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COMMITTEE B

DRAFT FIFTH REPORT OF COMMITTEE B

During its ninth meeting held on 20 May 1974 Committee B decided to recommend to the Twenty-seventh World Health Assembly the adoption of the attached resolutions relating to the following agenda item:

- 3.14 Eighteenth Report of the Committee on International Surveillance of Communicable Diseases

(Three resolutions have been adopted on this agenda item)



COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL SURVEILLANCE OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Eighteenth Report

The Twenty-seventh World Health Assembly,

Having considered the eighteenth report of the Committee on International Surveillance of Communicable Diseases,

1. THANKS the members of the Committee for their work; and
2. APPROVES the recommendations in the eighteenth report of the Committee on International Surveillance of Communicable Diseases subject to the comments and modifications contained in the report of the Working Group of Committee B.¹

¹ Document A27/B/6.

SAFETY OF FOOD AND WATER AND THE HANDLING
OF WASTES IN INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC

The Twenty-seventh World Health Assembly,

Having considered resolution EB53.R27 adopted by the Executive Board at its fifty-third session and the recommendation made by the Committee on International Surveillance of Communicable Diseases at its eighteenth session;

Recalling paragraph 4 of resolution WHA26.54;

Believing that, in view of the growth of international traffic, continuous attention should be given to the safety of food and water and the handling of wastes in such traffic,

1. STRESSES the need for each Member State to clarify the ultimate responsibility for the safety of food and water and the proper handling of wastes in international traffic;
2. RECOMMENDS that Member States coordinate and ensure the close and active participation in such a responsibility of health authorities, port and airport management, aircraft operators, shipping companies, tourist associations, and any other service or agency concerned with international traffic;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to maintain close contact with representatives of international organizations concerned with international traffic with a view to promoting the coordination and implementation of activities aimed at improving the safety of food and water and the handling of wastes; and
4. REQUESTS the Director-General to prepare appropriate guidance materials for the use of health and other agencies in this field and keep them up to date.

RESERVATIONS TO THE ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS OF 23 MAY 1973 AMENDING THE
INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS (1969)

The Twenty-seventh World Health Assembly,

Having considered a report¹ on the reservations to the Additional Regulations of 23 May 1973 amending the International Health Regulations (1969), adopted by the Twenty-sixth World Health Assembly in resolution WHA26.55, and comments thereto contained in the eighteenth report of the Committee on International Surveillance of Communicable Diseases,

1. ADOPTS the report;
2. REQUESTS the Director-General to transmit the report to all governments and to members of the Committee on International Surveillance of Communicable Diseases; and
3. INVITES those governments not yet bound by the International Health Regulations (1969) to take appropriate action as a matter of urgency so as to facilitate international travel, the surveillance of communicable diseases and the interchange of health information.

¹ Document A27/B/6.