



REGIONAL COMMITTEE

Ninth Session

SEA/RC9/8

Provisional Agenda item 9

19 July 1956

RESOLUTIONS OF REGIONAL INTEREST ADOPTED
BY THE NINTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY 1

1. Rights and Obligations of Associate Members and Other
Territories in the World Health Assembly, Executive
Board and Regional Organizations (Resolution WHA9.52)

At its sixth session the Regional Committee considered the question of voting rights for Associate Members in meetings of regional committees and decided that it was premature to adopt any changes in the existing rights and obligations of Associate Members at the regional level as defined in resolution WHA2.103.

The Seventh World Health Assembly, after considering the comments of Regional Committees and the recommendations of the Executive Board, decided to make no change in the rights and obligations of Associate Members at the present time (resolution WHA.7.28).

This matter was again raised at the Ninth World Health Assembly, resulting in the approval of resolution WHA9.52, which "requests regional committees to study the subject of the rights and obligations of Associate Members in the regional organizations and to report thereon".

The Regional Committee may wish to study this subject again and give its opinion.

2. Sessions of Regional Committees outside Regional Headquarters
(Resolution WHA9.20)

The Regional Director has presented a separate working document on this subject (SEA/RC9/7), which may be discussed under agenda item No. 20, "Time and Place of the Tenth and Eleventh Sessions".

3. Future Organizational Studies by the Executive Board
(Resolution WHA9.30)

On this subject also, the Regional Director has presented a separate working document, giving the background of regionalization (SEA/RC9/10). This subject will need to be discussed under agenda item No. 12.

¹The relevant resolutions will be circulated as annexes to this document at the time of the Regional Committee meeting.

4. Reports on the World Health Situation (Resolution WHA9.27)

The Regional Committee may wish to take note of this resolution, which, inter alia:

"1. INVITES the Members of the World Health Organization to prepare, as a step toward the fulfilment of their obligations under Article 61 of the Constitution, a report covering as far as possible the period 1954 to the end of 1956;

"2. RECOMMENDS,.....as a basis for the preparation of reports by Members.....the list of headings reproduced in Annex B of document A9/P&B/9, with necessary adjustments;

"3. REQUESTS the Director-General through the regional organizations to give all suitable assistance to the Member States in preparing these reports;....."

In this connection, in June 1956 the Regional Office circulated to the Member States in the Region the list of headings reproduced in Annex B of document A9/P&B/9, and requested the Area Representatives to assist the Governments in compiling reports based on these headings.

5. Inter-Regional Conference on Leprosy Control, 1958 (Resolution WHA9.45)

The Regional Committee may wish to take note of this resolution.

6. Local Costs Arrangements: Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance (Resolution WHA9.56)

In the South East Asia Region, the following projects, under the Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance, have been granted waivers till 31 December 1956:

Rural Health Unit, Chiangmai, Thailand;
Yaws Control, Thailand;
Post-Graduate School of Nursing, Thailand.

One country, Nepal, has been given a country waiver till 31 December 1956.

Apparently there will be no project waivers granted by the Technical Assistance Board in future. The Regional Committee may wish to take note of this resolution.

7. Malaria Eradication (Resolution WHA9.61) and Fixing of Target Dates for Starting Inter-Regional Co-ordinated Programmes for Malaria Control Leading to Eradication (Resolution WHA9.62)

A separate working document (SEA/RC9/6) on the subject of malaria eradication has been presented by the Regional Director. This will need to be discussed under agenda item No. 18.

NINTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA9.52
23 May 1956

ORIGINAL: FRENCH

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AND OTHER
TERRITORIES IN THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY AND THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD, AND IN THE REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Ninth World Health Assembly,

Considering the proposal¹ relating to the rights and
obligations of Associate Members,

Considering the statements regarding their rights and
obligations made by the representatives of Associate Members,

Considering that it is premature to adopt any changes in
the existing rights and obligations of Associate Members,

1. DECIDES to defer to the Tenth Health Assembly re-examination
of the rights and obligations of Associate Members;
2. REQUESTS Regional Committees to study the subject of the
rights and obligations of Associate Members in the regional
organizations and to report thereon;
3. REQUESTS the Executive Board to consider the subject
together with the comments of the Regional Committees and to submit
its recommendations to the Tenth World Health Assembly.

Twelfth plenary meeting, 23 May 1956
A9/VR/12

¹Document A9/AFL/6 to be annexed

NINTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA9.20

21 May 1956

ORIGINAL: FRENCH

SESSIONS OF REGIONAL COMMITTEES OUTSIDE THE
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS

The Ninth World Health Assembly,

Having considered a report by the Executive Board¹ on the costs entailed in holding sessions of regional committees elsewhere than at the site of the regional office,

1. REMINDS regional committees of the provisions of resolution WHA7.26 of the Seventh World Health Assembly recommending that, "in deciding on the place of their meetings, regional committees should consider holding them from time to time at the site of the regional office, taking into account the costs involved for the Organization and the Member States concerned";
2. INVITES the attention of the regional committees to the desirability of host governments participating in the increased cost resulting from holding regional committee meetings outside the regional headquarters, as has been done in some regions; and
3. REQUESTS that regional committees should plan the place of the regional committee meetings together with its budgetary implications two years in advance so that appropriate budgetary provisions may be made by the Health Assembly when it approves the programme and budget for each year.

Tenth plenary meeting, 21 May 1956
A9/VR/10

¹See Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org. 69, 26-27

FUTURE ORGANISATIONAL STUDIES BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Ninth World Health Assembly,

Having considered resolution EB17.R48 of the Executive Board, on the organizational study, "Programme planning with particular reference to the integration of preventive and curative medicine in the public-health programme";

Considering that the continuation of this same study for another year would be desirable; and

Finding it desirable that the subject for organizational study should be selected at least a year in advance,

1. REQUESTS the Executive Board to undertake the following organizational studies:

for 1957: to continue the study on programme planning with particular reference to the integration of preventive and curative medicine in the public-health programme;

for 1958: further study on regionalization; and

2. REQUESTS regional committees to consider, at their meetings in 1956, the study for 1958 and to submit such views as they wish to express for consideration by the Executive Board.

REPORTS ON THE WORLD HEALTH SITUATION

The Ninth World Health Assembly,

Noting resolutions EB15.R51 and EB17.R67 of the Executive Board and the report prepared by the Director-General in pursuance of resolution WHA8.40 of the World Health Assembly on "Reports on the World Health Situation",¹ as well as resolution 557 (XVIII) of the Economic and Social Council on the organization and operation of the Council;

Recalling the obligation accepted by Member States in Article 61 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization;

Recognizing the responsibility of the World Health Organization to study and report on the world health situation; and confirming that such studies and reports are essential to the fulfilment of the Organization's other functions;

1. INVITES the Members of the World Health Organization to prepare, as a step toward the fulfilment of their obligations under Article 61 of the Constitution, a report covering as far as possible the period 1954 to the end of 1956;
2. RECOMMENDS, as a basis for the preparation of reports from those Members of the World Health Organization that are also Members of the Pan American Sanitary Organization, the relevant portions of the questionnaire in use by the PASO; and, as a basis for the preparation of reports by Members in other regions, the list of headings reproduced in Annex B of document A9/P&B/9, with necessary adjustments;

¹Document A9/P&B/9

3. REQUESTS the Director-General through the regional organizations to give all suitable assistance to the Member States in preparing these reports; and

4. REQUESTS the Director-General to prepare for the Eleventh World Health Assembly the first report on the world health situation summarizing the reports submitted by Members pursuant to Article 61 of the Constitution.

Tenth plenary meeting, 21 May 1956
A9/VR/10

NINTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA9.45
23 May 1956

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

INTER-REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON LEPROSY CONTROL, 1958

The Ninth World Health Assembly,

Having discussed the proposal advanced by the Government of Burma for convening a conference in South-East Asia regarding leprosy control; and

Considering the importance of leprosy problems and of national and international activities carried out in different parts of the world;

1. RECOGNIZES the advantage of convening a conference such as that proposed by the Government of Burma, for discussion of leprosy control in countries having similar epidemiological, social and administrative problems; and
2. REQUESTS the Director-General to study the feasibility of holding such a conference, as an inter-regional activity, in 1958.

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A9/VR/12

NINTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA9.56
25 May 1956

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

LOCAL COSTS ARRANGEMENTS: EXPANDED PROGRAMME
OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Ninth World Health Assembly,

Having noted that in future the Technical Assistance Board intends not to grant project waivers of payment of local subsistence costs for international staff,

1. REITERATES the opinion that the policy adopted by the World Health Assembly concerning the exemption of payment of local subsistence costs for international staff should be applicable to all projects in the health field;
2. EXPRESSES the hope that the TAC will reconsider the decision on this matter with a view to relieving the governments of certain local costs, for projects for which they are making substantial local contributions.

Thirteenth plenary meeting, 25 May 1956
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