SPECIFICATION OF CATEGORIES OF OFFICIALS UNDER SECTION 18 OF ARTICLE VI OF THE CONVENTION ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES

Item proposed by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Section 18 of Article VI of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies provides that the categories of officials to which certain provisions of the Convention shall apply shall be specified by each specialized agency. The text of this section is as follows:

"Each specialized agency will specify the categories of officials to which the provisions of this Article and of Article VIII shall apply. It shall communicate them to the Governments of all States parties to this Convention in respect of that agency and to the Secretary-General of the United Nations. The names of the officials included in these categories shall, from time to time, be made known to the above-mentioned Governments."

Pursuant to this provision it has been the practice of the Director-General in transmitting regular lists of staff to governments to include in each communication a statement taking account of resolution 76 (I) of the General Assembly of the United Nations concerning the Privileges and Immunities of the Staff of the Secretariat of the United Nations and which reads as follows:
"The General Assembly,

Having considered the proposal of the Secretary-General that, in accordance with Section 17 of Article V of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, the categories of officials to which the provisions of Articles V and VII shall apply should include all members of the staff of the United Nations, with the exception of those who are recruited locally and are assigned to hourly rates;

APPROVES the granting of the privileges and immunities referred to in Articles V and VII of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations, adopted by the General Assembly on 13 February 1946, to all members of the staff of the United Nations, with the exception of those who are recruited locally and are assigned to hourly rates."

As the result of correspondence between the Director-General and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, that government has requested the Director-General to refer this matter to the Executive Board and to the World Health Assembly in order to consider the adoption of an appropriate resolution to give legislative effect to the administrative practice at present being followed. The United Kingdom Government has stated that in their opinion Section 18 of the Specialized Agencies' Convention requires that the specification should be formally made, and communicated both to Member governments and to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and that the need for formal specification has recently become urgent in connexion with certain domestic legislation.

In order that the practice at present being followed be given legislative approval, the Executive Board may wish to consider proposing to the Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

"The Twelfth World Health Assembly

Considering Section 18 of Article VI of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies which requires that each specialized agency will specify the categories of officials to which the provisions of that Article and Article VIII shall apply;"
Considering the practice hitherto followed by the World Health Organization and under which, in implementing the terms of Section 18 of the Convention, due account has been taken of the provisions of resolution 76 (I) of the General Assembly of the United Nations;

CONFIRMS this practice; and

APPROVES the granting of the privileges and immunities referred to in Articles VI and VIII of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies to all members of the staff of the World Health Organization, with the exception of those who are recruited locally and are assigned to hourly rates."