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INTRODUCTION

General (items 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Agenda)

The meeting of Sub-Committee A of the Fifth Session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, at the invitation of the Government of Lebanon was held in Beirut from 27 to 30 September 1955. Dr. Diba (Iran) Acting Chairman, in the absence of Dr. Abu el Ela (Egypt) opened the meeting.

It held eight plenary sessions. Representatives of fourteen countries were present including the representative of the newly-elected Associate Member - Sudan. The Sub-Committee elected the following office bearers for the coming year:

Chairman:	Dr. Jamil Anouti (Lebanon)
Vice-Chairmen:	Dr. Subhi Amin (Jordan) Dr. F. Hylander (Ethiopia)

His Excellency the Minister of Health of Lebanon, Dr. Bizri, delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the President of the Government of Lebanon.

The Deputy Director-General greeted representatives and observers on behalf of the Director-General, and briefly outlined a number of important happenings since the Committee's last meeting.

Adoption of the Provisional Agenda (item 6 of the Agenda - RC5/EM/1 Rev.1)

The provisional agenda was adopted as presented (see Annex I).

Programme Sub-Division (item 17 of the Agenda)

The Sub-Committee established a programme sub-division of the whole to discuss the proposed programme and budget for 1957, and elected Dr. J. Amouzogar (Iran) as Chairman.

Voting Rights

In accordance with Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure, the representatives of France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland intimated before the opening of the session that they intended to exercise their right of vote in Sub-Committee A.

The representative of Italy reported at the fifth plenary session that his country wished to exercise its right of vote also at Sub-Committee A and the Sub-Committee approved the temporary suspension of Rule 22 in order to permit this.

PART I

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

The report of the Regional Director (item 8 of the Agenda - RC5/EM/2) was discussed at length. Representatives gave general approval to the report and noted the steady planned expansion of activities in the region. The following main points emerged from the discussions:

1. More stress still needs to be given to broad environmental sanitation programmes and to expanding services for health education of the public.
2. Appreciation was expressed at the continued and increasing cooperation with other agencies including international, governmental and non-governmental agencies.
3. Stress was also laid on need for development of school health services.
4. Attention was called to the difficulties arising from the new method planning at country level for Technical Assistance programmes. Some representatives stressed the importance of the utilization of Regular funds for long-term projects and the necessity for equitable distribution of these funds.
5. Some doubt was expressed regarding the necessity of appointing Area Representatives but the Regional Director reaffirmed his belief in the usefulness of such appointments on a limited scale.
6. In discussions arising from consideration of the report Members expressed great interest in the whole subject of peaceful uses of atomic energy. In a comprehensive statement, the Deputy Director-General set out the salient features and the policy of the Organization and stressed that the subject must be seen in proper focus in connexion with the general programme of the Organization.

PART II

OTHER MATTERS

RESOLUTIONS OF REGIONAL INTEREST ADOPTED BY THE EIGHTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
(item 10 of the Agenda - RC5/EM/7)

1.1. Admission of Sudan as Associate Member (Resolution WHA8.8, and
document RC5/EM/5)

The Sub-Committee took note of the content of the resolution but deferred discussion on the rights and obligations of Associate Members to item 13 of the Agenda.

1.2. Second General Programme of Work Covering a Specific Period (Resolution
WHA8.10 and document RC5/EM/4)

The Sub-Committee deferred discussion of this resolution to item 17.1 of the Agenda.

1.3. Relations with UNICEF (Resolution WHA8.12)

The Sub-Committee took note of the content of this resolution.

1.4. Status of International Contributions and of Advances to the Working
Capital Fund (Resolution WHA8.13)

The Sub-Committee took note of the content of this resolution.

1.5. Arrears of Contributions Due in Respect of the "Office international
de l'Hygiène publique" (Resolution WHA8.15)

The Sub-Committee took note of the content of this resolution.

1.6. Accession to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the
Specialized Agencies (Resolution WHA8.18)

The Regional Director reported that only three countries in the region had acceded to the Convention on Privileges and Immunities. The Sub-Committee took note of the content of the resolution.

1.7. Public Information Activities (Resolution WHA8.20 and document RC5/EM/11)

The Sub-Committee took note of the content of the resolution but in discussion the general opinion was that the appointment of special liaison officers is not generally necessary in this region.

Members promised full support to the regional office in its public information programme.

1.8. Methods of Recruitment for Different Posts in WHO (Resolution WHA8.22)

The Sub-Committee took note of the content of this resolution. The Regional Director explained that the circulation of vacant posts to all countries would cause serious delay in recruitment but urged governments to provide the office with frequently revised lists of experts suitable for service with the Organization.

1.9. Malaria Eradication (Resolution WHA8.30 and document RC5/EM/12)

The Sub-Committee deferred consideration of this resolution to item 14.2 of the Agenda.

1.10. Planning for the 1956 Technical Assistance Programme (Resolution WHA8.30) Legislative Developments in the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (Resolution WHA8.33)

The Sub-Committee deferred consideration of these two resolutions to item 17 of the Agenda.

1.11. Campaign Against Smallpox (Resolution WHA8.38)

The Sub-Committee noted the content of this resolution.

ACTION TAKEN ON RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE (item 9 of the Agenda - RC5/EM/8, RC5/EM/9, RC5/EM/11, RC5/EM/13)

2.1. Vaccination against Smallpox (Resolution RC4A/EM/R.12 and document RC5/EM/8)

The representative of Iran reported plans for mass vaccination of the population utilizing revised techniques and paying particular attention to inclusion of nomads.

The Sub-Committee thanked the Regional Director, noted the contents of the document and requested that he continue studies in this subject.

2.2. Promotion and Implementation of Environmental Sanitation Programmes (Resolution RC4A/EM/R.13 and document RC5/EM/9)

The Sub-Committee deferred consideration of this document until item 14.1 of the Agenda.

2.3. Nomenclature of Health Personnel (Resolution RC4A/EM/R.16 and document RC5/EM/11)

The Sub-Committee studied the document, requested the Observer from the Arab League to draw attention of the League's Health Committee to this document, and requested the Regional Director to continue to study this question in cooperation with Member States of the region and report further to the Sixth Regional Committee.

2.4. Use of Arabic as a Working Language (Resolution RC4A/EM/R.4 and document RC5/EM/13)

The Sub-Committee studied this question at length and recommended that Arabic be used as a third official and working language at the meetings of Sub-Committee A of the Regional Committee. It was later recommended that the use of Arabic should commence not later than 1957.

3. TECHNICAL DISCUSSION: NURSING (item 15 of the Agenda - RC5/EM/10)

The Technical Discussion on Nursing based on the document RC5/EM/10 was held plenary session. Four countries, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon and Sudan had included nurses as members of their delegations. In addition, the discussion was attended by a large number of nurses from Lebanon, Jordan and Syria and by international nurses working in these countries.

Many countries reported on the development of their nursing services and during the discussion emphasis was given to the following matters:

- 3.1. The establishment of a nursing section (or division) in the national health administration which should be staffed by competent, well-qualified nurse administrators.
 - 3.2. The importance of the education of the professional nurse in order to prepare her sufficiently to play her full part in the expanding health services of her country. This involves careful planning and the development of a basic programme of nursing based on accepted international standards and facilities for post-basic preparation for advanced responsibilities in nursing. A separate budget should be provided adequate for the establishment and maintenance of nursing schools. It was felt that these measures would tend to raise the status of nursing and to increase the entrance of better educated candidates.
 - 3.3. An expansion of the WHO fellowship programme for post-graduate study in nursing.
 - 3.4. The importance of the organization of National Nursing Associations with the encouragement and support of the national health administrations. This should ultimately improve the health services of the country.
4. TECHNICAL MATTERS (item 14 of the Agenda)

4.1. Environmental Sanitation (item 14.1 of the Agenda - Resolution RC4A/EM/R.13 and document RC5/EM/9)

The Sub-Committee discussed the subject of environmental sanitation based on the resolution of Sub-Committee A of the Fourth Regional Committee and document RC5/EM/9. All representatives stressed the necessity of strengthening environmental sanitation services in the region. Emphasis was placed on the necessity of developing sanitation both at the community and village level and at national and provincial administrative levels, but people must be given a personal interest in sanitation programmes through greater health education. Emphasis was also placed on the necessity for more trained personnel and an interesting suggestion was made that the Organization should develop a regional project staffed by a public health physician, engineer and administrator to survey the present situation in countries in the region and advise on future planned development.

4.2. Malaria Eradication Programmes in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (item 14.2 of the Agenda - Resolution WHA8.30 and document RC5/EM/12)

In accordance with the terms of the resolution of the Eighth World Health Assembly the Sub-Committee discussed the question of malaria eradication in plenary session. Dr. Paul Russell, Special Consultant to the Malaria Section at WHO Headquarters took part in the discussion. On the basis of his visits to Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Iran he stated his firm conviction that it was a practical proposition to plan for total eradication of malaria (though not the mosquito vector) over a five-year period. It was emphasized that international and bilateral agencies regarded malaria eradication as a good investment and were willing to aid countries.

The problem must be approached in this area as an inter-regional project. Time is short and countries must work together and speedily before resistance develops. In particular it is necessary to give

close attention to strengthening the administrative services required for such a project. The representative for UNICEF confirmed the Fund's great interest in soundly planned malaria eradication programmes.

Representatives of countries not included in the group mentioned above drew attention to difficulties in applying eradication, as opposed to control methods at the present time.

A number of countries participating in the debate reported good results following use of residual insecticides and expressed interest and support for proposals to establish the necessary services to achieve eradication of malaria with international aid within a five-year period.

4.3. Polioomyelitis and its Prevention (item 14.3 of the Agenda - document RC5/EM/6)

The Sub-Committee considered the document presented, noted its contents and requested the Regional Director to continue study of this subject in cooperation with appropriate institutions in the region.

5. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (item 13 of the Agenda - RC5/EM/5)

The Sub-Committee considered the document submitted and recommended that it was premature to propose any alteration in the status of Associate Members at the present time.

6. EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INTELLIGENCE AND INTERNATIONAL QUARANTINE MATTERS (item 16 of the Agenda - RC5/EM/15 and RC5/EM/2 Annex IV)

The documents submitted consisted of a report of the Epidemiological Intelligence Section of the regional office and a report on the incidence of quarantinable diseases in the region during 1954 and the first half of 1955. They drew attention to the difficulties encountered by certain countries in the region in fulfilling their obligations under the International Sanitary Regulations and with the question of reservations to the Regulations. In discussion, a number of country representatives referred specifically to their intention to make reservations regarding the proposed amendment to the Regulations on yellow fever. The procedure for making reservations was outlined to the representatives.

7. GENERAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR A SPECIFIC PERIOD (item 17.1 of the Agenda - Resolution WHAS.10 and document RC5/EM/4)

The Sub-Committee considered and approved the document submitted by the Regional Director.

8. STATEMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER STATES (item 11 of the Agenda)

A number of representatives contributed statements regarding the development of health services in their countries. Emphasis was placed on the development of provincial and rural health services. Interest was expressed in dental hygiene and the inclusion of a regional consultant was welcomed. Certain representatives expressed interest in the subject of drug addiction. The Regional Director was asked to include the problem of drug addiction amongst the activities of the regional office. Attention was drawn to the increasing number of higher training institutes in the region, including the Malaria Institute in Teheran and the Higher Institute for Public Health in Alexandria. Amongst significant developments reported was the expansion of vital and health statistics services. The representative of Ethiopia reported the discovery of a few

positive mouse protection tests for yellow fever at Assab on the Red Sea. Further research continues. Despite increased efforts, smallpox continues to be a problem and inter-country and inter-regional cooperation is essential.

9. STATEMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (item 12 of the Agenda)

The representative for UNRWA reported on the health activities of that Agency which cares for more than 900,000 Arab refugees. He noted striking success in eradication of malaria in the Jordan and associated valleys. He drew the attention of the Sub-Committee to the intensive training courses for health education staff who are now available for appointment in neighbouring countries.

The Sub-Committee received the report and thanked the Agency for its work on behalf of the refugees.

The representative for FAO submitted a brief statement especially concerning activities in the field of nutrition, a subject of joint interest to both Agencies, and enumerated the joint nutrition activities being undertaken in the region. The importance of school feeding was stressed. Finally, attention was drawn to the very close cooperation maintained between the two Agencies.

The representative for the United Nations and UNICEF submitted a brief statement conveying the greetings of the Secretary General of the United Nations and reporting on UNICEF activities in the region. He drew attention to the close cooperation between the governments and WHO and UNICEF as an integrated operating team. Attention was drawn to UNICEF policy to concentrate resources where greatest results can be obtained. A brief report was submitted of the activities of the recent UNICEF Executive Board and he stressed the interest of the Board in malaria eradication and environmental sanitation. The importance of child nutrition and school feeding was also emphasized by the representative.

10. OTHER BUSINESS (item 19 of the Agenda)

Under the Agenda item "Other Business", the representative of Iran requested the Regional Director to arrange for a training course for water plant technicians, similar to that arranged in the South East Asia Region.

The Sub-Committee also decided that the topic for the Technical Discussion at the Sixth Session of the Regional Committee should be "Health Education of the Public".

PART III

THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 1957

The Sub-Committee considered and endorsed the report of the programme sub-division which examined the proposed programme and budget for 1957 (item 17 of the Agenda - RC5/EM/3 and /3 Add.1) country by country. It also considered allocations for the regional office and for the inter-regional projects. As compared with the programme for 1956, the programme for 1957 shows an increasing emphasis on inter-country programmes and a slow but steady trend towards increasing long-term educational projects. Nevertheless great emphasis continued to be laid on projects for assisting governments in control of communicable diseases. In this connexion representatives noted the proposals for initiating malaria eradication programmes in certain countries on the mainland of Asia. The question of malaria eradication was further discussed in a separate session under item 14.2 of the Agenda.

The Sub-Committee also considered and endorsed a supplementary programme of deferred projects (RC5/EM/3 Add.1) which should be implemented to the extent practicable if further funds should become available. Certain additions were made to the supplementary programme which are indicated under separate country headings below.

The Sub-Committee considered and specifically endorsed the proposed inter-country programmes outlined in document RC5/EM/3.

The following are summaries of comments made by the representatives, country by country:

1. EGYPT

The 1957 programme for Egypt was considered and endorsed. However the following observations by the representative of Egypt were noted:

The Government of Egypt was not entirely satisfied with the allocation of Regular funds for its programmes. In comparison with neighbouring countries of comparable size the allocation was considered to be unfortunately small. This tendency had been more emphasized by cuts made in the Government's request for technical assistance, though the representative pointed out that the health programme had received some \$100,000 out of a total Technical Assistance allocation to the country of \$700,000.

The Regional Director pointed out that country allocations from the Regular budget should not be considered in relation to any individual year but rather in relation to the programme of the region as a whole over a period of years and indicated that during the period 1949-1955 Egypt was the second largest recipient country from Regular budget funds.

2. ETHIOPIA

The 1957 programme was considered and endorsed. The following observations by the representative for Ethiopia were noted:

The representative wished to draw attention to the statement in the preamble in the Constitution stating that "unequal development in different countries in the promotion of health and control of disease, especially communicable disease, is a common danger" and emphasized that his Government considered that rather larger allocations to the budget for Ethiopia than those received in neighbouring countries might thereby be justified.

3. IRAN

The 1957 programme was considered and endorsed. The following observations of the representative of Iran were noted:

Malaria Institute

The representative drew attention to facilities offered to neighbouring countries by the Malaria Institute in Iran for training at post-graduate level.

Seminars

He strongly supported the seminar programme of the region.

Public Information

He congratulated the regional office on its public information activities.

Malaria Coordinator

He suggested the substitution of the proposed inter-country malaria coordinator by an inter-country public health engineer also for duty in connexion with malaria eradication programmes.

4. IRAQ

The 1957 programme was considered and endorsed. The following observations from the representative of Iraq were noted:

Regular Budget

He suggested that long-term projects should be financed as far as possible from the Regular budget owing to uncertainties associated with the Technical Assistance Programme.

Technical Assistance Planning

He reported unfavourably on the new method of planning for Technical Assistance at country level which tended to mitigate against an appropriate allocation for health projects.

Arabic Language

He supported the proposal for the adoption of Arabic as a third official working language for Sub-Committee A with effect from the sixth session of the Regional Committee.

Regional Allocations

The representative requested information regarding the methods and criteria for allocating Regular budget funds to regions. The Regional Director stated that it was the responsibility of the Director-General to allocate funds between different regions in accordance with data and information at his disposal to ensure a well-balanced world-wide programme.

5. JORDAN

The 1957 programme was considered and endorsed.

6. LEBANON

Subject to the comments noted below, the 1957 programme was considered and endorsed. The following observations from the representative of Lebanon were noted:

Long-term Planning and Coordination

The representative strongly supported the concept of long-term planning and stressed the need for WHO coordination of all health work carried out by various Agencies in Member States of the region.

Technical Assistance Planning

He confirmed the unsatisfactory nature of the new Technical Assistance planning procedure in 1955.

Malaria Coordinator

He suggested the suppression of the proposed inter-country malaria coordinator in favour of appointment of sanitary engineers and other technical staff.

Rehabilitation of Handicapped Children Project

He requested retention of the services of the medical consultant for the rehabilitation of handicapped children project throughout 1956 and 1957. This request was noted.

Supplemental Budget

He requested the addition of the following consultants to the supplemental budget for Lebanon:

- Short-term consultant on school health
- Short-term consultant on radio-isotopes

Arabic Language

He supported the adoption of the Arabic language as an official and working language of Sub-Committee A with effect from the sixth session of the Regional Committee.

7. LIBYA

The 1957 programme was considered and endorsed. The following observations from the representative of Libya were noted:

In the course of discussion he pointed out the special difficulties encountered by Libya since its establishment as an independent country.

Arabic Language

He supported the adoption of the Arabic language as an official and working language of Sub-Committee A with effect from the sixth session of the Regional Committee.

3. PAKISTAN

The 1957 programme was considered and endorsed.

The representative of Pakistan requested that increased allocation for new projects be made if possible but was not prepared at present to make specific requests.

SAUDI ARABIA

The 1957 programme was considered and endorsed. The following observation of the representative of Saudi Arabia was noted :

Arabic Language

The representative proposed that the use of Arabic as an official and working language of Sub-Committee A should be commenced with effect from the sixth session of the Regional Committee.

10. SUDAN

The 1957 programme was considered and endorsed. The following observations of the representative of Sudan were noted;

Environmental Sanitation

The representative drew attention to the fact that the amount allocated for environmental sanitation in the 1957 budget was some \$10,000 less than that allocated in 1956. In this connexion the Regional Director drew attention to the fact that \$10,000 had been allocated for a non-recurring project in 1956 - the seminar in environmental sanitation. He also stressed that environmental sanitation activities figured largely in other projects, especially such projects as health demonstration areas.

The representative of Sudan also requested assistance in establishing a pilot rural health project with emphasis on environmental sanitation. The request was noted.

11. SYRIA

The proposed programme for 1957 was considered and endorsed. The following observation of the representative of Syria was noted :

Arabic Language:

The representative of Syria supported the adoption of the Arabic language as an official and working language of Sub-Committee A with effect from the sixth session of the Regional Committee.

12. UNITED KINGDOM

The 1957 programme for United Kingdom territories in the region was considered and endorsed. The following observations of the representative of the United Kingdom were noted;

He congratulated the Regional Director on his budget for 1957 but suggested that the source of funds in the fourth column of the document RC5/EM/3 headed "Other Extra-Budgetary Funds" should be further specified as in the Official Records of the Organization.

PART IV
THE RESOLUTIONS

In the course of its plenary sessions the Sub-Committee adopted the following resolutions :

RC5A/EM/R.1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The SubCommittee,

ADOPTS the agenda as presented. (RC5/EM/1.rev.1)

RC5A/EM/R.2 REPORT OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

The Sub-Committee,

1. NOTES with approval the Annual Report of the Regional Director; (RC5/EM/1)
2. EXPRESSES its appreciation of the work of the Regional Office;
3. ENDORSES the continued emphasis on control of communicable diseases;
4. EMPHASIZES the importance of improvement of environmental sanitation and continued health education, and
5. REQUESTS the Regional Director to continue and expand assistance to States Members for development of their public health administrative systems and training of staff.

RC5A/EM/R.3 VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

The Sub-Committee,

Having considered the document submitted by the Regional Director; (RC5/EM/8)

1. NOTES that the Eighth World Health Assembly by its resolution on International Quarantine, (WHA8.36) referred to the Committee on International Quarantine for further consideration the question of the progressive loss of immunity following vaccination and the time and degree of development of immunity following re-vaccination;
2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to follow up this question and report to a future Regional Committee.

RC5A/EM/R.4 NOMENCLATURE OF HEALTH PERSONNEL

The Sub-Committee,

Recalling the resolution on the nomenclature of health personnel adopted by Sub-Committee A of the Fourth Regional Committee; (RC4A/EM/R.16)

Recognizing the importance of the adoption as far as possible of a unified nomenclature for health staff;

1. NOTES the proposed nomenclature set out by the Regional Director; (RC5/EM/12)
2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to study this matter further in cooperation with Member States and report to the Sixth Session of the Regional Committee.

RC5A/EM/R.5

USE OF ARABIC AS AN OFFICIAL AND WORKING LANGUAGE

The Sub-Committee,

Considering the advisability of using Arabic as an official and working language in the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean;

RECOMMENDS the use of Arabic as a third language.

RC5A/EM/R.6

RESOLUTIONS OF THE EIGHTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY OF REGIONAL INTEREST

The Sub-Committee,

Having studied the document (RC5/EM/7 and /7 Add.1) presented by the Regional Director drawing attention to certain resolutions passed by the Eighth World Health Assembly of regional interest;

TAKES NOTE of the content of the following resolutions:

WHA8.8
WHA8.12
WHA8.13
WHA8.15
WHA8.18
WHA8.22
WHA8.38

RC5A/EM/R.7

EXPANSION OF PUBLIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION

The Sub-Committee,

Having noted the resolution of the Eighth World Health Assembly (WHA8.20) concerning the expansion of public information activities, and studied the document submitted by the Regional Director; (RC5/EM/14)

Considering the need to make WHO aims and work better known;

1. NOTES with satisfaction the expansion and the work of this Section at Headquarters and at the Regional Office;
2. CALLS UPON Governments of States Members to organize national committees to promote interest and knowledge of the World Health Organization in the countries of the region and to ensure the dissemination of information in a continuous manner by strengthening relations existing between the various departments concerned and the public;

3. REQUESTS the Organization to give increased aid to the region in the following ways;

- (i) by production of basic information material in a wider variety of languages;
- (ii) by extended production of exhibit and other visual material easily adaptable to regional and national needs;
- (iii) by assistance to regional and local initiative in the translation and printing of the monthly WHO Newsletter in non-official languages.

RC5A/EM/R.8

ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION

The Sub-Committee,

Having studied the document submitted by the Regional Director on the Promotion and Implementation of Environmental Sanitation Programmes; (RC5/EM/9)

Noting the ways in which the World Health Organization can assist Member States to develop successful sanitation programmes;

Endorsing the four principal steps set forth which are essential to the success of sanitation programmes, i.e. organization of sanitation services supported by an educational effort, establishment of a national sanitation plan, improving the teaching and training of sanitation personnel and the development of pilot sanitation projects;

1. RECOMMENDS to the Governments of Member States to give due prominence to projects in environmental sanitation when formulating requests for assistance to the World Health Organization, to UNICEF or to other international agencies;

2. INVITES the Regional Director to continue to encourage the establishment of and to strengthen existing environmental sanitation programmes of the Member States.

RC5A/EM/R.9

NURSING

The Sub-Committee,

Having studied the paper on nursing submitted by the Regional Director; (RC5/EM/10)

Having considered nursing programmes and problems as reported by representatives of Member States;

1. CONSIDERS that the development of nursing is of prime importance to all Member States;

2. ACCEPTS the content of the paper in principle;

3. RECOMMENDS the Governments of Member States seriously to consider the drawing-up of suitable nursing legislation, the provision of adequate services for nursing education, the establishment of a section in the Ministry of Health carrying primary responsibility for the nursing services, and the Organization of National Nursing Associations, and

4. REQUESTS the Regional Director to continue to give maximum aid possible for the development of modern and efficient nursing services and to the development of programmes of nursing education based on policies laid down by the Expert Committee on Nursing of the World Health Organization.

RC5A/EM/R.10

MALARIA ERADICATION PROGRAMMES IN THE EASTERN
MEDITERRANEAN REGION

The Sub-Committee,

Noting the resolution of the Eighth World Health Assembly (WHA8.30) concerning the eradication of malaria;

Having studied the document submitted by the Regional Director; (RC5/EM/12)

Considering the danger constituted by the potential development of anopheline resistance to insecticides;

Recognizing the great importance of malaria as a cause of high mortality and morbidity rates in the Region, with resultant economic loss;

Noting with satisfaction the plans already drawn up for continued assistance by the Organization; and

Noting that up to 50% of the total cost of eradication programmes can be met from international or other forms of aid;

1. CALLS upon the Governments of States Members within the Region in which such programmes are feasible, to draw up long-term plans for eradication of malaria and to press their respective legislative bodies to commit adequate funds in advance for a five-year programme;

2. REQUESTS the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund to provide the maximum possible aid to countries concerned.

RC5A/EM/R.11

POLIOMYELITIS AND ITS PREVENTION

The Sub-Committee,

Noting the document submitted by the Regional Director; (RC5/EM/6)

1. ENDORSES the action of the Regional Director in cooperating with institutions within the Region carrying out research work concerning poliomyelitis;

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to continue studies on the problem of poliomyelitis within the Region and to report to a future Regional Committee.

RC5A/EM/R.12

REGIONAL PROGRAMME

The Sub-Committee,

Having considered the proposed programme and budget estimates for 1956 submitted by the Regional Director; (RC5/EM/3 and /3 Add.1)

1. CONSIDERS this document sets out a satisfactory programme within the budget provided either through WHO Regular Funds or through the Technical Assistance Programme subject to the following change:

Page 92 Malaria Coordinator EMRO 20: The post of malariologist to be deleted and replaced by one post of Public Health Engineer and one post of sanitarian;

2. FORWARDS this proposed programme of work and attendant budget, as amended, in accordance with the terms of resolution WHA8.23 of the Eighth World Health Assembly;

3. SPECIFICALLY ENDORSES the proposed programme of inter-country activities;

4. RECOMMENDS the use of the Arabic language as a third official and working language for Sub-Committee A of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, commencing not later than 1957;

5. THANKS UNICEF for its cooperation.

RC5A/EM/R.13

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

The Sub-Committee,

Having studied the report of the Regional Director on developments in the UN Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the programme proposed for countries in the region under that programme for 1956 and 1957; (RC5/EM/3 and /3 Add.1)

Noting resolutions WHA8.32 and WHA8.33;

Considering the role of the programme in improving the health of the people in the region as an integral part of economic and social development;

1. EXPRESSES the hope that in future years the problems encountered in the first experience of country programming will be avoided;

2. REQUESTS Governments in the region to assure that their health officials participate fully in the work of the coordinating body responsible for the development of their total country programmes, so that the health aspects of economic and social development may be adequately considered;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to provide such advice and assistance as health ministries may require in developing their project proposals for inclusion in the country's total programme and in their discussions with Resident Representatives, who perform a coordinating function in the development of Technical Assistance programmes;

4. REQUESTS that the proposals for the Regional Nursing College and for the World Health Organization's participation in the Arab States Fundamental Education Centre be approved by the Technical Assistance Board;

5. EXPRESSES the hope that provision will be made in establishing the 1957 country target figures, including the WHO target sub-totals, for the activities which appear in the proposals for the programme and cost estimates for Technical Assistance in 1957.

EM/R.14 GENERAL PROGRAMME OF FOR A SPECIFIC PERIOD

The Sub-Committee,

Noting resolution WHA8.10 of the Eighth World Health Assembly;

Having studied the document submitted by the Regional Director; (RC5/EM/4)

1. CONSIDERS that the document outlines a satisfactory programme of work for the regional organs of the World Health Organization during the period 1957-1960;
2. ENDORSES the concept of the Regional Director that the programme of work for this specific period is composed of the summation of the plans and programmes of States Members;
3. CALLS UPON Governments to draw up programmes of work for their individual countries within the framework of the document submitted and in cooperation with the Regional Director.

RC5A/EM/R.15 DRUG ADDICTION

The Sub-Committee,

Having heard the report of the Iranian representative on the question of drug addiction;

1. NOTES with satisfaction the action taken by the Government of Iran on this question; and
2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to include the problem of drug addiction, and its control among the activities of the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

RC5A/EM/R.16 UNRWA

The Sub-Committee,

1. RECEIVES with interest the report of the Chief, Health Division, on the health activities carried out by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees; (RC5/EM/16)
2. THANKS UNRWA for its continued health work among the Palestine refugees.

RC5A/EM/R.17 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS IN REGIONAL COMMITTEES

The Sub-Committee,

Having considered document RC5/EM/5 submitted by the Regional Director;

Considering that it would not be desirable for the rights and obligations of Associate Members to differ in the various regions;

Considering that no change has occurred in the region of the Eastern Mediterranean with regard to the responsibilities and relations of Associate Members;

BELIEVES that the consideration of this matter is premature and that it should be deferred to the next session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean.

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