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1. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE (Document EM/RC9A/4;
agenda item 20)

The REGIONAL DIRECTOR indicated certain errors and omissions in the text of the report which would be rectified in the final draft.

The CHAIRMAN suggested several editorial changes in the Arabic text of the report.

Dr. ETEMADIAN (Iran) paid tribute to the Chairman and to Dr. Anouti, Chairman of the Programme Sub-Division, for the masterly and expeditious manner in which they had conducted the discussions thus enabling the work of the Sub-Committee to finish within the prescribed time. He then moved the adoption of the report.

Decision: The report of the Sub-Committee was adopted.

2. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

Dr. NASSIF (Saudi Arabia) said that it gave him great pleasure to express his appreciation to the Chairman and to the Regional Director and Regional Office Secretariat for their valuable contribution to the work of the Committee. He was also grateful to the Deputy Director-General, particularly for the advice and assistance on WHO policies and procedure which had enabled the Sub-Committee to conduct itself in conformity with the rules. He much appreciated the presence during the session of the representatives and observers of organizations and agencies working for the improvement of health within the Region. He hoped that future sessions would be as cordial and fruitful as this one had been.

Dr. ANOUTI (Lebanon) associated himself with the remarks of the previous speaker and expressed his appreciation of the hospitality afforded to the Sub-Committee by the Governor and City of Alexandria.

Dr. TASSI (Italy) said that his delegation was most grateful to the Government of the United Arab Republic for this opportunity to visit the delightful country of Egypt. Italian Trusteeship in Somalia was nearing its end but he was confident that the excellent relationship with the Regional Office would continue under the new Administration and that the health problems of Somalia would receive, as in the past, careful consideration by that Office and assistance towards their solution.

Dr. FAROUK, Representative, International Association for the Prevention of Blindness, thanked the Sub-Committee on behalf of the representatives and observers for the opportunity of attending this most interesting session.

Médecin Colonel FAURE (France) expressed his particular appreciation for the mannerliness of the discussions even when points of some delicacy were involved and joined with the other speakers in paying tribute to the Chairman, the Regional Director and the Secretariat.

The REGIONAL DIRECTOR on behalf of his staff thanked representatives for their kind words about the efficiency of the preparations for the meeting. He was naturally glad that his proposed programme for 1961 had met with the Sub-Committee's approval. To the secretariat the Regional Committee meetings always provided useful guidance in planning future work as well as evaluating past efforts, and the opportunity they gave for discussions with individual representatives made it easier to adapt projects to the exact needs of each country.

He thanked the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, as well as the Chairmen of the Sub-Division on Programme and the Technical Discussions, for their skilful guidance of the debates.

The DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL said it was always a pleasure to take part in the work of the Sub-Committee. The present session was the sixth he had attended in succession. The Director-General and his senior staff found

Regional Committee meetings a very valuable source of information on the precise requirements of each of the six regions.

He thanked representatives for their ready understanding of the fact that, if he sometimes had to intervene on questions of general policy, it was in the interest of the Organization as a whole.

The CHAIRMAN thanked all the members of the Sub-Committee for their cooperation which had made it possible to complete so expeditiously their important work aimed at the raising of health standards in the Region. The Eastern Mediterranean Regional Organization had always been foremost in making recommendations for shaping the policy of the WHO. Last year it had taken the initiative in pressing for the policy, since adopted by the Health Assembly, which permitted a more effective use of the Organization's resources by carrying over funds appropriated for consultants from one year to the next. At the present session, again first among the Regional Committees, it had considered the health hazards of atomic explosions and had taken a decision which he was sure would again help to modify the policy of the Organization as a whole.

In conclusion, he thanked the Deputy Director-General for his valuable presence, the Regional Director and his staff for all their work, the interpreters, without whom the members of the Sub-Committee could not have understood one another and reached agreement, and finally the representatives of the specialized agencies and other international organizations for their contribution to the success of the session.

He wished all present a safe return to their homes.

He declared closed the session of the Sub-Committee.

The meeting rose at 9.45 a.m.