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FORTY-NINTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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## Real Estate Fund

### Third report of the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee of the Executive Board to the Forty-ninth World Health Assembly

1. In accordance with its terms of reference contained in resolution EB93.R13, the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee of the Executive Board met on 17 May 1996 under the chairmanship of Dr Ngo Van Hop to consider, *inter alia*, the report by the Director-General on the Real Estate Fund, and to report thereon to the Forty-ninth World Health Assembly on behalf of the Board.
2. The list of participants is given in the Annex.
3. At its ninety-seventh session in January 1996, the Executive Board had reviewed the report of the Director-General on the Real Estate Fund.<sup>1</sup> This document indicated that a separate proposal would be forthcoming on the accommodation of the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean.<sup>2</sup>
4. The Committee reviewed the proposal and discussed extensively the accommodation of the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean. All members were fully sympathetic to the past and current difficulties being faced by the Regional Office in terms of office space and location, and agreed in principle with the move to Cairo. It was also the opinion of several members that a financial commitment to the extent being requested must be seen in the light of the Organization's present financial situation and the health priorities established by the governing bodies. Bearing these constraints in mind and in order properly to examine, discuss and recommend a solution to the Health Assembly, most members expressed the opinion that greater detail on the proposal was required, *inter alia* other available options and a complete financial analysis of the proposed project.
5. The Committee accordingly recommended that:
  - (a) the Forty-ninth World Health Assembly should approve the principle of the relocation of the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean from Alexandria to Cairo;
  - (b) the Executive Board at its ninety-ninth session in January 1997 should be provided with a thorough financial analysis of the proposals;
  - (c) the matter should be brought up again before the Fiftieth World Health Assembly in May 1997, in the light of the Board's recommendation.

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<sup>1</sup> Document EB97/23.

<sup>2</sup> Document A49/17 Add.1.

ANNEX

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

Dr Ngo Van Hop (Chairman)

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