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WHO APPROVAL OF THE DESIGNATION OF THE INSTITUTE OF HYGIENE AND
BACTERIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF STRASBURG, AS ONE CAPABLE OF CARRYING
OUT BIOLOGICAL TESTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION OF
IMMUNITY AGAINST YELLOW FEVER

APPLICATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE

The French Government has designated the Institute of Hygiene and Bacteriology, Strasburg, for the purposes of Article XI (8) of the international Convention for Aerial Navigation, 1944, amending the Convention of 1933, and requests WHO approval of such designation. In this connexion the footnote on the International Certificate of Immunity against Yellow Fever, annexed to the International Sanitary Conventions of 1944, states: "This certificate is not valid unless the laboratory performing the blood test and the method employed have been approved by UNRRA" (now by WHO).

In its statement supporting the desired designation, the French Government observes that the laboratory concerned employs, as routine, the method of Max Theiler in carrying out its sero-protection tests on white mice by the intra-cerebral route.

In accordance with the procedure for dealing with such matters laid down by the Executive Board at its second session,¹ the Director-General forwarded the application of the French Government, together with all relevant details, to those members of the Yellow Fever Panel concerned, viz: Médecin Général C. Durieux, Dr. A.F. Mahaffy, Dr. R.M. Taylor and Dr. M.V. Veldee, and invited their recommendations as to whether or not WHO approval of the Institute at Strasburg should, for the purpose stated, be accorded.

¹ Off. Rec. World Hlth Org. 14, 24

The Panel members were unanimous in recommending that the desired approval should be given.

The Executive Board may, therefore, wish to adopt the following resolution:

The Executive Board:

APPROVES the Institute of Hygiene and Bacteriology, University of Strasburg, for the carrying out of sero-protection tests required for the international certification of immunity against yellow fever.