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Palais des Nations, Geneva
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CHAIRMAN: Dr B. D. B. LAYTON

later Dr H. B. TURBOTT

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He stressed the distinction conferred by membership of the Board: the members, while serving in an individual capacity, collectively represented the Organization as a whole and their deliberations and decisions assumed a corresponding weight and importance.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Item 1.2 of the Provisional Agenda (Documents EB34/1, EB34/1 Corr.1 and EB34/1 Add.1)

The CHAIRMAN drew the Board's attention to the provisional agenda (document EB34/1) and to the two supplementary items contained in the addendum to that document. Since there was nothing to report on items 4.1 (Transfers between sections of the Appropriation Resolution for 1964), 7.4.1 (Headquarters accommodation - Report of the Standing Committee) and 8.1.2 (Decisions of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the IAEA affecting WHO's activities with regard to administrative, budgetary and financial questions), those three items could be deleted.

Dr EVANG, with regard to item 3.5 of the provisional agenda (Programme review - Venereal diseases and treponematoses), recalled that at its thirty-third session the Executive Board had discussed the possibility of including "programme reviews" on the agenda only of the longer sessions of the Board, when more time was available for the discussion of such important subjects.

Professor AUJALEU pointed out that the present session was not a really "short" one, and there would be enough time to discuss the item. The excellent document that had been prepared on the subject had been available to members of the Board for some time. If it was considered now, it would be possible for the Board to devote its attention to a programme review of another subject at its thirty-fifth session.

Sir George GODBER supported the retention of item 3.5 on the agenda for the reasons given by Professor Aujaleu.

Professor MUNTENDAM proposed the postponement of a decision on the retention of item 3.5 until it was clear how much time the Board would have at its disposal.

Professor ZDANOV supported Professor Muntendam's proposal.

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the Board take a decision as to the retention of item 3.5 on the agenda before the end of its Wednesday morning meeting.

It was so agreed. (See minutes of the third meeting, section 7.)

Decision: On that understanding, the provisional agenda (document EB34/1), with the inclusion of the two supplementary items (document EB34/1 Add.1) and the deletion of items 4.1, 7.4.1 and 8.1.2, was adopted.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMEN AND RAPPORTEURS: Item 1.3 of the Agenda

The CHAIRMAN recalled that at the closure of the thirty-third session of the Board he had postponed his concluding remarks until the present session: he would now take the opportunity of expressing his deepest gratitude to all who had helped him during his term of office, and of wishing the Board all the best that wisdom and understanding could bring for the future.

He invited nominations for the office of Chairman, calling the Board's attention in that connexion to Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure.

Dr ALAN proposed Dr Turbott.

Professor AUJALEU, Dr PRIETO, Dr ANDRIAMASY, Dr KAREFA-SMART, Dr SUBANDRIO and Dr EL-BORAI supported the proposal.

Decision: Dr Turbott was unanimously elected Chairman, and took the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN thanked the retiring Chairman for his most meticulous work, and expressed his great appreciation of the honour done to himself by his election. He invited nominations for the two posts of Vice-Chairman.

Sir George GODBER proposed Dr Alan, and Dr ANDRIAMASY supported the proposal.

Professor AUJALEU nominated Dr Karefa-Smart for the second post.

Dr LAYTON and Dr EL-BORAI supported both nominations.

Decision: Dr Alan and Dr Karefa-Smart were unanimously elected Vice-Chairmen.

The CHAIRMAN recalled that, in accordance with Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure, the order in which the Vice-Chairmen should be required to serve in his place, should he be unable to act between sessions, would be determined by lot.

Dr Karefa-Smart was chosen by lot as the first to be called upon.

The CHAIRMAN invited nominations for the two posts of Rapporteur.

Sir George GODBER proposed Dr Subandrio as Rapporteur for the English language.

Dr GUNARATNE and Dr ANDRIAMASY supported the proposal.

Professor AUJALEU proposed Dr Daly as Rapporteur for the French language.

Dr EL-BORAI supported the proposal.

Decision: Dr Subandrio and Dr Daly were unanimously elected Rapporteurs.

4. PROGRAMME OF WORK

The CHAIRMAN proposed that the Board should meet from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

It was so agreed.

5. REPORT BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT THE SEVENTEENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY: Item 1.4 of the Agenda (Document EB34/8)¹

Dr LAYTON, introducing document EB34/8, said that it represented the combined views and observations of the Board's representatives at the Seventeenth World Health Assembly and outlined the salient features of their participation, which had included the presentation of certain items at the plenary session and work in the two main committees. He would be pleased to answer any questions members of the Board might have.

¹ See Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org., 137, Annex 3.

Professor AUJALEU drew attention to the last paragraph but one of the report, where it was stated that "one of the Board's representatives (Dr Layton) respectfully invited the Director-General's consideration of a standard formula or pattern of procedure for participation of the Board representative, particularly in the main committees". He asked for some clarification of what it was intended the Director-General should do as a result of that invitation.

Dr LAYTON said that the nomination of members as representatives of the Executive Board was generally a non-recurring type of experience: members seldom had the opportunity to repeat such representation. It had occurred to him that it would be helpful if a brief outline could be provided for future Board representatives at the Health Assembly, indicating the responsibilities they would be expected to discharge and providing an opportunity to prepare for their participation.

He had felt that the Board's representatives could perhaps assist the committees more than in the past by being invited to make impromptu contributions during the course of the discussion, thereby helping to expedite the work of the committees and perhaps make it more efficient. Representatives of the Board could perform a very useful function, and he sincerely hoped, as stated in the concluding paragraph of the report, that such representation would be continued.

Dr EVANG said that, by practice and tradition, a pattern had been developed for the way in which the two representatives of the Executive Board served the Health Assembly. While rules of procedure and legislation were excellent, use should not be made of them unless they were needed. The more that could be left to the discretion of the Board and its representatives, the better. Board sessions would necessarily differ very much in their type, different points being high-lighted on different occasions, and the personalities of representatives would also have an

influence on the manner in which the Board was represented. The drawing up of too-rigid rules would have the effect of putting representatives into a strait-jacket. The Board was an organ of the Health Assembly, and its representatives attended in order to serve the Assembly by replying to questions, and not by imposing the Board's opinions.

The DIRECTOR-GENERAL said that possibly the Secretariat could improve the briefing given to the chairmen of the main committees to make possible a closer relationship between them and the representatives of the Executive Board, ensuring that there was no hesitation on the part of chairmen in asking for their help, or on the part of Board representatives in asking for the floor. The question was chiefly one of attempting to improve their participation and of drawing the maximum profit from their presence, and was not a matter of rules of procedure.

Dr DALY, Rapporteur, read out the following draft resolution:

The Executive Board

1. NOTES the report of the representatives of the Board at the Seventeenth World Health Assembly; and
2. EXPRESSES its appreciation to those representatives for the able manner in which they fulfilled their responsibilities.

Decision: The draft resolution was adopted.¹

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The CHAIRMAN announced that there would be a meeting of the Staff Pension Committee immediately following the afternoon meeting. The morning meeting would adjourn forthwith to enable members to visit the site of the new headquarters building.

The meeting rose at 11 a.m.

¹ Resolution EB34.R1.

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