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REPORT OF THE DR A. T. SHOUSHA FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

(Meeting of 23 January 1976)

The Dr A. T. Shousha Foundation Committee met on 23 January 1976 in conformity with the Statutes of the Dr A. T. Shousha Foundation under the chairmanship of Professor J. Kostrzewski.

The Committee reviewed the replies received to the Director-General's letter of 20 October 1975 regarding nominations from the Member States of the geographical area in which Dr A. T. Shousha served the World Health Organization and from the former recipients of the Prize and examined the documentation received in support of the proposed candidates. It decided not to consider the nominations received after 15 December 1975, the closing date given in the Director-General's letter.

The Committee decided to recommend to the World Health Assembly that the Dr A. T. Shousha Foundation Prize for 1976 be awarded to Dr N. Ramzi, Vice-Minister of Health of the Syrian Arab Republic.

A specialist in public health and social medicine, Dr Ramzi has devoted his career to the development of public health and preventive medicine in his country. Being particularly concerned with the development of the basic health services and primary health care, he contributed to making this health policy a feature of the third five-year plan for Syria (1970-1975). He has been closely associated with the implementation of this development plan.

Dr Ramzi's unremitting efforts in the control of communicable diseases are particularly noteworthy. He successfully directed the campaigns to control the three epidemics of cholera which affected his country in 1970, 1972 and 1975 and the smallpox epidemic in 1972. He also helped to organize a national programme of immunization against communicable diseases.

At the regional level, Dr Ramzi has placed his experience, especially in cholera and malaria control, at the service of the countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region.

At the international level, Dr Ramzi has been an active spokesman for the health interests of his region and for the cause of international cooperation.

The Committee also reviewed the reply received to the Director-General's letter of 20 October 1975 dealing with the nomination for the granting of the Dr A. T. Shousha Fellowship, as provided in the revised Statutes of the Foundation (articles 3 and 5 bis).

The Committee decided to grant the fellowship to Dr Mohamed Ibrahim Mohamed El Laithy of Egypt for study at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine during the academic year 1976/77 to obtain the Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.