to submit to the second Health Assembly on behalf of the Board such comments, if any, as it deems necessary." (EB3/Min/4)

9.2.3 United Nations Board of Auditors (EB3/12)

The Board, having examined the feasibility of using the United Nations Board of Auditors, adopted the following resolution:

"The Executive Board
Considering the problems involved and the obstacles to be overcome if the United Nations Board of Auditors should act as the External Auditors of WHO;
Considering the action taken by the third General Assembly of the United Nations in proposing a joint system for external audit; and
Noting that the resolution adopted by the first Health Assembly, establishing the external audit policies, scope and requirements, corresponds with that of the United Nations, and that this represents the general system to be followed by the external auditor;
RECOMMENDS that, in order to implement Regulation 32 of the Financial Regulations and to note the recommendation of the third General Assembly of the United Nations, the second Health Assembly (1) adopt as the resolution appointing the external auditor for 1950 one which follows the resolution on this subject adopted by the first Health Assembly; and (2) appoint Mr. Uno Brunskog as external auditor of the accounts of the World Health Organization for the financial period ending 31 December 1950." (EB3/Min/2)

9.2.4 Confirmation of the Financial Rules (EB3/6 and Add.1)

The Board noted that, although draft financial rules had been prepared, they required further consideration and would be presented to the fourth session of the Board. (EB3/Min/21)
9.3 Personnel

9.3.1 Amendments to Staff Rules (EB3/78)

9.3.1.1 Local Recruitment for Offices outside Headquarters

The Board noted that, in accordance with Staff Rule 793, the salaries of staff members recruited locally at offices outside headquarters for posts in grades 1 through 7 might be fixed in terms of the best prevailing wages or salaries for comparable work in the area, and noted the suggestions of the Director-General, and adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

Considering that the question of local recruitment at offices outside headquarters might be more usefully considered when more experience has been gained

AGREES to postpone consideration of the question to a later session, and

REQUESTS the Director-General to pursue the study and to place before the Board, in due course, suitable recommendations (EB3/Min/7)

9.3.1.2 Expatriation Allowance

It was noted that the United Nations General Assembly had decided in December 1948 to suspend the present two-year limitation on expatriation allowance for staff and to permit payment until the end of 1949 to those staff members entitled to this allowance which would otherwise lapse in the course of 1949. The Board also noted, in accordance with Article 36 of the Constitution and Staff Regulation 16, that the Director-General had decided, subject to confirmation by the Executive Board to introduce a similar measure as regards staff of WHO by inserting the following additional Staff Rule after Rule 843.3:

843.4 Notwithstanding the above provisions as regards the two-year limitation, staff members entitled to the expatriation allowance whose allowance under the preceding provisions would lapse in the course of 1949, shall continue to receive the allowance until 31 December 1949.

The following resolution was adopted:

The Executive Board

Taking note of the additional Staff Rule concerning the suspension of the two-year limitation to the payment of the expatriation allowance

CONFIRMS this Rule. (EB3/Min/18)
9.3.2 Retirement and Pension Plan (EB3/4 and Add.1)

After having considered the Joint Staff Pension Plan of the United Nations and the desirability of participating in this Plan, the Board adopted the following resolutions:

"The Executive Board

Authorized by the first Health Assembly "to adopt a retirement and pension plan for the World Health Organization, in cooperation with the United Nations or with other specialized agencies, or by adopting any other practical arrangements,"

Having considered all the aspects of the question and the various alternatives for the retirement and pension plan;

Holding the opinion that the adoption of a Joint Staff Pension Plan by international organizations is a pre-requisite for the establishment of an International Civil Service;

Considering that the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Plan leaves open the possibility of adherence by other organizations and

Having considered this plan

a COMES TO THE CONCLUSION that it meets the requirements of the World Health Organization,

b ACCEPTS the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, on the understanding that retroactive membership of present staff members of WHO be permitted as from the date of their membership in the Staff Provident Fund of the Organization (including the Interim Commission period);

c AUTHORIZES the Director-General to enter into negotiations with the Secretary-General of the United Nations as to any payments which will have to be made by WHO to the Pension Fund in respect of the new obligations incurred by the Fund through WHO's admission, and as to other transitional arrangements that may be necessary;

b DECIDES that membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund should be mandatory upon the whole WHO staff fulfilling the conditions of admission to the Fund, subject to the proviso that staff members seconded from governments who continue to contribute to a national pension fund will not be allowed to participate in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund;

e DECIDES that any of the present (or future) personnel of WHO ineligible for membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund be entitled to remain (or become) members of the present WHO Staff Provident Fund on the existing contributory basis of 6% from the Organization and the member respectively, and

f DECIDES to place on the agenda of the second Health Assembly the matter of the election of members and alternate members of the Organization's Staff Benefit Committee. (EB3/Min/7)
9.3.3 Administrative Tribunal (EB3/3)

The Board noted a verbal report that negotiations with the ILO were still under way on the subject of the temporary use by WHO of the ILO Administrative Tribunal (EB3/Min/19).

9.3.4 Nationality Distribution of Staff of WHO (EB3/71 corr.1)

The Board noted the present nationality distribution of the staff of WHO as set out in the statement presented and drew attention to the desirability of achieving a more equitable distribution. The Director-General outlined the procedures followed in recruiting personnel and assured the Board that the question of geographical distribution would continue to be given careful consideration (EB3/Min/16).

1 Off. Rec. World Hlth. Org., 14, 31