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Awards

Amendments to the Statutes governing the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation and the Sasakawa Health Prize

- 1. The Director-General has the honour to transmit to the Fifty-first World Health Assembly, for information, the amendments to the Statutes governing the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation and the Sasakawa Health Prize, which have been made after consideration by the respective foundation committees of the recommendations contained in decision EB100(10).
- 2. In accordance with the above-mentioned decision, the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee decided to amend its Statutes in order to provide for the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize to be presented at a meeting of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean (see Article 2 in Annex).
- 3. The Sasakawa Health Prize Committee, having considered the decision, agreed to revise its Statutes to the effect that the Prize Committee would be replaced by a Prize Selection Panel, composed of the Chairman of the Executive Board, a member of the Board and the representative of the Founder. In accordance with Article 9 of the Statutes, the proposed revisions were submitted to the Executive Board at its 101st session in January 1998 and approved. The revisions to Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9 of the Statutes of the Sasakawa Health Prize appear in the Annex.

¹ Document EB101/1998/REC/2, sixteenth meeting.

ANNEX

STATUTES OF THE DR A.T. SHOUSHA FOUNDATION

Article 2

The Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee shall, in accordance with the present Statutes, propose to the Executive Board the award of the prize to be known as the "Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize", to be given to a person having made the most significant contribution to any health problem in the geographical area in which Dr A.T. Shousha served the World Health Organization. The Prize shall be presented during a meeting of the World Health Assembly Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean to the recipient or, in his or her absence, to a person representing him or her.

STATUTES OF THE SASAKAWA HEALTH PRIZE

Article 4

Prize

The Sasakawa Health Prize shall consist of a statuette and a sum of money of the order of US\$ 100 000 to be given to a person or persons, an institution or institutions, or a nongovernmental organization or organizations having accomplished outstanding innovative work in health development, such as the promotion of given health programmes or notable advances in primary health care, in order to encourage the further development of such work. Current and former staff members of the World Health Organization, and current members of the Executive Board, shall be ineligible to receive the Prize. The sum of money, derived from the income and/or the undistributed reserves, shall be determined by the Prize Committee Selection Panel. The Prize shall be presented during a meeting of the World Health Assembly to the recipient(s) or to a person(s) representing the recipient(s).

Article 5

Prize Committee Selection Panel

The Committee Selection Panel entitled the "Sasakawa Health Prize Committee Selection Panel" shall be composed of the following members: the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Executive Board, a member elected by the Executive Board from among its members for a period that may not exceed the duration of his or her terms of office on the Executive Board, and a representative appointed by the Founder.

The presence of the Chairman of the Executive Board and at least two other members of the Committee including the representative appointed by the Founder The presence of all members of the Selection Panel shall be required for the taking of decisions.

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Article 6

Proposal and selection of candidates for the Prize

Any national health administration as well as any former recipient of the Prize may put forward the name of a candidate for the Prize. Proposals shall be made to the Administrator who will submit them to the Prize Committee Selection Panel together with his technical comments. The Committee Selection Panel will decide in private meeting, by a majority of the its members present, on the recommendation to be made to the Executive Board of the World Health Organization, whose decision shall be final.

Article 7

Administrator

The Prize shall be administered by its Administrator, namely the Director-General of the World Health Organization, who shall act as Secretary of the Prize Committee Selection Panel.

The Administrator shall be responsible:

- (1) for the execution of the decisions taken by the Prize Committee Selection Panel within the limits of its powers as defined in these Statutes; and
- (2) for the observance of the present Statutes and generally for the administration of the Sasakawa Health Prize in accordance with these Statutes.

Article 9

Revision of the Statutes

On the motion of one of its members, the <u>Prize Committee Selection Panel</u> may propose revision of the present Statutes. Any such motion, if endorsed by a majority of the members of the <u>Committee Selection Panel</u>, shall be submitted to the Executive Board for its approval. Any revision shall be reported for information to the next session of the World Health Assembly.

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