

EB7.R60 Continuing Needs of Children and Relations with UNICEF ³⁹

Whereas the First World Health Assembly adopted a resolution establishing the Joint Committee on Health Policy, UNICEF/WHO, and laying down its terms of reference ; ⁴⁰

Whereas the Third World Health Assembly considered, inter alia, that

... in the future development of international programmes for children, the principle should be adopted of utilizing to the maximum the services of the appropriate permanent specialized agencies, and that any special machinery required by the United Nations in this field should be limited to what is necessary for fund raising, for co-ordination of programme planning and, to the extent agreed between the agencies concerned, for the procurement and shipment of supplies (resolution WHA3.50) ;

Whereas the United Nations General Assembly, in a resolution on the Continuing Needs of Children,⁴¹ decided that UNICEF should be continued with a reconstituted Executive Board ;

Whereas Article I of the Agreement between the United Nations and the World Health Organization states that

the United Nations recognizes the World Health Organization as the specialized agency responsible for taking such action as may be appropriate under its Constitution for the accomplishment of the objectives set forth therein ;

Whereas the Second World Health Assembly approved (resolution WHA2.24) and the Third World Health Assembly reaffirmed (resolution WHA3.46) the principles adopted by the Joint Committee on Health Policy, UNICEF/WHO, at its third session, which govern

... the co-operative relationship between the World Health Organization as the United Nations specialized agency recognized as the directing and co-ordinating authority on international health work, and UNICEF, with regard to both health programmes approved by the Joint Committee on Health Policy, and any new health programmes which may be developed for its consideration ;

Whereas on behalf of the Director-General of the World Health Organization a statement of policy was delivered to the last meeting of the UNICEF Executive Board ;⁴²

Whereas arrangements have been concluded between the Director-General of WHO and the Executive Director of UNICEF concerning the BCG programme and the provision of funds to WHO for services beyond the limitations of its resources (resolutions WHA3.46 and WHA3.108),

The Executive Board,

Having noted the various resolutions adopted by the United Nations General Assembly and Economic and Social Council on the problem of the proliferation and overlapping of the programmes of the United Nations and of specialized agencies and also the repeated requests of the General Assembly and specialized agencies to secure the requisite co-ordination of effort,

1. APPROVES the statement of policy delivered on behalf of the Director-General at the last meeting (in November 1950) of the UNICEF Executive Board, the action taken by the Director-General in the recent negotiations with UNICEF on the BCG programme, and the agreement on the provision of funds by UNICEF to WHO for services provided by the latter beyond the limits of its resources ;
2. EXPRESSES its appreciation of the fact that many international health programmes have been inaugurated because of UNICEF/WHO co-operation ;
3. WELCOMES the additional indications of close co-operation with UNICEF and increasing co-ordination at the planning stage in assisting governments to develop their health programmes ;
4. RESOLVES to draw the attention of the Fourth World Health Assembly to the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly on " Continuing Needs of Children : United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund ", particularly to those provisions governing
 - (1) responsibilities of the Economic and Social Council and its Social Commission ;

