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1. STATEMENT BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND

The CHAIRMAN opened the meeting and stated that the UNICEF Representative had requested to be given the chance of addressing the meeting.

Mr QEBEIWEY (United Nations Children's Fund) apologized that Mr R. Koleilat, UNICEF Area Representative and Deputy Regional Director, who had been designated to attend this meeting was unable to be present and that it was his honour to be representing his Organization. He congratulated the Sub-Committee on its constructive deliberations, which he had followed with great interest. Collaboration between UNICEF and WHO in the health field had been consolidated during the past year. It was recognized that the improvement of health standards was an essential component of development, and a number of successful projects had been carried out in the Region. As could be seen from the Budget Estimates, UNICEF's allocation for projects in the Region in 1972 was \$4 478 480.

UNICEF shared WHO's belief in the importance of health manpower development, and had cooperated in projects for the training of midwives, personnel for maternal and child health centres, and family planning staff. It had collaborated with FAO and WHO in the field of nutrition. It looked forward to increased collaboration with WHO in the future.

2. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT: Item 13 of the Agenda

The CHAIRMAN invited the Sub-Committee to consider its draft report as contained in document EM/RC22A/3/D.

Dr MORSHED (Iran) wished to add one point that he had previously omitted to mention. The Red Lion and Sun Society of Iran, the equivalent of the Red Cross or Red Crescent, had recently commissioned a 100-bed hospital ship for the Persian Gulf, with

surgical facilities. He invited the countries of the Gulf region to make use of the facilities available on the ship for their patients if they wished as it would cruise the area regularly.

Decision: The draft report was adopted unanimously.

3. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

Dr JALLOUL (Lebanon), speaking on behalf of all delegations present, expressed his deep gratitude to H.M. King Hussein and to the Government and people of Jordan for the hospitality they had shown the Sub-Committee and the excellent facilities they had provided. He congratulated the Chairman on his wise conduct of the meetings, and thanked the Regional Director and his staff for their excellent organization of the session.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the host country of Jordan, he invited the Sub-Committee to consider the following draft resolution:

"The Sub-Committee,

EXTENDS to His Majesty King Hussein its most profound gratitude and warmest thanks for his kind patronage of this Session;

Further EXTENDS its sincere thanks to the Government of Jordan for the generous hospitality and facilities afforded to the delegations participating in this Session, which greatly contributed to its success;

WISHES His Majesty every success and that he may flourish."

Decision: The draft resolution was adopted unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN, speaking on behalf of the Government of Jordan, thanked the Sub-Committee for its kind words of appreciation. All representatives had played a constructive part in the session and thereby helped to further WHO's work for the benefit of the Region. He thanked the two Vice-Chairmen and the Chairmen of the Sub-Division on Programme and the Technical Discussions for their valuable help, and expressed appreciation of the untiring efforts of the Regional Director and his staff.

He then formally declared the session closed.

The meeting rose at 9.50 a.m.