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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC

Report on Fourth Session

The Director-General has the honour to present, for the information of members of the Executive Board, the attached summary of resolutions and decisions of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific at its fourth session.<sup>1</sup> The agenda for this session and a list of the delegates, representatives and observers attending are annexed to the report.

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<sup>1</sup> Document WP/RC4/22 Rev. 2

## REGIONAL COMMITTEE

WESTERN PACIFIC REGION

Fourth SessionTokyo3 to 8 September 1953SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS  
OF THE  
REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC

The fourth session of the Regional Committee was held in Tokyo from 3 to 8 September 1953.

Representatives were welcomed to Tokyo by Their Excellencies, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Health and Welfare.<sup>1</sup>

The secretary read to the meeting a speech prepared by the retiring Chairman, Dr. Henri Marcel. The Committee elected Dr. Takemune Soda, Chairman, and Dr. J.M. Cruikshank, Vice-Chairman. Dr. C.H. Yen and Dr. Henri Marcel were elected Rapporteurs.

The Provisional Agenda was adopted.<sup>2</sup>

The Chairman designated Dr. O.R. McCoy Moderator of the Technical Discussions.

In the course of six plenary meetings, the Committee adopted the following resolutions:

WP/RC4/R1 LONG-TERM PROGRAMME FOR APPROXIMATELY A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD

The Regional Committee

REITERATES the necessity of the development of a long-term programme for the Region;

REALIZES the difficulty of its preparation without adequate data and information furnished by Member States;

CALLS once more for the co-operation of all Member States in submitting such data and information; and

<sup>1</sup> For list of representatives and observers see Annex A.

<sup>2</sup> Annex B.

INSTRUCTS the Regional Director to continue consultation with as many Member States as possible and to prepare, when sufficient data have been accumulated, a long-term programme for discussion and consideration by the Regional Committee in a future session.

WP/RC4/R2

#### REGIONAL CO-OPERATION IN PUBLIC HEALTH

The Regional Committee

Having been informed of the great advantage in:

- (a) the establishment of a clearing centre in the Office of the Regional Director for the collection and distribution of information data from and useful to member countries;
- (b) the benefits derived from intra-regional fellowships which further strengthen friendly ties which are the basis of harmonious relations in accordance with the preamble of the Constitution of the WHO;
- (c) the far-reaching value of seminars which further establish better and closer working relationship and facilitate free exchange of ideas and information essential in developing better health standards and techniques;

INSTRUCTS the Regional Director to continue this programme of establishing better co-operation, exchange of information and intra-regional fellowships.

WP/RC4/R3

#### ROTATION OF REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Regional Committee

Considering that the Organization has a limited sum only available for committee meetings and that the extra expenses over and above those normally incurred when meetings are held at Regional Headquarters must be borne by the host government,

REAFFIRMS the principle of rotation approved by the Committee at its third session.

WP/RC4/R4

#### RURAL MALARIA CONTROL CONFERENCE

The Regional Committee

NOTES the action taken on the Rural Malaria Control Conference.

WP/RC4/R5

## REGIONAL MALARIA CONTROL PROGRAMMES

### The Regional Committee

Knowing that malaria is still one of the most important public health problems in many countries in the Region; that this disease has to be controlled if success is to be expected from the other programmes designed to promote economic and social development; and that it is very essential to effect the control of this disease as soon as possible;

Realizing that rapid and efficient control of the disease could be effected by undertaking malaria control in as large an area as possible, and that such large-scale malaria control programmes should be properly co-ordinated as much as possible from an inter-country and eventually an inter-regional basis;

Realizing further, that while many of the malaria-stricken countries in the Region are anxious to undertake malaria control programmes in as large an area as possible, financial considerations have not permitted them to do so;

ACKNOWLEDGES with grateful appreciation the assistance and co-operation which are being provided by such organizations as the Mutual Security Agency of the United States of America in taking an active and important part in the extension of malaria control activities in many countries in this Region;

HOPES that such organizations would continue their very valuable assistance and co-operation;

REQUESTS member countries of the Western Pacific to endeavour to plan and implement large-scale and long-term programmes of malaria control to the extent that their resources will permit, and to consider all means of integrating national malaria control programmes into sub-regional and, eventually, regional programmes of malaria control; and

INSTRUCTS the Regional Director to assist the Member Countries in the integration of such programmes.

WP/RC4/R6

## REVIEW OF THE 1954 PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

### The Regional Committee

Having studied the amendments made in the Programme and Budget for 1954 since it was approved by the third session of the Regional Committee;

Having noted resolution WHA6.27 adopted by the Sixth World Health Assembly with regard to the need of establishing priorities for the implementation of the 1954 Programme;

Considering the uncertainty which still exists with regard to the amount of Technical Assistance Funds which may become available during 1954;

Realizing therefore, the likelihood of further modifications of the 1954 Programme which may have to be made,

GIVES the Regional Director authority to continue projects already initiated and to establish priorities in 1954 for projects of regional significance, or those planned and in which Governments have made commitments or where commitments in a project have involved other international organizations subject to the availability of additional funds.

WP/RC4/R7

#### REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

##### The Regional Committee

Having considered the report of the subcommittee set up to study the annual report of the Regional Director:

CONGRATULATES the Regional Director on the valuable work accomplished during the year, and on the nature and scope of the many activities in progress throughout the Region;

ADOPTS the report as presented;

SUGGESTS that the Regional Director, in the coming year, in the education and training programmes, give consideration to:

- (1) encouraging fellowships within the Western Pacific Region, and reducing as far as possible, fellowships involving study and travel in distant regions;
- (2) directing fellowship studies, where the requisite courses are available, to those institutions within the Region which have been given WHO assistance;

SUGGESTS that in future the annual report of the Regional Director cover the period 1 August to 31 July.

WP/RC4/R8      SUBJECT OF 1954 TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

The Regional Committee

DECIDES that the subject of the technical discussions in 1954 will be public health administration with particular reference to the organization of health departments.

WP/RC4/R9      1955 PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

The Regional Committee

TAKES note of the frank and realistic statement of the Regional Director of fiscal difficulties facing this Region;

ACCEPTS his requests for co-operation;

RECOGNIZES that there is no real assurance of any increase in the annual contributions to WHO;

RESOLVES that the Regional Committee take note of the 1955 budget for the Region of the Western Pacific and instruct the Regional Director to submit it to the Director-General, who shall be requested to bear in mind the priorities established by the Regional Committee for its implementation.

WP/RC4/R10      PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

The Regional Committee

Having studied the financial situation confronting the Organization;

Appreciating that there is an insufficiency of funds with which to implement all of the requests received;

Realizing that there is also a continued uncertainty regarding the amount of Technical Assistance Funds which will be available;

Realizing that the secretariat in this situation cannot administer the programme efficiently;

Believing that the work of the Organization should receive further support and that it would be an advantage to the Regional Office to know in advance what funds would be available,

RECOMMENDS that the Member Governments of the Region give consideration to increasing and stabilizing the resources by any of the following means:

- (a) increasing the regular contributions, or,
- (b) making regional appropriations, or,
- (c) increasing contributions to the Technical Assistance for Economic Development Funds, or making contributions directly to the Organization, or,
- (d) making special contributions to the Organization, or,
- (e) making reimbursement for services rendered, and

that the Regional Director be informed of the decisions taken before 1 December 1953.

WP/RC4/R11

ADDENDA AND CORRIGENDUM TO THE 1954 AND 1955 PROGRAMMES

The Regional Committee

NOTES the addendum and the two corrigenda to the 1955 Programme and Budget (WP/RC4/7 Add.1, WP/RC4/7 Corr. 1 and WP/RC4/7 Corr. 2).

WP/RC4/R12

1955 PROGRAMME PRIORITIES

The Regional Committee

GIVES the Regional Director authority to establish priorities in 1955 for projects of regional significance, or for those planned and in which Governments have made commitments or where commitments in a project have involved other international organizations subject to the availability of additional funds;

- (1) to continue to assist in strengthening national health administrations;
- (2) to continue assistance to education and training programmes;
- (3) both the above should be related where possible to Region-wide disease control programmes; and
- (4) in allocating priorities to these programmes, high priorities should be given to ensuring the maximum aid for the control of smallpox, tuberculosis, malaria, yaws, venereal diseases, and nutritional diseases.

WP/RC4/R13

**HEALTH PROBLEMS OF REFUGEES**

The Regional Committee

Realizing the sad plight of the refugees of Korea as reported by the Minister of Health of Korea;

Knowing that, as a consequence of war, multiple health problems have arisen, such as those of malnutrition, communicable diseases, sanitation, maternal and infant care, medical attention to the sick and injured, the aged, etc.

Conscious that in such national disasters other international agencies are invariably extending material aid to the sufferers and that WHO is to furnish technical advisory and consultative services;

INSTRUCTS the Regional Director to give technical advice and to assist in the co-ordination of international assistance to Governments in solving refugee health problems within their territories in this Region.

WP/RC4/R14

**TRAVEL STUDY TOUR**

The Regional Committee

Realizing the importance of and benefits to be derived from group conferences and study tours in the countries included in the Western Pacific Region;

REQUESTS the Regional Director to give consideration where funds are available, to the provision of study tours in the countries of the Western Pacific Region.

WP/RC4/R15

**POSTGRADUATE COURSE IN STATISTICAL SERVICES**

The Regional Committee

Having studied the proposal, "Organization of a Postgraduate Course in Statistical Services in one of the Cities of the Western Pacific Region" presented by Viet-Nam;

INSTRUCTS the Regional Director to give a high priority to the proposed inter-country project, Statistics Training Course, contained in Document WP/RC4/7.



WP/RC4/R16 CAMPAIGN AGAINST SMALLPOX

The Regional Committee

NOTES the resolutions of the Sixth World Health Assembly (WHA6.18) and the twelfth session of the Executive Board (EB12.R13) regarding smallpox;

REAFFIRMS the desirability of undertaking the regional survey authorized by the third session of the Regional Committee;

INSTRUCTS the Regional Director to proceed with the survey with the greatest expedition possible, and

REQUESTS the Secretary to inform the Director-General that the Committee considers that it will not be in a position to furnish suggestions and information to the Executive Board in any complete manner before the conclusion of the regional survey.

WP/RC4/R17 RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The Regional Committee

NOTES the resolution passed by the Sixth World Health Assembly, and,

RECOMMENDS that Associate Members be given full voting rights at Regional Committee Meetings.

WP/RC4/R18 REIMBURSEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES' TRAVELLING EXPENSES

The Regional Committee

Considering the decision made concerning the 1955 Programme and Budget, the need for funds for programme purposes, and the recognition by representatives of the changing fiscal picture of the Organization's regional programme,

RECOMMENDS that the travelling expenses of representatives of Member and Associate Member States for attendance at sessions of Regional Committees be borne by the Member and Associate Member Governments.

WP/RC4/R19 RECOGNITION OF UNICEF ASSISTANCE

The Regional Committee

Having noted the statements of the Director-General of the World Health Organization concerning the close co-operation between WHO and UNICEF;

Considering the significance of this co-operation between the two Organizations and the importance of UNICEF's contribution to health programmes in the Western Pacific Region,

EXPRESSES to UNICEF the gratitude of the Member States of the Western Pacific Region for its whole-hearted participation, and

REQUESTS the Director-General to transmit the text of this resolution to UNICEF.

WP/RC4/R20

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Regional Committee

Realizing the importance of an informed public opinion;

RECOMMENDS:

- (1) that each Member State take immediate steps to translate where necessary, to reproduce and to distribute on the widest possible scale, information concerning the work of WHO;
- (2) that each Member State take action to establish the liaison service already approved; and
- (3) that each Member State include teaching on WHO as a subject in the curricula of Government and, where possible, private schools.

WP/RC4/R21

TIME, PLACE AND DURATION OF NEXT TWO SESSIONS

The Regional Committee

ACCEPTS the kind invitation extended by the Government of Singapore to act as host to the sixth session of the Regional Committee to be held in 1955.

WP/RC4/R22

THIRD REGIONAL NUTRITION COMMITTEE IN SOUTH AND EAST ASIA

The Regional Committee

NOTES the Document WP/RC4/17 and the Secretary's statement concerning the Bandung Nutrition Conference.

WP/RC4/R23

CO-ORDINATION AND DIRECTION OF HEALTH WORK

The Regional Committee

TAKES NOTE of the draft resolution entitled "Direction and Co-ordination of Health Work" (WP/RC4/19) formulated during the Technical Discussions.

WP/RC4/R24 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT

The Regional Committee

TAKES NOTE of the Economic and Social Council resolution concerned with Community Organization and Development adopted by the Council on 31 July 1953.

WP/RC4/R25 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

The Regional Committee

Having received many favours and courtesies from the Government and people of Japan;

REQUESTS the chief representative of Japan to convey its sincere appreciation for all the hospitality received and the favours given by the Government of Japan and in particular

Their Excellencies

The Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Minister and Vice-Minister of Health and Welfare

and their staff

also

The President of the Japan Medical Association and the members of the Japanese Delegation.

WP/RC4/R26 RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

The Regional Committee

EXPRESSES:

- (1) its sincere appreciation to Dr. Candau, the Director-General of WHO;
- (2) its appreciation of the capability of Dr. Soda, the Chairman of the fourth session;
- (3) its gratitude to the Secretary and the members of his staff, including the interpreters, stenographers, and clerks; and
- (4) its appreciation of the observers, whose presence at the session had been a source of inspiration to the members of the Committee.

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REGIONAL COMMITTEE

WESTERN PACIFIC REGION

Fourth Session

Tokyo

5 to 8 September 1953

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REGIONAL COMMITTEE

WESTERN PACIFIC REGION

Fourth SessionTokyo3 to 8 September 1953

## AGENDA

1. Opening of Regional Committee Meeting  
(Address by retiring Chairman - Dr. Henri Marcel)
2. Speech - Dr. Katsuo Okazaki  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
  
Speech - Mr. Katsumi Yamagata  
Minister of Health and Welfare
3. Election of New Officers  
(Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Rapporteurs)
4. Address by new Chairman
5. Adoption of Agenda
6. Technical Discussions
  - 6.1 Designation of Moderator
  - 6.2 See Provisional Agenda for the Technical Discussions
7. Brief Statements by Representatives on progress of health activities and the implementation by Governments of the various resolutions passed during the Third Session of the Regional Committee.
8. Report of the Regional Director
9. Report on progress made concerning Resolutions
  - 9.1 Long-term Programme for approximately a 5-year period
  - 9.2 Establishment of better co-operation among the Member Countries in this Region in the Field of Public Health; exchange of information and Intra-Regional Fellowships
  - 9.3 Rotation of Regional Committee Meetings
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    - 12.1.1 Health Problems of Refugees
  - 12.2 Philippines
    - 12.2.1 A programme of study and observation of the national health administrations and services of the countries in the Western Pacific Region with the view to developing effective and economical administrations utilizing the best features of all
  - 12.3 Viet-Nam
    - 12.3.1 Organization of a postgraduate course of statistical services in one of the cities of the Western Pacific Region
13. Items proposed by the World Health Assembly and the Twelfth Executive Board
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  - 13.2 Rights and obligations of Associate Members (WHA6.38, EB11.R26, WHA2.103)
  - 13.3 Reimbursement of the travelling expenses of Representatives of Member States and Associate Members to sessions of Regional Committees (WHA6.44, II & III, EB11.R50, II & III)
14. Public Information
15. Time, place and duration of next two sessions
16. Other business
  - 16.1 Third Regional Nutrition Committee in South and East Asia
17. Adoption of Summary Reports of Decisions made and Resolutions approved by the Fourth Session of the Regional Committee
18. Closing Address - Mr. Katsumi Yamagata  
Minister of Health and Welfare
19. Adjournment