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BY THE SEVENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY AND THE
FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Campaign against smallpox (WHA7.5)

The Seventh World Health Assembly,

Considering that Article 2(g) of the Constitution provides that a function of the Organization shall be "to stimulate and advance work to eradicate epidemic, endemic and other diseases";

Considering the study made by the Executive Board¹ in accordance with resolution WHA.18,²

REQUESTS the Director-General ;

- (1) to continue studies on the most effective methods of smallpox control particularly with reference to those countries where the disease is endemic;
- (2) to urge health administrations to conduct wherever possible and necessary campaigns against smallpox as an integral part of the public-health programmes;
- (3) to provide within budgetary limitations the assistance requested by national administrations to further their smallpox control programmes; and
- (4) to report to the Eighth World Health Assembly on the progress made and the results obtained.

Payment of Travel Expenses of Representatives to Sessions of
Regional Committees. (WHA7.27)

The Seventh World Health Assembly,

Having considered resolution EB13.R.27 on the payment of travel expenses of representatives to sessions of regional committees,³

1. NOTES that the Executive Board has withdrawn the recommendations on this subject contained in resolution EB11.R.50; and
2. DECIDES that these expenses shall not be reimbursed by WHO.

1. Resolution EB13.R.3, Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org. 52
2. Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org. 48
3. Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org. 52,10

Local Costs in Respect of International Project
Personnel Under the Regular Budget. (WHA7.42)

The Seventh World Health Assembly,

Having considered the recommendation of the Executive Board concerning local costs in respect of international project personnel under the regular budget,¹

Noting the recommendation of the Fifth World Health Assembly that the Technical Assistance Committee of the Economic and Social Council "consider the possibility of removing the requirement for governments to provide lodging and travel per diem in the country" to experts assigned to projects financed under the United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance for Economic Development (resolution WHA5.59);

Recognizing that the contributions made by governments, in local currencies towards the overall costs of projects in their respective countries exceed, in most cases, the amounts provided by the World Health Organization for such projects;

1. AGREES that the requirement for governments to provide lodging and other subsistence allowances (including travel per diem within the country) to experts assigned to field projects financed under the regular budget should be removed and that this should be effected by the adoption of a transitional arrangement;
2. AUTHORIZES the Director-General in respect of the regular programme
 - (i) to defer the starting of the implementation of all new regular projects planned to be started in 1955 for a further period of approximately two months, as may be necessary to ensure the availability in 1955 of funds to enable the Organization to provide lodging and other subsistence allowances to international staff assigned to such new projects;
 - (ii) to discontinue the requirement that the government concerned should provide lodging and other subsistence allowances (including travel per diem within the country) to experts assigned to new projects planned to start in 1955;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to make such provision as may be appropriate to cover these costs in respect of all regular projects in the programme and budget estimates for 1956 and future years; and, further,
4. REQUESTS the Director-General, in respect of the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, to inform the Technical Assistance Committee and the Technical Assistance Board of this decision, with a view to harmonizing this procedure and making it uniform.

Local Costs in Respect of International Project Personnel
Under the Technical Assistance Programme (WHA7.43)

The Seventh World Health Assembly,

NOTES the existing position on the payment of local costs in respect of international project personnel under the United Nations Expanded Programme for Technical Assistance:

¹ Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org. 52 18, resolution EB13.R44

Research (WHA7.52)

The Seventh World Health Assembly,

Considering the programme for 1955,

Recognizing that public-health research and co-ordination of basic health research are an essential function of the World Health Organization;

Confirming the policies on research established by the Second World Health Assembly and by the Executive Board at its eighth session,¹

Noting that the Executive Board, in its resolution EB13.R.78² has requested the Director-General, in preparing his proposed revision of the programme of work for a specific period for consideration by the Executive Board, to emphasize in regard to research those aspects which are particularly international in character;

Realizing the world shortage of highly trained medical research personnel and the high cost of personnel and equipment required in many fields of modern medical research,

Recognizing that basic research is normally most satisfactorily developed in national and local institutions, which may be assisted by grants from WHO for research contributing to WHO programmes;

Recognizing that, exceptionally, WHO may be forced to implement research programmes itself by consequence of its own projects;

1. REQUESTS the Executive Board and the Director-General to take note of previous resolutions in developing programme policies of the Organization;
2. URGES that Member States with suitable research resources should co-operate with WHO in research programmes applicable to the field of international health, and
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to keep in close touch with other specialized agencies interested in research in fields related to health, and to keep the Executive Board and the Health Assembly informed of any developments in this connexion which may be of importance to WHO.

Environmental Sanitation (WHA7.53)

Recognizing that more leadership is required from the World Health Organization in the field of environmental sanitation,

The Seventh World Health Assembly,

REQUESTS the Executive Board, at its next session, to consult with the Director-General on the best means of stimulating Member States to give due prominence to projects in environmental sanitation, when formulating requests for assistance from the World Health Organization.

¹ Resolutions WHA2.19 and EB8.R34 respectively; Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org. 21 & 36

² Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org. 52

Technical Discussions at future Health Assemblies (EB14.R.19)

The Executive Board,

Having studied, in the light of resolution WHA7.31, the question of technical discussions at future World Health Assemblies,

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4. REQUESTS the Director-General ;

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(b) to undertake the study requested by the Seventh World Health Assembly on whether regional meetings dealing with the same subject should be held;

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Environmental Sanitation (EB14.R.21 Rev.1)

The Executive Board,

Having considered resolution WHA7.53, in which the Board is asked "to consult with the Director-General on the best means of stimulating Member States to give due prominence to projects in environmental sanitation, when formulating requests for assistance from the World Health Organization",

Having studied the report of the Director-General on this subject,

Deciding to limit "environmental sanitation", for the purposes of the present study, to consideration of water supplies and the disposal of human waste and refuse, and

Having discussed many aspects influencing progress in these sanitation services - cultural, educational and economic,

1. REQUESTS the Director-General, through the regional organizations, to consider ways and means which can be adopted to stimulate action at the local level in Member Countries; and, further

2. REQUESTS the Director-General to submit a report on this subject to the Executive Board at its fifteenth session.