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## RESOLUTIONS ON PROPOSED PROGRAMMES FOR 1951

The Committee on Programme has approved the following resolutions subject to reconsideration in the light of the budget available for 1951 after action has been taken on all components of the proposed Programme for 1951.<sup>1</sup>

1. Epidemiological Services

The Committee on Programme recommends to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

Having considered the activities of the Organization in 1949 and 1950 relating to International Sanitary Legislation and Quarantine, including the collection and distribution of epidemiological information by wireless and by printed periodicals,

The Third World Health Assembly

1. APPROVES the proposals in this respect as contained in the Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951<sup>2</sup> for the continuation of these statutory functions of the Organization;

2. NOTES with satisfaction the progress made by the Expert Committee on International Epidemiology and Quarantine and its legal Sub-Committee in the preparation of Draft International Sanitary Regulations; and

<sup>1</sup> These resolutions involving changes in the Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951 (Off.Rec. 23) as finally approved will be reproduced in a Report of the Committee on Programme to the Third World Health Assembly.

<sup>2</sup> Off.Rec.World Health Org. 23, pages 45, 46 and 54

Considering the need for an adequate technical and legal discussion of the Draft WHO Regulations which are to replace the existing International Sanitary Conventions,

3. ESTABLISHES a special committee, consisting of representatives of all Member States, to consider the Draft International Sanitary Regulations prepared by the Expert Committee on International Epidemiology and Quarantine;

4. REQUESTS the Director-General to convene this special committee up to four weeks before the commencement of the Fourth World Health Assembly, in the place selected for that session;

5. RECOMMENDS that the Fourth World Health Assembly

- (1) Establish a main committee to deal with Sanitary Conventions;
- (2) Recognize the Special Committee established by the Third World Health Assembly as its main committee on Sanitary Convention;
- (3) Confirm the election of its chairman, and

6. RESOLVES that transportation expenses of delegates and advisers attending the Special Committee be at the expense of participating Member States.

(Parts 1, 3, 4 and 6 of this resolution are subject to re-consideration.)

## 2. Health Statistics

The Committee on Programme recommends to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Third World Health Assembly

1. APPROVES the proposed programme for Health Statistics for 1951;<sup>1</sup>
2. RESOLVES to request the Executive Board and the Director-General, in conformity with the considerations and opinions expressed on the report

of the Expert Committee on Health Statistics<sup>1</sup> by the ad hoc committee of the Executive Board<sup>2</sup> to see if means can be found to implement as soon as possible the recommendations of the Expert Committee concerning the establishment of a "clearing centre" for problems arising in the application of the International Statistical Classification and a focal unit for maintaining relationship with National Committees on Vital and Health Statistics, as recommended by the Second World Health Assembly;<sup>2</sup>

3. ENDORSES the recommendation made by the Expert Committee that a joint session of the expert committee and certain co-opted members, specialists in the sphere of morbidity statistics, be convened in 1951 with the object of obtaining an orientation, evaluation and selection of the projects requiring international action in this field;

4. REFERS the question raised by the delegation of France on "Certain aspects of Hospital Statistics", to the Expert Committee on Health Statistics.

### 13. Therapeutic Substances

The Committee on Programme recommends to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Third World Health Assembly

APPROVES the proposed programme for 1951 for Therapeutic Substances.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> A3/57, Part II

<sup>2</sup> Off.Rec. World Health Org. 21, 28

<sup>3</sup> Off.Rec. World Health Org. 23, 71-77

4. Publications and other editorial and linguistic services

The Committee on Programme recommends to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Third World Health Assembly

APPROVES the programme as contained in the Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951,<sup>1</sup> subject to the following specific resolution:

4.1 Publications Programme

The Committee on Programme recommends to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Third World Health Assembly

In view of the fundamental importance of the programme of publications of the Organization, considered not only as a statutory obligation inherited from previous international organizations, but also as an activity particularly favourable to the effectiveness and prestige of WHO,

Considering that the time has come, two years after the final establishment of the Organization, to proceed to a general examination of the results obtained and to determine the future direction of the programme of publications,

1. NOTES the results achieved up till now, despite indisputable difficulties especially of a financial and material nature,
2. APPROVES the programme of publications proposed for 1951<sup>2</sup>, on the understanding that it will be amended in accordance with the principles enunciated in the note annexed to this resolution

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<sup>1</sup> Off. Rec. World Hlth Org. 23, 85

<sup>2</sup> Off. Rec. World Hlth. Org. 23, 85-92

3. REQUESTS the Director-General

(1) to bear in mind, subject to budgetary limitations, as concerns the development of the activities of the Organization in this field, the principles enunciated in the annex to this resolution from the dual viewpoint of the structure and frequency of the various publications,

(2) to take all measures capable of ensuring the quality of the publications in the different languages employed,

(3) to submit to the Executive Board and the Fourth Assembly a special report on the measures adopted in application of the present resolution,

4. REQUESTS the Executive Board to submit its observations and comments on this report to the Fourth Assembly,

5. DRAWS the attention of the States Members to the importance of the strict application of Article 63 of the Constitution, and

6. RECOMMENDS that they adopt adequate measures in this connexion within the framework of their national health administrations.

Principles which should govern the expansion of the  
programme of publications

1. The Bulletin of the World Health Organization is the fundamental publication of the Organization, texts to be included therein should consequently be chosen on the grounds of high technical or scientific quality combined with as wide an international appeal as possible.

The Bulletin should include a bibliographical section, comprising not only references, but also abstracts of original documents.

The Bulletin should appear monthly; this rhythm of publication should be put into practice as soon as possible, in principle from 1952.

2. The International Digest of Health Legislation should comprise complete documentation of as recent a date as possible on the national health laws and regulations "... considered to be of international importance".<sup>1</sup>

It should be issued not only bound, but also as separate sheets and fascicles enabling classification by subject and by State to be carried out.

According to their importance, the texts in the Digest should be either: reproduced verbatim, indicated only by a reference, briefly abstracted or partially cited

In addition to the table of contents, the Digest should contain a classified index arranging the text according to subject.

The Digest should appear every three months.

3. The Chronicle should keep to the role of publicity and general information for which it was originally intended.

5. Studies of Communicable Diseases

The Committee on Programme recommends to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Third World Health Assembly

APPROVES the Programme on Studies of Communicable Diseases as outlined in Official Records No. 23 under the general item 4.1.3, p.47 and the specific items relating to:

Plague as a disease of man (Item 5.2.4, p.130)

Typhus fever and relapsing fever (Item 5.2.5, p.132)

Bilharziasis (Item 5.2.6, p.133)

Other Communicable Diseases (Item 5.2.7, p.134)

subject to the following specific resolutions:

5.1 Immunization against Communicable Diseases of Childhood

The Committee on Programme recommends to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Third World Health Assembly

1. ENDORSES in principle the programme on Immunization against Communicable Diseases of Childhood as outlined in the proposed Programme for 1951;<sup>1</sup> and
2. DECIDES to call a conference in 1951 of heads of laboratories and institutes producing vaccine against diphtheria and against whooping cough.

5.2 Leprosy

The Committee on Programme recommends to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Third World Health Assembly

Recognizing the urgent need of implementing the programme for leprosy approved by the Second World Health Assembly,

1. APPROVES the programme for Leprosy as contained in the Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951;<sup>2</sup> and
2. DECIDES that this programme be placed on the Regular Budget for 1951.

5.3 Plague

The Committee on Programme recommends to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

<sup>1</sup> Off. Rec. World Hlth. Org. 23, 48, item 4.1.3.4

<sup>2</sup> Off. Rec. World Hlth. Org. 23, 48, item 4.1.3.5

The Third World Health Assembly

1. NOTES the report of the Expert Committee on Plague;<sup>1</sup>
2. THANKS the Committee for their work.
3. REQUESTS the Executive Board and the Director-General to take into account the recommendations contained in the Report, insofar as they may be applicable, when implementing the programme;
4. APPROVES the programme for Plague as contained in the Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951;<sup>2</sup> and
5. DECIDES that this programme be placed on the Regular Budget for 1951  
(Parts 4 and 5 only are subject to reconsideration).

5.4 Cholera

The Committee on Programme recommends to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Third World Health Assembly,

1. NOTES the report of the Joint OIHP/WHO Study Group on Cholera on its third session;<sup>3</sup>
2. THANKS the experts for their work;
3. REQUESTS the Executive Board and the Director-General to take into account the recommendations contained in the report when implementing the programme;
4. APPROVES the programme on Cholera as contained in the Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951<sup>4</sup>, and
5. DECIDES to place this programme in the regular budget for 1951.  
(Parts 4 and 5 only are subject to reconsideration)

<sup>1</sup> Document A3/37 (WHO/Plague/13)

<sup>2</sup> Off.Rec.World Hlth.Org. 23, p.47 item 4.1.3.1

<sup>3</sup> Document WHO/Cholera/6

<sup>4</sup> Off.Rec.World.Hlth.Org. 23, 48, item 4.1.3.3



## 5.5 Influenza

The Programme Committee recommends to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Third World Health Assembly

1. APPROVES the programme on influenza<sup>1</sup> and
2. DECIDES that this programme should be placed on the regular budget.

## 6. Stimulation of Campaigns against Communicable Diseases

The Committee on Programme recommends to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Third World Health Assembly

APPROVES the programme on Stimulation of Campaigns against Communicable Diseases as contained in the Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951.<sup>2</sup>

The following specific resolutions are related to this part of the programme:-

### 6.1 Malaria

The Committee on Programme recommends to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Third World Health Assembly

1. NOTES the report of the Expert Committee on Malaria on its third session;<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Off. Rec. World Hlth. Org. 23, 51

<sup>2</sup> Off. Rec. World Hlth. Org. 23, 119-129

<sup>3</sup> World Hlth Org. Techn. Rep. Ser. 8

2. THINKS the Experts for their work;
3. TRANSMITS the recommendations of the Expert Committee on Malaria concerning the Prevention of the Introduction of Anophelines to the Expert Committee on International Epidemiology and Quarantine for its consideration; and
4. APPROVES the programme in the field of malaria for the year 1951.<sup>1</sup>

(Part 4 only to be reconsidered)

## 6.2 Tuberculosis

The Committee on Programme recommends to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

### The Third World Health Assembly

1. NOTES the report of the fourth session of the Expert Committee on Tuberculosis;<sup>2</sup>
2. THANKS the Experts for their work;
3. APPROVES the programme proposed for 1951;<sup>3</sup> and
4. REQUESTS the Executive Board to take into account the recommendations contained in the report and the views expressed on this subject by the Committee on Programme in so far as they may be applicable when implementing the programme.

(Part 3 only to be reconsidered)

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<sup>1</sup> Off. Rec. World Hlth. Org. 23, 121, Section 5.2.1

<sup>2</sup> WHO Techn. Rep. Ser. 7

<sup>3</sup> Off. Rec. World Hlth. Org. 23, 124-126

## 7. Organization of Public Health Services

The Committee on Programme recommends to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Third World Health Assembly

APPROVES the programme for 1951 as set out in the Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951,<sup>1</sup>

(with the following specific resolutions)

### 7.1 Health Education of the Public

The Committee on Programme recommends to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Third World Health Assembly

1. APPROVES the programme for Health Education of the Public as contained in the Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951,<sup>2</sup> and
2. REQUESTS the Executive Board and the Director-General to take into consideration in implementing the programme, the views expressed on this subject by the Committee on Programme.

(Part 1 only to be reconsidered)

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<sup>1</sup> Off. Rec. World Hlth. Org. 23, 99 (as modified by the Executive Board at its fifth session Off. Rec. World Hlth. Org. 26)

<sup>2</sup> Off. Rec. World Hlth. Org. 23, p. 104-105

7.2 Nursing

The Committee on Programme recommends to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Third World Health Assembly

1. APPROVES the programme for Nursing as contained in the proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951;<sup>1</sup>
2. ACCEPTS the views of the Expert Committee on Nursing that developing health programmes call for measures to increase and improve the supply of nurses of all types and for better use of the supply;
3. EMPHASIZES that programmes of nursing education should be so planned that all nurses are given an understanding of the social and preventive aspects of modern health work; and
4. REQUESTS the Executive Board and the Director-General to take into consideration the views expressed on this subject by the Committee on Programme when implementing the programme.

(Part 1 only to be reconsidered)

8. General Promotion of Health

The Committee on Programme recommends to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Third World Health Assembly

1. APPROVES the programme for General Promotion of Health as contained in the Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951,<sup>2</sup> and
2. REQUESTS the Executive Board and the Director-General to take into consideration the views expressed by the Committee on Programme when implementing the programmes for Maternal and Child Health, Nutrition, and Mental Health.

(Part 1 only to be reconsidered)

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<sup>1</sup> Off. Rec. World Hlth. Org. 23, 106

<sup>2</sup> Off. Rec. World Hlth. Org. 23, 141 (as modified by the Executive Board at its fifth session (Off. Rec. World Hlth. Org. 26))

9. Professional and Technical Education

The Committee on Programme recommends to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Third World Health Assembly

1. EMPHASIZES the importance of further development of international activities in the field of professional and technical education of medical and auxiliary personnel;
2. APPROVES the programme proposed for 1951<sup>1</sup>, and
3. REQUESTS the Executive Board and the Director-General to take into consideration the views expressed on this subject by the Committee on Programme.

(Part 2 only to be reconsidered).

10. Medical Supplies

The Committee on Programme recommends to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Third World Health Assembly

1. APPROVES the programme on medical supplies as contained in the Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951<sup>2</sup>, and
2. REQUESTS the Executive Board and the Director-General to take into consideration the views expressed by the Committee on Programme when implementing the programme.

(Part 1 only to be reconsidered).

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<sup>1</sup> Off. Rec. World Hlth Org. 23, 157-168

<sup>2</sup> Off. Rec. World Hlth Org. 23, pp 175-176

11. Consideration must also be given to the budgetary implications of decisions taken regarding the following agenda items:

11.1.1 Co-operation with the United Nations Relief  
and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the  
Near East

11.1.2 Special Camps for Refugee Children

8. Establishment of Regional Offices

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TRANSFER OF ITEMS ON COMMUNICABLE DISEASES OF  
INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE, ESPECIALLY CHOLERA  
AND PLAGUE, FROM THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PRO-  
GRAMME TO THE REGULAR BUDGETDraft Resolution proposed by the Indian  
Delegation

The Committee on Programme recommends to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Third World Health Assembly

Considering the urgent need of adopting measures to control the spread of communicable diseases, especially those of international importance such as cholera and plague, and the fact that provision has not been made in the regular budget for action in respect of these diseases;

REQUESTS the Executive Board and the Director-General to transfer the provisions for cholera and plague from the Technical Assistance Programme to the regular budget for 1951 and, further, recognizing that such transfer would necessitate a corresponding reduction of expenditure on other subjects in the same budget, points out that savings can be effected by suitable action in the following directions:

(1) A reduction in the number of meetings of Expert Committees provided for in the 1951 budget to the minimum consistent with urgency and efficiency, in view of the fact that the reports already submitted by expert committees have not yet been fully studied by the Executive Board and that steps have not been taken to implement their recommendations;

(2) The transfer of the projects for developing health demonstrator areas from the regular budget to the Technical Assistance Programme, as these projects are particularly suitable for such transfer in view of the

need for co-ordinated action by the United Nations and by several specialized agencies such as the United Nations, FAO, ILO, UNESCO, and WHO; and

(3) A detailed scrutiny and reduction of the sum allotted under different subjects in respect of "Travel and Transport", the total provision for which is large and which would therefore seem to be susceptible of curtailment without loss of efficiency.