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**DRAFT REPORT OF THE LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE TO THE COMMITTEE
ON ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE AND LEGAL MATTERS**

The Legal Sub-Committee met on 17 May 1962.

Representatives of the following ^{delegations} were present: Australia, Belgium, Ceylon, France, Italy, Malaya, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, United Arab Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

At its first meeting, the Sub-Committee elected Mr R. S. S. Gunewardene (Ceylon), as Chairman, Mr J. de Coninck (Belgium) as Vice-Chairman and Mr E. J. Martinez (Federation of Malaya) as Rapporteur.

The Sub-Committee adopted its agenda and proceeded to the examination of the only item referred to it.

The Sub-Committee proposes that the Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters recommend to the Fifteenth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions:

Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly

"The Fifteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Health Assembly as proposed by the Executive Board at its twenty-ninth session and the additional amendments thereto submitted subsequently,

ADOPTS the following amendments to the Rules of Procedure:

Rule 3

In the first paragraph, delete "related" in the sixth line, and in the seventh line insert "admitted into relationship with the Organization" between "organizations" and "invited".

In the second paragraph, delete "or States which were represented in any way at the International Health Conference in New York in 1946". As a consequence "and" should be inserted before "States" in the third line.

Rule 5 (a)

Replace "the annual report" by "the Annual Report".

Rule 5 (b)

Delete, and replace by, new paragraph as follows:

"(b) all items that the Health Assembly has, in a previous session, ordered to be included".

Rule 5 (f)

Delete "a formal agreement, subject to the relevant provisions thereof" and replace by "effective relations".

Rule 8

In the second and eleventh lines, delete "other".

Rule 10

In the second line, delete "other".

Rule 12

In the fourth line insert "Health" before "Assembly".

Rule 13

In lines 2 and 3 delete "if any".

Rule 14

In line 6 after "sent to" delete "related non-governmental organizations" and insert "non-governmental organizations admitted into relationship with the Organization".

Rule 16

In the first line replace "act as" by "be ex officio".

Rule 19

Delete "related" from the end of the first paragraph and revise as follows:

"... and non-governmental organizations admitted into relationship with the Organization".

Rule 20

Delete, and replace by new rules as follows:

Rule 20

"Plenary meetings of the Health Assembly shall be held in public unless the Health Assembly decides that exceptional circumstances require that the meeting be held in private. The Health Assembly shall determine the participation at private meetings beyond that of the delegations of Members, the representatives of Associate Members and the representatives of the United Nations. Decisions of the Health Assembly taken at a private meeting shall be announced at an early public meeting of the Health Assembly."

Rule 20 (bis)

Subject to any decision of the Health Assembly, the Director-General shall make appropriate arrangements for the admission of the public and of representatives of the press and of other information agencies to the plenary meetings of the Health Assembly.

Rule 21 (a)

Delete "related" from the second line, and revise as follows:

"... and invited organizations ..."

Rule 26

Revise as follows:

"In addition to exercising the powers which are conferred upon him elsewhere by these Rules, the President shall declare the opening and closing of each plenary meeting of the session, shall direct the discussions in plenary meetings, ensure observance of these Rules, accord the right to speak, put questions and announce decisions. He shall rule on points of order, and, subject to these Rules, shall control the proceedings at any meeting and shall maintain order thereat. The President may, in the course of the discussion of any item, propose to the Health Assembly the limitation of the time to be allowed to each speaker."

Rule 32 (a)

Delete, and replace by the following:

"(a) decide the time and place of all plenary meetings, of the meetings of the main committees and of all meetings of committees established at plenary meetings during the session. Whenever practicable, the General Committee shall make known a few days in advance the date and hour of meetings of the Health Assembly and of the committees".

Rule 32 (b)

In the second line, delete "of" and replace by "during".

Rule 32 (c)

Replace "on the agenda" by "of the agenda".

Rule 32 (e)

After "co-ordinate the work of", insert "the main committees and".

Rule 33

At the end of the last paragraph but one, replace "on the agenda" by "of the agenda".

Rule 45

In the last line, delete "the circulation" and replace by "their circulation".

Rule 48

Replace the expression "on the agenda" by "of the agenda".

Rule 49

Replace the expression "on the agenda" by "of the agenda".

Rule 51

In the fourth line, delete "and editing".

Rule 52

Immediately following this rule, insert a new rule as follows:

Rule 52 (bis)

No delegate may address the Health Assembly without having previously obtained the permission of the President. The President shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire to speak. The President may call a speaker to order if his remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.

Rule 60

Immediately following this rule, insert a new rule, as follows:

Rule 60 (bis)

Subject to Rule 60, any motion calling for a decision on the competence of the Health Assembly to adopt a proposal submitted to it shall be put to the vote before a vote is taken on the proposal in question.

Rule 62

In the seventh line, after "put to the vote", insert the following:

"Where, however, the adoption of one amendment necessarily implies the rejection of another amendment, the latter amendment shall not be put to the vote."

Rule 70

Immediately following this rule, insert a new rule as follows:

Rule 70 (bis)

After the President has announced the beginning of voting, no delegate shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connexion with the actual conduct of voting.

Rule 71

Delete the footnote, and add new second paragraph as follows:

"A decision under this rule by the Health Assembly whether or not to vote by secret ballot may only be taken by a show of hands; if the Assembly has decided to vote on a particular question by secret ballot, no other mode of voting may be requested or decided upon."

Rules 84 to 87

Delete, and replace by the followings:

Rule 84

Verbatim records of all plenary meetings and summary records of the meetings of the General Committee and of committees and sub-committees shall be made by the Secretariat. Unless otherwise expressly decided by the committee concerned, no record shall be made of the proceedings of the Committee on Nominations or of the Committee on Credentials other than the report presented by the Committee to the Health Assembly.

Rule 85

The summary records referred to in Rule 84 shall be sent as soon as possible to delegations, to representatives of Associate Members and to the representatives of the Board, who shall inform the Secretariat in writing not later than forty-eight hours thereafter of any corrections they wish to have made.

Rule 86

As soon as possible after the close of each session, copies of all verbatim and summary records, resolutions, recommendations and other formal decisions adopted by the Health Assembly shall be transmitted by the Director-General to Members and Associate Members, to the United Nations and to all specialized agencies with which the Organization has entered into effective relations. The records of private meetings shall be transmitted to the participants only.

Rule 87

Verbatim and summary records of public meetings and the reports of all committees and sub-committees shall be published in the Official Records of the Organization.