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AMENDMENT TO RULE 28 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY

The Health Assembly, at its eighth plenary meeting on 17 May, decided to include in the agenda of the Assembly, the above supplementary item proposed by the Chief Delegate of France and to allocate this item to the Committee on Administration, Finance and Legal Matters.

The text of the letter addressed by the Chief Delegate of France to the Director-General is annexed.

ANNEX

TRANSLATION FROM
FRENCH ORIGINAL

Geneva, 12 May 1967

Dear Sir,

While I was making a careful study of the amendments recently adopted to the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly regarding the number of Vice-Presidents, my attention was drawn to the second paragraph of Rule 28, which provides that, if the President is unable to perform his functions, a new President shall be elected from among the Vice-Presidents by the Health Assembly for the unexpired term. The implementation of this provision requires that the Assembly should be meeting; in practice, therefore, it is applicable only as long as the session continues.

None of the Rules of Procedure, on the other hand, contains any provision for a possible case of inability of the President to act after the closure of the session, though his term of office expires only on the election of his successor. I consider that it would be desirable for an amendment covering such cases to be inserted in the Rules, and that this should be done at the present session. A provision on the lines of the one contained in Rule 15 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Board might be found suitable.

I therefore propose that the following words be added to Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly: "If the President is unable to act in between sessions, one of the Vice-Presidents shall act in his place. The order in which the Vice-Presidents shall be requested to serve shall be determined by lot at the session at which the election takes place."

I should be most obliged if you would kindly give consideration to this proposal.

Yours faithfully,

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Chief Delegate of France

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