

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
REGIONAL COMMITTEE  
SOUTH EAST ASIA.

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS OF THE  
FIRST MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE.

New Delhi, India, 4-5 October 1948.

Convening of the Assembly

The Committee  
CONVENED at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 4 October 1948, at  
New Delhi: with welcome addresses by the Minister of  
Health of India, the Prime Minister of India and the  
Director General of W.H.O.

Election of Chairman

The Committee  
ELECTED the Representative of India, the Hon'ble  
Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, to the Office of Chairman and  
the Representative of Ceylon, the Hon'ble Mr. S.W.R.D.  
Bandaranaike to the Office of Vice-Chairman.

Adoption of Provisional Agenda

The Committee  
ADOPTED the Provisional Agenda (RC/SEA/1)

Adoption of Draft Rules of Procedure

The Committee  
ADOPTED the Rules of Procedure (RC/SEA/2, as amended  
in RC/SEA/2/Rev.1.

NOMINATION OF REGIONAL DIRECTOR

The Committee  
NOMINATED, for consideration of the Executive Board,  
Lieut.-Colonel C. Mani for the position of Regional  
Director (secret ballot in accordance with Rule 24 of  
Rules of Procedure; Lt.-Col. C. Mani received 5 votes  
out of 5 votes cast)

Location of Regional Office

The Committee  
ADOPTED a resolution to recommend to the Director  
General and the Executive Board the selection, subject  
to consultation with United Nations, of Delhi as the  
site of the Regional Office (RC/SEA/9).

Date of commencement of work in the Region

The Committee  
DECIDED to request the Director General and the Executive  
Board to establish the Regional Office and commence work  
as early as possible and in any case not later than  
1 January 1949; the Committee was of the opinion that the  
nucleus staff and equipment should be arranged for as  
early as possible during 1948 and requested the Executive  
Board to allot the necessary funds.

Time and Place of next Meeting

The Committee  
DECIDED that the next meeting will be held at Delhi early in March 1949, exact dates to be selected by the Director and Chairman.

Associate Members - Rights and Obligations in the Regional Committee

The Committee  
ADOPTED a resolution stating its views on this subject to be presented to the Director General and Executive Board (RC/SEA/10/Rev.1)

Programme for 1949

The Committee  
APPROVED for transmission to the Director General and the Executive Board the summary of programmes (RC/SEA/11).

Draft Budget of the Regional Office for 1949

The Committee  
APPROVED for transmission to the Director General the draft budget of the Regional Office (RC/SEA/3) as amended in RC/SEA/3-Rev.1.

The Committee was of the opinion that, during the first year of working, the countries of the region should not be requested to make additional contributions for carrying out the regional functions.

Administrative Policies on Finance and Personnel

The Committee  
NOTED the statements of the Director General (RC/SEA/5 & 6) and expressed its general agreement with the policies as set forth in these documents. The Committee understood from the Director General that the normal procedure for appointments, except of those on the local service scale, will be for the Regional Director to make recommendations to the Director General who would make the actual appointments.

UNICEF'S Programmes

The Committee  
DECIDED to forward the proposals from India and Ceylon to the Director General for consideration by the appropriate authorities. As regards the proposals from the remaining countries of the region it was decided that, in order to save time, these should be sent to the Director General as soon as possible.

Advisory Committees

The Committee  
CONSIDERED the appointment of Advisory Committees for planning and operation of programmes in the region and decided that, although it was in favour of the principle of such appointments, it would not at this stage appoint any such committees; it however requested the Regional Members to submit memoranda to the Regional Director on this subject for inclusion in the agenda of the second meeting.

Communications with Member Governments

The Committee  
DECIDED that the Regional Director should be permitted  
to correspond direct with the Ministries of Health of  
the Regional Governments and requested the Director  
General to make the necessary arrangements with Member  
Governments.

Adjournment

The Committee  
ADJOURNED at 7-00 P.M. on Tuesday, the 5th October 1948.