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Special Committee established
by the III WHA to consider the
Draft International Sanitary
Regulations

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DRAFT INTERNATIONAL SANITARY REGULATIONS

FUNCTIONS OF THE WHO EXPERT COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH THE APPLICATION OF
THE WHO SANITARY REGULATIONS AND EXISTING INTERNATIONAL SANITARY CONVENTIONS

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FOURTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

Proposed by the Delegation of the Union of South Africa

Preamble:

The Special Committee considers that the application of the proposed International Sanitary Regulations will require special attention being given to the constitution and functions of the expert committee, the establishment of which it is hereby recommending.

The Regulations will probably in application reveal deficiencies. Further, the changing nature of international epidemic disease, of methods of disease control and of world transport cannot be given due recognition in static Regulations. The Special Committee therefore wishes to emphasize that the present regulations require as an essential feature in their application continuous appraisal with consequent amendment by all the appropriate organs of the Organization - Assembly, Executive Board, Expert Committees and the Secretariat. Only thus will up-to-date Regulations be maintained.

The Committee considers it also appropriate to request the Assembly, in giving the necessary authority for the establishment of the required Expert Committee, to indicate the need for advice being secured by it in all the fields of activity affected by the application of the Regulations. Such comprehensive advice will be particularly required in dealing with problems calling for interpretation or mediation in disputes.

