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1. REPORT BY THE GENERAL CHAIRMAN OF THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS
RAPPORT DU PRESIDENT GENERAL DES DISCUSSIONS TECHNIQUES

The PRESIDENT: The meeting is called to order. The first item on our agenda today is the report by the General Chairman of the technical discussions. I invite Dr Shousha to come to the rostrum and present his report.

Dr SHOUSHA, General Chairman, Technical Discussions: Mr President, thank you for the privilege you have given me of presenting the report of the technical discussions to this august Assembly. The report has been circulated to the distinguished delegates as document A16/Technical Discussions/6 Rev.1 of 17 May 1963.

Mr President, in accordance with resolution WHA10.33 of the Tenth World Health Assembly, the Executive Board at its twenty-eighth session, by resolution EB28.R13, decided that the subject to be discussed at the technical discussions this year would be "Education and training of the physician for the preventive and social aspects of clinical practice". The Director-General, on 30 August 1962, forwarded to Member States of the Organization and to interested non-governmental organizations, under cover of a circular letter, C.L.34.1962, a preliminary document in the form of a suggested outline, in which were summarized some of the WHO contributions to the subject and a number of areas for discussion. It was expected that factual information on opinions relevant to the subject would be sent by the countries, to be summarized by WHO and presented as a working paper of the technical discussions. In response to this appeal, nineteen Member States and five non-governmental organizations presented valuable reports. A background document (A16/Technical Discussions/1, of 25 March 1963) based on the summary reports, was prepared by Dr E. Maurice Backett, WHO consultant and Professor of Social Medicine and Head of the Department of Public Health

and Social Medicine in the University of Aberdeen. This was sent by the Director-General to Member States on 11 April this year. Our technical discussions were based on that document. About 180 members from eighty-seven countries and eight non-governmental organizations registered for participation. The level of verbal participation in the discussions was of the order of eighty to ninety per cent. of those attending.

The first plenary meeting was held on 10 May, with the traditional opening address by the General Chairman, which has also been circulated to delegates as document A16/Technical Discussions/4. The technical discussions were held on 10 and 11 May. Participants were divided into eight groups, to each of which were assigned a chairman and a rapporteur, with a member of the WHO staff as secretary. In constituting these groups, an attempt was made to bring together people from different regions and from different countries which had reached different stages and which had different approaches in medical training.

I am glad to report that as a result of these group discussions a large area of subjects was covered and a good deal of material was obtained for use in drawing up the draft report which was circulated to the participants and considered in the closing plenary meeting held on 15 May 1963. After a short but lively general debate, with minor amendments which appear in the revised version (document A16/Technical Discussions/6 Rev.1) the report was approved and adopted.

Subject to your approval, Mr President, there is no need to read the report in full, as it has already been circulated. I shall merely indicate a number of suggestions, arising from the second plenary meeting, which are worthy of future scrutiny and analysis. They can be considered under four headings:

(1) Problems of definition. Social medicine as a subject and as an approach requires clarification and, above all, illustration, in a number of different contexts. Social medicine in a developing country must inevitably differ from that in a highly developed country, and again the subject will be different in areas different in demographic or other social background; these differences need further exploration and definition.

(2) Problems of the integration of clinical and preventive medicine and medical education. A review is needed of what is meant in practical terms by the "integration" of subjects in medicine. Particularly the experiments that have been made in integration should be described and evaluated.

(3) Problems of teaching about the social responsibilities of the doctor. Several participants felt that this was such an important subject, that much further work should be done upon it. In particular, there should be a review of the extent and origins of notions about the responsibilities of the physician.

(4) Problems of WHO action based upon the technical discussions. There were several suggestions that action should follow on these discussions. Above and beyond the suggestions mentioned in the report (on page 22, paragraphs (a) and (c)) expert committees were suggested: (i) to scrutinize past and present work in the field of teaching social and preventive medicine, and to give a series of guide-lines to the new and to old medical schools; (ii) to suggest how progressive changes might be fostered at a national level.

Mr President, the scope and aims of medical education have undergone marked alteration within the last decades. These alterations are due to the fact that the social values and aims have, with the continued evolutionary development of society itself, undergone marked modifications. The care of the health of the people is now regarded as an issue of practical policies of governments.

The technical discussions this year have taken place at an important and decisive stage, when the theme of the training of the physician - particularly with respect to preventive and social aspects - is in the front of medical education. No doubt there is a good deal of world-wide dissatisfaction with both methods and content of medical education today - a dissatisfaction which has been proclaimed even within the medical profession itself.

I think that I am expressing the feeling of many, if I underline the great value of the technical discussions held during this Assembly - discussions which helped us all to understand the most important problems of various countries, to exchange experience and to enrich ourselves with new ideas, the implementation of which will help us all to provide still better promotion of health of our peoples.

Sir, you reminded us of the value of these technical discussions when, in your presidential address, you said, and I quote: "We would be making a singular contribution to the work of the Organization if delegates undertook here and now to ensure that those recommendations which emanate from the technical discussions which will be held at this session are given very serious consideration and implemented wherever possible in their various countries."

Mr President, permit me to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed to the happy result of the technical discussions. I would like to express my great appreciation of the work of the WHO consultant, Professor Backett. I am indebted to Dr Petitpierre, our General Secretary, who was responsible for all the administrative arrangements, and to Professor Grzegorzewski, Director of Education and Training in WHO, for his valuable help and advice. Much of the success has been due to the Group Chairmen and Rapporteurs and to all the members of the Secretariat.

To all delegates who took part in the discussions I would like to extend my appreciation and admiration for the objectivity with which we have approached the problem and the very valuable suggestions and conclusions they have put forward. Permit me also, Mr President, to take this opportunity to express my thanks to Professor Kurašov, President of the Fifteenth World Health Assembly, and to the Executive Board for the honour they have done me in asking me to be the General Chairman of the technical discussions of the Sixteenth World Health Assembly.

The PRESIDENT: Thank you, Dr Shousha. I am confident that I am expressing the feelings of each member of this Assembly, Dr Shousha, in thanking you most sincerely for the outstanding way in which you have directed the technical discussions as General Chairman. By focusing our attention on the role of the physician as a catalyst in society, who by the harmonious combination of the practice of both preventive and curative medicine stimulates social consciousness at all levels in the community, your discussion groups have made a notable contribution to medical science and have further advanced the noble objective of our organization. In your opening address you inspired the group with an enthusiasm for the ensuing discussions and I hope that the conclusions of those debates, which you have just now summarized admirably, will be taken into consideration by all medical educators. I would also like to thank the Group Chairmen and the Rapporteurs for their contribution to the success of the technical discussions.

The report is now before the Assembly. Are there any comments or observations? May I remind you that as in previous Assemblies the technical discussions, which have been held under the auspices of the Sixteenth World Health Assembly, do not form an

integral part of its work. I suggest that we take note of the report, and again I thank those who have contributed to the success of the discussions. Are there any comments on this suggestion? The delegate of the United Arab Republic.

Dr EL-BITASH (United Arab Republic): Mr President, on behalf of the delegates who are present at this Sixteenth World Health Assembly, I think we have a duty to say a few words about the efficient work that has been carried out in the technical discussions. Dr Shousha really conducted the discussions in the most brilliant and efficient way, and the conclusions which we now are examining show how efficient was the work done. On behalf of my delegation, I wish to thank him and thank everybody who took part in those discussions.

The PRESIDENT: In the absence of other comment, I declare that the Assembly has taken note of the report.

2. THIRD REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND BUDGET
TROISIEME RAPPORT DE LA COMMISSION DU PROGRAMME ET DU BUDGET

The PRESIDENT: The second item on our agenda is the adoption of the third report of the Committee on Programme and Budget, document A16/17. In accordance with Rule 52 of the Rules of Procedure this report, having been distributed twenty-four hours in advance of this meeting, will not be read aloud. Four resolutions are contained in this report and I shall ask the Assembly to approve each of them in turn.

Does the Assembly agree to adopt the first resolution, on television influence on youth? Any comments? In the absence of any comments the resolution is adopted.

Does the Assembly agree to adopt the second resolution, on the Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion: Medical Research? Are there any comments? In the absence of any comments the resolution is adopted.

Does the Assembly agree to adopt the third resolution, on the Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion: Community Water Supply? Are there any comments? In the absence of any comments the resolution is adopted.

Does the Assembly agree to adopt the fourth resolution, on the Appropriation Resolution for the financial year 1964? I recognize the delegate of the USSR. Will you please come to the rostrum.

Professor ŽDANOV (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics) (translation from the Russian): Mr President, I wished only to say that my delegation has voted against this resolution, still disagrees with it and is against its adoption.

The PRESIDENT: Thank you very much, Professor Ždanov.

Are there any further comments? In the absence of any further comments I declare that the resolution is adopted.

We have now to adopt the report as a whole. Are there any objections to the adoption of the report as a whole? In the absence of any objection I take it that the Assembly agrees to adopt the report as a whole.

3. FOURTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND BUDGET
QUATRIEME RAPPORT DE LA COMMISSION DU PROGRAMME ET DU BUDGET

The PRESIDENT: The next item on our agenda is the adoption of the fourth report of the Committee on Programme and Budget, document A16/19. In accordance with Rule 52 of the Rules of Procedure, this report, not having been distributed twenty-four hours in advance of the plenary meeting, will be read aloud. The Rapporteur of the Committee, Dr Sentici, is now invited to come to the rostrum to read this report aloud.

Le Dr SENTICI (Maroc), Rapporteur de la Commission du Programme et du Budget:
Monsieur le Président, Messieurs les délégués, j'ai l'honneur de vous présenter le quatrième rapport de la Commission du Programme et du Budget.

Au cours de ses douzième et treizième séances, tenues le 20 mai 1963, la Commission du Programme et du Budget a décidé de recommander à la Seizième Assemblée mondiale de la Santé l'adoption des résolutions suivantes:

1. Etude organique: Moyens d'apporter une assistance efficace en matière d'enseignement et de formation du personnel médical aux pays ayant récemment accédé à l'indépendance ou nouvellement constitués, de façon à répondre à leurs besoins les plus urgents

La Seizième Assemblée mondiale de la Santé,

Ayant examiné le rapport que le Conseil exécutif a préparé à la demande de la Quinzième Assemblée mondiale de la Santé au sujet de son étude organique relative aux moyens d'apporter une assistance efficace en matière d'enseignement et de formation du personnel médical aux pays ayant récemment accédé à l'indépendance ou nouvellement constitués, de façon à répondre à leurs besoins les plus urgents,

1. REMERCIE le Conseil exécutif de son étude; et
2. PRIE le Directeur général de poursuivre le développement du programme d'enseignement et de formation professionnelle en tenant compte de ce rapport et des observations de la Commission du Programme et du Budget de la Seizième Assemblée mondiale de la Santé.

The PRESIDENT: Does the Assembly agree to adopt the resolution on the organizational study, "Measures for providing effective assistance in medical education and training to meet priority needs of the newly independent and emerging countries"? Are there any comments? No comments. The resolution is adopted.

Le Dr SENTICI (Maroc), Rapporteur:

2. Etude organique: Méthodes de planification et d'exécution des projets

La Seizième Assemblée mondiale de la Santé

PREND ACTE du rapport relatif à l'état d'avancement de l'étude organique sur les méthodes de planification et d'exécution des projets.

The PRESIDENT: Does the Assembly agree to adopt the resolution on the organizational study, "Methods of planning and execution of projects"? Any comments? No comments. The resolution is adopted.

Le Dr SENTICI (Maroc), Rapporteur:

3. Maintien de l'assistance aux Etats ayant récemment accédé à l'indépendance

La Seizième Assemblée mondiale de la Santé,

Ayant étudié le rapport du Directeur général sur le maintien de l'assistance aux Etats ayant récemment accédé à l'indépendance;

Prenant acte de la résolution EB31.R39 adoptée par le Conseil exécutif à sa trente et unième session;

Reconnaissant qu'il est nécessaire d'accélérer d'urgence l'assistance aux Etats ayant récemment accédé à l'indépendance et à ceux qui sont en voie d'y accéder, conformément au programme tracé par la Quinzième Assemblée mondiale de la Santé dans sa résolution WHA15.22; et

Se rendant compte que la mise en oeuvre d'un tel programme accéléré exige des ressources plus importantes que celles dont l'Organisation dispose actuellement,

1. PREND ACTE du rapport du Directeur général;
2. APPROUVE les mesures que le Directeur général a prises pour mettre en oeuvre un programme accéléré d'assistance aux Etats ayant récemment accédé à l'indépendance et à ceux qui sont en voie d'y accéder; et
3. INVITE les Membres qui sont en mesure de le faire à verser des contributions volontaires au compte spécial pour l'assistance accélérée aux Etats ayant récemment accédé à l'indépendance et aux Etats en voie d'y accéder, que la Quinzième Assemblée mondiale de la Santé a créé par sa résolution WHA15.22.

The PRESIDENT: Does the Assembly agree to adopt the resolution on continued assistance to newly independent States? Are there any comments? No comments. The resolution is adopted.

We now have to adopt the report as a whole. Any objection to the adoption of the report as a whole? In the absence of any objection I take it that the Assembly agrees to adopt the report as a whole.

4. FOURTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE AND LEGAL MATTERS
QUATRIEME RAPPORT DE LA COMMISSION DES QUESTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES, FINANCIERES
ET JURIDIQUES

The PRESIDENT: The next item on our agenda is the adoption of the fourth report of the Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters, document A16/18. In accordance with Rule 52 of the Rules of Procedure this report, not having been distributed twenty-four hours in advance of this plenary meeting, will be read aloud. The Rapporteur of the Committee, Dr Bravo, is invited to the rostrum.

Dr BRAVO (Chile), Rapporteur of the Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters: Mr President, fellow delegates, the fourth report of the Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters reads as follows:

The Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters held its seventh and eighth meetings on 17 May 1963.

The Committee adopted the following resolutions for recommendation to the Sixteenth World Health Assembly:

1. Decisions of the United Nations, Specialized Agencies and IAEA affecting WHO's Activities: Administrative, Budgetary and Financial matters
- Inter-organization Machinery for Matters of Pay and Allowances

The Sixteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on decisions of the United Nations, specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency affecting WHO's activities;

Having taken into account the views expressed in resolution EB31.R43 adopted by the Executive Board at its thirty-first session,

1. NOTES with satisfaction that progress continues to be made in the co-ordination of administrative, budgetary and financial matters;
2. EXPRESSES its satisfaction that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination has agreed that, subject to the views of the Board itself, the International Civil Service Advisory Board might serve as an independent body to make recommendations to the appropriate authorities on problems arising in the administration of the common system of salaries and allowances;
3. CONSIDERS that, if new terms of reference and authorities extending the competence of the International Civil Service Advisory Board are approved by all concerned, this will become one of the most important actions thus far taken to improve co-ordination on administrative matters; and
4. REQUESTS the Director-General, in the further consideration of this matter in the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to take into account the views expressed in the discussion in the World Health Assembly.

The PRESIDENT: Does the Assembly agree to adopt the resolution on decisions of the United Nations, specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency affecting WHO's activities: administrative, budgetary and financial matters - inter-organization machinery for matters of pay and allowances? Are there any comments? No comments. The resolution is adopted.

Dr BRAVO (Chile) Rapporteur: Resolution No. 2:

Decisions of the United Nations, Specialized Agencies and IAEA affecting WHO's Activities: Administrative, Budgetary and Financial Matters - Conference Arrangements

The Sixteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on decisions of the United Nations, specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency affecting WHO's activities;

Noting that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination has established arrangements to facilitate the exchange of information regarding the scheduling of conferences by the various organizations;

Considering that such inter-secretariat co-ordination, while useful, can only be effective if those concerned take full account of established recurring requirements for scheduled conferences;

Considering further that disruption of established conference schedules results in unnecessary expense to governments;

Recalling that the World Health Assembly has always met in the Palais des Nations in the month of May when it has been convened in Geneva,

1. EMPHASIZES the necessity for facilitating annual assemblies of organizations such as the World Health Organization at the normal time in order to avoid disruption of the established cycle of operations of the Organization;
2. EXPRESSES the hope that there will be continuing and improved co-ordination and co-operation in the scheduling of meetings among the agencies concerned;

3. REQUESTS the Director-General to transmit this resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations with the request that he transmit it to the Economic and Social Council; and

4. EXPRESSES the hope that the Economic and Social Council will, in the exercise of its responsibility under Article 63, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations, take into account the requirements of the specialized agencies when it considers conference schedules.

The PRESIDENT: Thank you, Dr Bravo.

Does the Assembly agree to adopt the resolution on decisions of the United Nations, specialized agencies, International Atomic Energy Agency, affecting WHO's activities: administrative, budgetary and financial matters - conference arrangements? Are there any comments? No comment. The resolution is adopted.

We now have to adopt the report as a whole. Any objection to the adoption of the report as a whole? In the absence of any objection, I take it that the Assembly agrees to adopt the report as a whole.

5. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING CLOSURE OF THE SESSION
COMMUNICATION CONCERNANT LA CLOTURE DE LA SESSION

The PRESIDENT: I now have to make an announcement on a subject about which many of you have asked, and continue to ask, questions. I refer to the date of the closure of the Assembly. In conformity with the provisions of Rule 33, paragraph (f) of the Rules of Procedure, the General Committee has fixed Friday morning, 24 May, as the date of closure of the Sixteenth World Health Assembly.

The Committee on Credentials will meet this afternoon at 2.15 p.m. in Room XI.

We have now concluded our work for today and I will ask the Director-General if he has any special announcements to make. Deputy Director-General.

Dr DOROLLE, Deputy Director-General: Mr President, you may wish to recall to the Assembly that the two main committees will meet in a few minutes, the Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters in Room XII and the Committee on Programme and Budget in Room XVI.

The PRESIDENT: Thank you, Mr Deputy Director-General. The meeting is now adjourned.

The meeting rose at 10.10 a.m.

La séance est levée à 10 h.10