



EXECUTIVE BOARD

Forty-sixth session

Supplementary agenda item 2

FUTURE TREATMENT OF THE ASSESSMENT OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA

Report by the Director-General



1. The Ad Hoc Committee of the Executive Board met prior to and during the Twenty-third World Health Assembly to consider inter-alia "Members in Arrears in the Payment of their Contributions to an extent which may invoke the provisions of Article 7 of the Constitution". The report of the Ad Hoc Committee to the Twenty-third World Health Assembly in document A23/AFL/16, paragraph 9 dealt with the arrears of Southern Rhodesia and read as follows:

"9. With reference to the arrears of Southern Rhodesia the Committee recalled that a communication dated 22 May 1969 had been received by the Director-General from the Ministry of Health of the United Kingdom, and had been presented to the Twenty-second World Health Assembly when it considered the same subject. This communication stated, inter-alia, that, "Financial transactions between the Organization and the regime (including the payment of contributions) had been suspended ...". In view of this situation of continuing non-payment of the contribution of Southern Rhodesia, the Committee invited the Director-General to study the future treatment of the assessment of Southern Rhodesia, and to submit a report to the forty-seventh session of the Executive Board".

2. While as will be seen from the above quoted paragraph the Director-General was to study the future treatment of the assessment of Southern Rhodesia and to submit a report to the forty-seventh session of the Board, the Director-General considers it preferable that this matter be dealt with by this session of the Board; this would enable the Director-General to reflect whatever decision the Board may take in his proposed programme and budget estimates for 1972, subject, of course, to a definitive decision by the Twenty-fourth World Health Assembly.

3. In view of the communication from the Ministry of Health of the United Kingdom to which reference was made by the Ad Hoc Committee in the above quoted paragraph of its report, it is evident that payment of the contribution of Southern Rhodesia cannot be expected to be received. Such non-payment would mean a loss in budgetary income to the Organization. In the light of experience and considering the prudent financial measures adopted by the Executive Board and the Health Assembly in the past, the Director-General recommends that the assessment of Southern Rhodesia be placed in the Undistributed Reserve for 1972 and future years until such time as Southern Rhodesia resumes payment of its annual contributions. Such action is consistent with that taken by the Executive Board and the Health Assembly with respect to another country which had formally communicated its intention not to pay its annual contribution.

4. Should the Executive Board be in agreement with this recommendation it may wish to request the Director-General to show the assessed contribution of Southern Rhodesia for 1972 in the Undistributed Reserve, pending a decision by the Twenty-fourth World Health Assembly on this matter. It may also wish to consider the adoption of a resolution along the following lines:

