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## PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS IN CHILDHOOD

(Proposal by the Government of Sweden)<sup>1</sup>

In many countries accidents are now the main cause of death among children in the age-group of one to fifteen. In some countries and in certain age-groups the mortality rate through accidents alone is as high as that for all diseases put together.

Close co-operation between all the groups interested, such as parents, specialists, etc., is necessary in the fight against accidents among children. Furthermore, collaboration among the different countries is necessary to make the best use of the experience gained throughout the world.

It would seem valuable and in conformity with the aims of the World Health Organization if, in collaboration with UNESCO, it established an expert group for the study of prevention of accidents among children.

This group should:

- (a) study the importance of the problem through statistical investigations in different countries (in some countries it would probably be necessary to stimulate interest in this field to obtain at least some information on the importance of accidents as a factor in mortality);
- (b) collect facts about measures taken in different countries, especially in education, information and research, and
- (c) evaluate the collected material, making proposals for future planning.

<sup>1</sup> This item was first placed on the agenda of the fifteenth session of the Executive Board, at the request of the Government of Sweden. The action taken by the Board appears in resolution EBL5.R64 (Off.Rec. Wld Hlth Org. 60)