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ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Application by Tunisia for Admission to Membership

On 6 April 1956, the Director-General received from the French Government a telegram of the same date, which reads as follows:¹

"ABSOLUTE PRIORITY BY LETTER OF 3 APRIL JUST ARRIVED IN PARIS TODAY 6 APRIL AND RETRANSMITTED TO YOU THIS SAME DAY THE HEAD OF THE TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTS ADMISSION OF HIS COUNTRY TO WHO AS FULL MEMBER THE TUNISIAN AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE OBLIGED IF YOU WOULD TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS FOR THE INCLUSION OF TUNISIA'S CANDIDATURE ON THE AGENDA OF THE NINTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY."

On 10 April 1956, the Director-General received from the Tunisian Government a letter dated 3 April 1956, the text of which is reproduced below:¹

"Under the terms of the Protocol of Agreement signed by the Tunisian Government and by the French Government on 20 March 1956, France formally recognized Tunisia's independence and also its responsibility for the conduct of its international relations.

Consequently, and in conformity with the provisions of Article 6 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, I have the honour to propose that Tunisia be admitted to full membership of this Specialized Agency of the United Nations.

I would be obliged if you would submit Tunisia's request for admission for the consideration of the Ninth World Health Assembly, which is to open on 8 May 1956 in Geneva.

¹ Translation from the French original.

