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AND THE TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

MALARIA ERADICATION SPECIAL ACCOUNT, EB25.R19 (see also EM/RC10/2 and EM/RC10/4)

Mindful of its responsibilities under Resolution WHA12.15¹ and earlier resolutions of the World Health Assembly on the Malaria Eradication Special Account,

Bearing in mind that malaria eradication is an urgent programme limited in time, which will probably require assistance from the Special Account for several years, after which time the problem should be so reduced that completion of the task could be financed by the Governments concerned, with some assistance, if necessary, from the Regular budget,

Having reviewed the report of the Director-General on the Special Account,²

1. THANKS those donors whose contributions to the Malaria Eradication Special Account have made it possible to finance the programme to date;
2. COMMENDS the Director-General, his special representatives and his staff for the energetic efforts which they have made to secure additional contributions to the Special Account, as requested by the World Health Assembly;
3. EXPRESSES its concern that up to the present time voluntary contributions to the Special Account have not been forthcoming in sufficient amounts to ensure the continued financing of the programme in the way envisaged by the decision of the Eighth World Health Assembly;³
4. NOTES with gratification that the Director-General has received some encouraging indications of substantial support for the Special Account in the course of his discussions with high authorities of some Member States and has also recently received important new contributions from some Member States;

¹ Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 5th ed., p.288

² Document EB25/63

³ Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 5th ed., p.25

5. NOTES, further, that the Director-General believes that if the additional contributions which he is hopeful of receiving in the near future materialize, it will be possible, with some readjustment of the programme, to avoid an unmanageable financial problem in 1960;
6. CONSIDERS that continuing efforts should be made to finance the malaria eradication programme on a voluntary basis;
7. EXPRESSES the hope that the economically more advanced countries will, in the light of the detailed programme plans and related costs and considering the results achieved to date, make substantial contributions in order to provide the resources to enable the World Health Organization to give the assistance required by the less well developed countries, which are already investing considerable sums for malaria eradication within their own countries;
8. CALLS the attention of Member States to the need for support from individual governments in the effort to obtain contributions from industry or the general public;
9. REQUESTS the Director-General to report to the Thirteenth World Health Assembly on the situation which exists at that time;
10. DECIDES to keep the matter under review and to reappraise the financial situation at its meeting prior to the Fourteenth World Health Assembly, to which it will report.

MALARIA ERADICATION SPECIAL ACCOUNT, WHA13.45 (see also EM/RC10/2 and EM/RC10/4)

The Thirteenth World Health Assembly,

Having reviewed the report of the Director-General on the Malaria Eradication Special Account;¹

Having considered resolution EB25.R19 of the Executive Board;²

Having noted that up to the present time voluntary contributions to the Special Account have not been forthcoming in sufficient amounts to ensure the continued financing of the programme in the way envisaged by the decision of the Eighth World Health Assembly;

Bearing in mind that malaria eradication is an urgent programme limited in time, which will probably require assistance from the Special Account for several years, after which time the problem should be so reduced that completion of the task could be financed by the governments concerned, with some assistance, if necessary, from the regular budget of the Organization;

Aware of the ever-growing understanding that the eradication of malaria is of paramount importance for the general health, social and economic advancement of the malarious countries and the prosperity of the world community as a whole

¹ Document A13/AFL/24

² Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org. 99, 9

³ Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 5th ed., p.25

1. THANKS those donors whose contributions to the Malaria Eradication Special Account have made it possible to finance the programme to date;
2. ENDORSES the action taken by the Executive Board and the Director-General as described in the Director-General's report;
3. COMMENDS the Director-General, his special representatives and his staff for the energetic efforts which they have made to secure additional contributions to the Special Account, as requested by the World Health Assembly;
4. CONSIDERS that a stage has definitely been reached when the financing of the Organization's eradication operations through the Malaria Eradication Special Account on a voluntary basis will no longer be possible without the full support of all the economically more privileged countries of the world;
5. NOTES with gratification that important initiative has been taken recently by a number of countries with a view to contributing substantially to the Special Account and encouraging other countries to support it;
6. EXPRESSES the hope that other economically more advanced countries will soon join in this endeavour and will, in the light of the detailed programme plans and related costs and considering the results achieved to date, make substantial contributions in order to provide resources to enable the World Health Organization to give the assistance needed by the less developed countries, which are already investing considerable sums for their malaria eradication programme;
7. CALLS the attention of Member States to the need for support from individual governments in the effort to obtain contributions from industry or the general public;
8. CONSIDERS that continuing efforts should be made to finance the malaria eradication programme on a voluntary basis and reiterates its appeal to Member States, and to foundations, industry, labour organizations, institutions and individuals to contribute to the Malaria Eradication Special Account;
9. REQUESTS the Director-General to report to the Fourteenth World Health Assembly on the situation; and
10. DECIDES to reappraise the financial situation of the Malaria Eradication Special Account at the Fourteenth World Health Assembly and, should sufficient contributions not be forthcoming, to consider appropriate measures to ensure the financing of the programme.

DEVELOPMENT OF MALARIA ERADICATION PROGRAMME, EB25.R21 (see also documents EM/RC10/2 and EM/RC10/4)

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the development of the malaria eradication programme;¹

1. NOTES with gratification the world is now aware of the concept of malaria eradication;

¹ Document EB25/40

2. EXPRESSES pride that 65 countries and territories have eradication programmes in operation and 33 countries and territories have realistic plans for initiating such programmes. In terms of human values many hundreds of millions of persons are now profiting from antimalarial programmes and the disease has been eliminated from many regions where previously it was a health problem;
3. RECOGNIZES however that the continuing success of the campaign depends upon adequate staffing, operational supervision and epidemiological assessment;
4. URGES governments concerned to take the necessary steps for the training and provision of adequate technical and administrative personnel required for the more effective prosecution of their eradication programme;
5. URGES all national health authorities concerned to strengthen the supervisory and epidemiological assessment activities of their malaria eradication services; and
6. REQUESTS the Director-General to provide increased facilities for the training of the required national personnel and to make available to governments such technical advisory services as may be required to improve their supervisory and epidemiological assessment activities.

MALARIA ERADICATION PROGRAMME, WHA13.55 (see also documents EM/RC10/2 and EM/RC10/4)

The Thirteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the development of the malaria eradication programme;¹

Noting the satisfactory progress that has been made in the world-wide campaign for malaria eradication;

Recognizing that the operational supervision and epidemiological assessment which are essential for the continuing success of the campaign can only be ensured by the adequate staffing of national malaria eradication services with fully-trained personnel;

Noting the steps that have been taken by the Director-General to provide increased facilities for the training of the required national personnel as well as to meet the request for technical advisory services needed by the governments;

Believing that it is important to keep constantly in mind the essential element of urgency in malaria eradication programmes which must be time-limited programmes and that adequate organizational and financial support is indispensable and

Recognizing that co-ordination between neighbouring countries is of special importance to countries reaching an advanced stage in their eradication programmes and that a fundamental element for such co-ordination is the regular reporting of the progress of operations and more particularly of epidemiological assessment;

¹ Document A13/P&B/15 and Annex.

1. URGES governments concerned to intensify their efforts for the training and provision of adequate technical and administrative personnel required to strengthen the supervisory and epidemiological assessment activities of their malaria eradication services, taking full advantage of the facilities provided by the Organization;
2. URGES governments concerned to accord to their national malaria eradication programmes the priority needed for the successful completion of the campaign within the shortest period of time;
3. REQUESTS governments concerned to continue to keep the Organization regularly informed of the progress of their malaria eradication programmes and, in particular, of their epidemiological assessment activities;
4. REQUESTS the Director-General to keep under constant review the progress of the world-wide programme, to make available to governments such technical advisory services as may be required, and to continue to take all the necessary steps to ensure the proper co-ordination of programmes throughout the world; and
5. REQUESTS the Director-General to establish an official register listing areas where malaria eradication has been achieved, after inspection and certification by a WHO evaluation team.

SMALLPOX ERADICATION, WHA13.53 (see also document EM/RC10/2)

The Thirteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the progress of smallpox eradication programmes in the countries where the disease is still present,¹

Noting

- (1) that progress is being made towards smallpox eradication in certain countries where effective steps have been taken;
 - (2) that eradication campaigns have, however, not yet started in other countries with endemic foci of the disease, owing to local administrative and financial difficulties; and
 - (3) that technical assistance for the planning and organization of eradication campaigns is being offered by the Organization to all countries concerned;
1. EMPHASIZES the urgency of achieving world-wide eradication;
 2. URGES the health administrations of those countries which have not yet started eradication campaigns to make all efforts necessary to surmount the administrative and financial difficulties that may exist and to give the smallpox eradication programme the high priority it deserves;
 3. REQUESTS the Director-General:
 - (1) to continue to provide under the programme and budget of future years for the assistance requested by national health administrations in

¹ Document A13/P&B/14

organizing and developing smallpox eradication programmes and for all necessary activities to further this end;

(2) to report to the Fourteenth World Health Assembly on the progress of eradication programmes in all countries concerned.

SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR SMALLPOX ERADICATION, WHA13.23

The Thirteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the contributions pledged or accepted for the Special Account for Smallpox Eradication, and

Noting the gifts of smallpox vaccine offered by the Governments of the Netherlands and Jordan,

1. ACCEPTS these gifts in accordance with Article 57 of the Constitution, and expresses appreciation to the Governments of the Netherlands and Jordan; and
2. REQUESTS the Director-General to ensure, in accordance with the normal practice of the Organization, that any vaccines accepted for the antismallpox programme are of acceptable quality.

PROTECTION OF MANKIND FROM IONIZING RADIATION HAZARDS, EB25.R63 (see also document EM/RC10/7)

The Executive Board,

Having, in the course of its review of the report of the ninth session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, studied the view of Sub-Committee A expressed in its resolution¹ EM/RC9A/R.9 on the "Protection of Mankind from Atomic Radiation Hazards",

Considering that the possible radiation hazards resulting from atomic fall-out are under study by competent agencies, in particular the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation,

Considering that protection from causes harmful to man's health, whatever their source, falls within the constitutional responsibilities of the World Health Organization,

1. REQUESTS the Director-General to continue the constructive co-operation of WHO with the UN Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation, IAEA and other appropriate agencies;
2. REQUESTS the Director-General, in accordance with the constitutional provisions of WHO to study the preventive aspects of reducing radiation hazards and limiting their spread before they become a direct danger to man's health, and to report the result of his study to the Thirteenth World Health Assembly;

¹ Document EB25/17, Annex, p.12

3. DECIDES to include in the provisional agenda of the Thirteenth World Health Assembly the item "Radiation Health, including Protection of Mankind from Ionizing Radiation Hazards, whatever their Source";

4. REQUESTS the Director-General to make available to the State Members participating in the Thirteenth World Health Assembly all documents necessary for the discussion of the item in paragraph 3 of this resolution.

RADIATION HEALTH, INCLUDING PROTECTION OF MANKIND FROM IONIZING RADIATION HAZARDS, WHATEVER THEIR SOURCE, WHA13.56 (see also document EM/RC10/7)

The Thirteenth World Health Assembly,

Recalling resolution WHA11.50 concerning the study of health problems connected with the uses of atomic energy;

Noting resolution 1347 (XIII) of the Thirteenth General Assembly of the United Nations concerning the report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (UNSCEAR), in which resolution the General Assembly calls upon all concerned to assist the Committee by making available to it reports and studies relating to the short-term and long-term effects of ionizing radiation upon man and his environment and radiological data collected by them, and by pursuing investigations to broaden world scientific knowledge in this sphere and by transmitting their results to the Committee;

Noting that this appeal was reaffirmed by the Fourteenth General Assembly of the United Nations in its resolution 1376 (XIV) and that UNSCEAR has been requested by the United Nations General Assembly to continue its work and is preparing a second comprehensive report for publication in 1962;

Noting that resolutions have been adopted by previous assemblies, more specifically WHA11.50 emphasizing the important role of WHO in the health aspects of radiation from all sources;

Noting that broadly, WHO's responsibilities include protection from radiation hazards and development of the medical uses of radiation and radioactive isotopes;

Considering that in WHO's programme of research provision is made for studies concerning radiation sickness and human heredity;

Noting with satisfaction from the report of the Director-General, the increase in training and technical assistance in radiation health;

Noting that health authorities have a responsibility for the prevention and control of health hazards associated with radiation from all sources;

Believing that WHO's activities in the field of radiation health will be of continuous and increasing benefit to national health authorities and to the work of IAEA, UNSCEAR, the other specialized agencies and interested inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations;

1. REQUESTS the Director-General to continue constructive co-operation of WHO with IAEA and other appropriate agencies; and

2. REQUESTS the Director-General to assist Member States in extending and developing health laboratory competence to deal with radiation and radioactivity, and in the meantime to provide assistance to States without these facilities and in the collection of representative samples to facilitate their own work and that of UNSCEAR;

3. REQUESTS the Director-General that in the activities of WHO in radiation health, he place special emphasis upon the teaching and training of technical personnel within the Member countries and on encouraging and assisting the health authorities in these countries to accept their major role and accelerate their activities in the public health aspects of radiation from all sources; and
4. REQUESTS the Director-General to report to the Fourteenth World Health Assembly on the progress being made by Member countries in developing and staffing radiation control programmes, with particular reference to the responsibility of national health authorities and of WHO in this field.

THIRD GENERAL PROGRAMME OF WORK COVERING A SPECIFIC PERIOD 1962-1965 INCLUSIVE, WHA13.57

The Thirteenth World Health Assembly,

Considering Article 28 (g) of the Constitution,

Having considered the General Programme of Work for the Specific Period 1962-1965 inclusive,¹ as submitted by the Executive Board at its twenty-fifth session,

Believing that the Programme of Work, as submitted, provides a broad general policy that could guide the development of the annual programmes,

APPROVES the General Programme of Work for the Specific Period 1962-1965 inclusive, as submitted by the Executive Board at its twenty-fifth session¹ and as amended.²

WHO/UNICEF JOINTLY ASSISTED ACTIVITIES, WHA13.63

The Thirteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General³ on the actions of direct interest to WHO taken by the UNICEF Executive Board at its September 1959 and March 1960 sessions;

Bearing in mind that WHO has amongst its constitutional functions those "to act as the directing and co-ordinating authority on international health work"⁴ and "to promote maternal and child health and welfare and to foster the ability to live harmoniously in a changing total environment";

Recalling the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child;⁴

1. NOTES the report of the Director-General;
2. NOTES with appreciation that despite the expansion of its role in meeting the needs of children, UNICEF continues to give maximum assistance to health programmes affecting mothers and children, and that the long-standing collaboration between WHO and UNICEF in giving assistance to national health programmes continues to be a source of satisfaction to Member States;

¹ Document A13/P&B/2

² Document A13/P&B/39

³ Document A13/P&B/17

⁴ A/Res/1386/XIV, 20 November 1959

3. EXPRESSES its appreciation for the action taken by the UNICEF Executive Board at its September 1959 session, to continue UNICEF's invaluable support for the programme of malaria eradication up to a ceiling of \$10 million a year, and to broaden its criteria for assistance to this programme;
4. CONSIDERS that the health and welfare needs of mothers and children are inseparable from those of the family and of the community as a whole; and
5. ENDORSES the policy of the Organization to collaborate, within the United Nations family, in activities which, taken as a whole, lead towards the fulfilment of the objectives expressed in the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child.

WORLD HEALTH YEAR, WHA13.65

The Thirteenth World Health Assembly,

Considering that the number and importance of health projects currently undertaken or planned require the use of all resources available if they are to be brought to a successful conclusion;

Considering that the efforts and expenditure involved in the holding of a World Health Year are unlikely to be commensurate with the benefit which the people would derive from this year;

Believing that these efforts would be better applied to a critical review and evaluation of programme and projects;

RECOMMENDS that the holding of an International Health Year be postponed.

WHO PARTICIPATION IN THE EXPANDED PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, EB25.R52

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Director-General¹ on the participation of WHO in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance.

1. NOTES the report;
2. CALLS the attention of the national health administrations to the decisions of the Economic and Social Council on country programming, and that, on an experimental basis, the programme for 1961-1962 is to be planned and approved for the two-year period (E/RES/735(XVIII));
3. INVITES health administrations, in consultation with regional offices, to ensure that health projects planned beyond the biennium 1961-1962, assisted under the Expanded Programme, are requested for their full duration through the appropriate governmental authority.

RELATIONS WITH THE LEAGUE OF ARAB STATES, WHA13.48

The Thirteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered resolution EB25.R66 and relevant documents on the subject of agreement between WHO and the League of Arab States;

¹ Document E325/60

Considering that provisions contained in Article 70 of the Constitution allow the conclusion of such agreement.

1. APPROVES the principle of concluding such an agreement;
2. REQUESTS the Director-General to take the necessary action with a view to concluding an agreement on behalf of WHO with the League of Arab States, such agreement to define the sphere of co-operation in health fields; and
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to report on this matter to the Fourteenth World Health Assembly.

EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST (UNRWA), WHA13.62

The Thirteenth World Health Assembly,

Considering that, on 29 September 1950, an agreement was concluded between the Director-General of the World Health Organization and the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) on the basis of principles established by the Third World Health Assembly;

Considering that the Eighth World Health Assembly, in resolution WHA8.46, extended the duration of this agreement until 30 June 1960;¹

Considering that, subsequently, the General Assembly of the United Nations, at its Fourteenth Session, extended the mandate of UNRWA for a period of three years with a review at the end of two years;²

Considering that the World Health Organization should continue the technical direction of the health programme administered by UNRWA,

AUTHORIZES the Director-General to extend the duration of the agreement with UNRWA until 30 June 1963, or until the dissolution of this Agency if it should take place before that date.

ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS: KUWAIT, WHA13.11

The Thirteenth World Health Assembly,

ADMITS Kuwait as a Member of the World Health Organization, subject to the deposit of a formal instrument with the Secretary-General of the United Nations in accordance with Article 79 of the Constitution.

ADMISSION OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: CYPRUS, WHA13.4

The Thirteenth World Health Assembly,

ADMITS Cyprus as an Associate Member of the World Health Organization, subject to notice being given of acceptance of associate membership on behalf of Cyprus in accordance with Rules 111 and 112 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly.

¹ Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 5th ed., p.353

² United Nations Resolution 1456 (XIV)

ASSISTANCE TO NEW MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS FOR 1961, WHA13.29

The Thirteenth World Health Assembly,

Welcoming the Members and Associate Members who have joined the World Health Organization during the course of this Assembly;

Anticipating other new Members and Associate Members;

Recognizing that the new Members and Associate Members have many and difficult problems in attaining the highest levels of health;

Considering it desirable that the Organization be able to furnish expanded services to such countries and territories during 1961;

Taking note of resolutions 1414 (XIV) and 1415 (XIV) of the United Nations General Assembly and 752 (XXIX) of the Economic and Social Council, all of which direct attention to the desirability of providing technical assistance to countries attaining independence;

Bearing in mind the fact that the Director-General could not make adequate provision for them when he prepared his proposed programme and budget estimates for 1961,

1. DECIDES to provide in the effective working budget for 1961 the amount of \$200,000 to finance additional assistance in programmes and services based upon requests from new Members and Associate Members and newly independent or emerging States; and
2. REQUESTS the Director-General to submit for approval by the Executive Board at its next session the 1961 programme planned to be financed therefrom.