

The Executive Board,

Having studied resolutions WHA5.77 and WHA5.78 on technical discussions at the Sixth World Health Assembly ;

Recognizing that the instructions in these resolutions on the choice of subject are to some extent incompatible ;

Aware of the wide field covered by these topics and the need, expressed by Chairmen of previous technical discussions, for more clearly defined subjects ;

Desiring to interpret the wishes of the Health Assembly in a way which takes into account the different views arising from previous experience ; and

Considering it necessary to discuss the topics set out in resolution WHA5.78, sub-paragraphs (1) and (2), in a manner which would permit the group discussions to take place within clearly defined limits,

1. DECIDES that the technical discussions at the Sixth World Health Assembly should be limited to the following :

A study of methods of applying modern health techniques of a preventive and curative nature to give the most effective and economical results on a long-term programme in relation to the following communicable diseases : (a) tuberculosis, (b) syphilis and (c) the typhoid group of fevers.

2. RECOMMENDS that the technical discussions should be held during the three days following the initial plenary meetings of the Health Assembly and before the main committees begin, to be followed by a discussion of the report later in the Health Assembly ;

3. REQUESTS the Director-General to make the necessary arrangements for these discussions, bearing in mind the recommendation of the Chairmen of the technical discussions at the Fourth and Fifth World Health Assemblies that experiments should continue to be made in the technique of the actual group discussions ; and finally,

Believing that the experience gained from the technical discussions at previous World Health Assemblies should now be reviewed,

4. DECIDES to examine this matter at its eleventh session in order to make recommendations for the future to the Sixth World Health Assembly.