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Provisional Agenda item 9

RESOLUTIONS OF REGIONAL INTEREST ADOPTED BY THE
WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Resolutions of thirty-seventh session of the Executive Board and the Nineteenth World Health Assembly on the following subjects are attached:

1. Consolidation of the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in a United Nations Development Programme (EB37.R41)

The Regional Committee would wish to take note of this resolution with special reference to operative paragraph 3 which requests the regional committees to be guided by the four general considerations mentioned in this paragraph.

2. Establishment of a Revolving Fund for Teaching and Laboratory Equipment for Medical Education and Training (WHA19.7)

This resolution is of very special interest to the South-East Asia Region where the acute shortage of teaching and laboratory equipment for medical education and training purposes has been felt for a long time. This resolution has, for the first time, made it possible for WHO to purchase a certain amount of such essential material on behalf of governments and accept reimbursement in local currencies wherever these can be used by the Organization. Although the total funds made available by this resolution may not be very large at the present time, the annual instalments of \$100 000 over a period of five years should help to provide a significant amount of essential teaching equipment. The Regional Director first brought this matter to the attention of the governments on 31 March 1966 through the WHO representatives. If the teaching institutions in this region are to derive any special benefit under this resolution, it is absolutely necessary that requests from governments should be sent to the Regional Director as soon as possible. It will be a question of first come first served.

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3. Malaria Eradication Programme (WHA19.13)

The operative paragraphs 2 and 3 of this resolution are especially important as they emphasize the need for annual appraisals and the immediate establishment of the necessary basic health services.

4. Smallpox Eradication Programme (WHA19.16)

This is indeed a very important resolution for the South-East Asia Region, in which at least four countries are actively engaged in country-wide efforts to eradicate smallpox. With this resolution, the Director-General has certain financial possibilities for assisting governments more actively in the development of their eradication programmes. Under this resolution, supplies and equipment, although necessarily limited in relation to the total need, will also become available in addition to the technical experts and training facilities. In spite of the theoretical simplicity of controlling smallpox with proper vaccination, actual programmes of eradication are not quite so simple to implement. They require a very high degree of organizational and administrative capacity within the national health services quite apart from the heavy financial outlay required for the engagement of additional staff and its appropriate supervision. It is this organizational and administrative aspect of these programmes that will require the greatest effort on the part of health administrations if the facilities provided under this resolution are to be fully exploited.

5. Programme Activities in the Health Aspects of World Population Which Might Be Developed by WHO (WHA19.43)

In the Regional Director's "Introduction" to his Annual Report a reference has already been made to programmes of family planning which are in operation in some of the countries of the Region. Following the consideration of this matter at the Eighteenth World Health Assembly, the Nineteenth Assembly has further amplified the type of technical assistance which may be given by WHO to such programmes. Part III of the Director-General's Report (document A19/P&B/19), attached, describes the type of technical assistance and the conditions under which WHO may provide this, viz., only as a part of an organized health service without impairing its normal preventive and curative functions.

6. Study of the Nature and Extent of Health Problems of Seafarers and the Health Services Available to Them (WHA19.48)

From time to time, the need for improving the health services provided to the seafarers of large ports has been discussed in the World Health Assembly. This resolution suggests the establishment of some pilot health services for seafarers in different regions. As this region contains a number of large ports such as Bombay, Calcutta, Rangoon, Colombo, Bangkok and Djakarta, it is for consideration by the Regional Committee whether a pilot project may be attempted in one of these ports during the coming years.

RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WHO

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CONSOLIDATION OF THE SPECIAL FUND AND THE
EXPANDED PROGRAMME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
IN A UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the consolidation of the Special Fund and the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance in a United Nations Development Programme;¹

Recalling that the Board has considered this matter on many occasions since January 1962;² and

Believing that every effort should be made to assist governments to ascertain the kind of assistance they need and the rate at which it can be incorporated in orderly development,

1. NOTES resolution 2029 (XX) of the General Assembly of the United Nations, particularly operative paragraph 2, which "reaffirms the principles, procedures and provisions governing the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund not inconsistent with the present resolution and declares that they shall continue to apply to relevant activities within the United Nations Development Programme", and therefore
2. CONSIDERS that the Organization should, pending further evolution of the Programme, continue to participate in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance and the Special Fund, which constitute the United Nations Development Programme, under the authorities given to the Director-General and the Executive Board by the World Health Assembly for participation in the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance³ and the Special Fund;⁴
3. REITERATES the request⁵ to the Director-General and the regional committees that, in planning and co-ordinating health programmes they be guided by the following considerations:
 - (1) The responsibility of WHO to act as the directing and co-ordinating authority for international health work;

¹Document EB37/51

²Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 8th ed., pp.204-206 Resolutions EB29.R47, EB30.R24, EB31.R48, EB32.R29, EB34.R26 and EB35.R40

³Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 8th ed., Resolution WHA9.57, pp.190-191

⁴Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 8th ed., Resolution WHA12.51, p.203

⁵Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 8th ed., Resolution EB9.R21, p.181

- (2) The inseparability of health and other factors of social and economic development;
- (3) The major purpose for which assistance is provided; and
- (4) The kind of assistance needed and the rate at which it can be absorbed in orderly development; and

4. REQUESTS the Director-General to report to the Board and the World Health Assembly on any developments which may affect the participation of the World Health Organization in the United Nations Development Programme.

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