

## The Third World Health Assembly

1. INSTRUCTS the Executive Board and the Director-General to make the following adjustments in Part II of the *Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951* as contained in *Official Records* No. 23 as modified <sup>87</sup> in consequence of the decisions of the Executive Board at its fifth session : <sup>88</sup>

- (1) expert committees — reduction of the total amount of \$285,866 by \$51,867, the actual reduction to be made by the Director-General in such way as he deems most proper ;
- (2) reduction of \$13,000 provided in the regular budget for two staff members in Public-Health Administration and Health Demonstration Areas ;
- (3) reduction in duty travel and travel of consultants by an arbitrary amount of 10%, producing a sum of \$27,000 ;
- (4) elimination of the item in the regular programme and budget entitled “ Programme Supplies to Governments ” amounting to \$100,000 ;

2. INSTRUCTS the Executive Board and the Director-General to include, within the amounts so made available, the activities covered in the following resolutions :

## WHA3.71.1 Epidemiological Services

Having considered the activities of the Organization in 1949 and 1950 relating to international sanitary legislation and quarantine, including the collection and distribution of epidemiological information by wireless and by printed periodicals,

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1. APPROVES the proposals in this respect as contained in the *Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951* <sup>89</sup> for the continuation of these statutory functions of the Organization ;

2. NOTES with satisfaction the progress made by the Expert Committee on International Epidemiology and Quarantine and its legal sub-committee in the preparation of draft International Sanitary Regulations ; and

Considering the need for an adequate technical and legal discussion of the draft WHO Regulations which are to replace the existing International Sanitary Conventions,

3. ESTABLISHES a special committee, consisting of representatives of all Member States, to consider the draft International Sanitary Regulations prepared by the Expert Committee on International Epidemiology and Quarantine ;

4. REQUESTS the Director-General to convene this special committee up to four weeks before the commencement of the Fourth World Health Assembly, in the place selected for that session ;
5. RECOMMENDS that the Fourth World Health Assembly
  - (1) establish a main committee to deal with International Sanitary Conventions ;
  - (2) recognize the special committee established by the Third World Health Assembly as its main committee on International Sanitary Conventions ;
  - (3) confirm the election of its chairman, and
6. RESOLVES that transportation expenses of delegates and advisers attending the special committee be at the expense of participating Member States.

### **WHA3.71.2      Health Statistics**

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1. APPROVES the proposed programme for health statistics for 1951 ;<sup>90</sup>
2. RESOLVES to request the Executive Board and the Director-General, in conformity with the considerations and opinions expressed on the report of the Expert Committee on Health Statistics by the ad hoc committee of the Executive Board,<sup>91</sup> to see if means can be found to implement as soon as possible the recommendations of the expert committee concerning the establishment of a clearing-centre for problems arising in the application of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, and of a focal unit for maintaining relationship with national committees on vital and health statistics, as recommended by the Second World Health Assembly ;<sup>92</sup>
3. ENDORSES the recommendation made by the expert committee that a joint session of the expert committee and certain co-opted members, specialists in the sphere of morbidity statistics, be convened in 1951 with the object of obtaining an orientation, evaluation and selection of the projects requiring international action in this field ;
4. REFERS the question raised by the delegation of France on “Certain Aspects of Hospital Statistics ”<sup>93</sup> to the Expert Committee on Health Statistics.

### **WHA3.71.3      Studies of Communicable Diseases**

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APPROVES the programme on Studies of Communicable Diseases as outlined in the *Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951*,<sup>94</sup> under the general item 4.1.3, and the specific items relating to :

- Plague as a disease of man (item 5.2.4)
- Typhus fever and relapsing fever (item 5.2.5)
- Bilharziasis (item 5.2.6)
- Other Communicable Diseases (item 5.2.7)

subject to the following specific resolutions :

### **WHA3.71.3.1 Immunization against Communicable Diseases of Childhood**

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1. ENDORSES in principle the programme on Immunization against Communicable Diseases of Childhood as outlined in the *Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951*,<sup>95</sup> and
2. DECIDES to call a conference in 1951 of heads of laboratories and institutes producing vaccine against diphtheria and against whooping cough.

### **WHA3.71.3.2 Leprosy**

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Recognizing the urgent need of implementing the programme for leprosy approved by the Second World Health Assembly,

1. APPROVES the programme on leprosy as contained in the *Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951*,<sup>96</sup> and
2. DECIDES that this programme be placed on the regular budget for 1951.

### **WHA3.71.3.3 Plague**

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1. APPROVES the programme on plague as contained in the *Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951*,<sup>97</sup> and
2. DECIDES that this programme be placed on the regular budget for 1951.

### **WHA3.71.3.4 Cholera**

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1. APPROVES the programme on cholera as contained in the *Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951*,<sup>98</sup> and
2. DECIDES to place this programme on the regular budget for 1951.

### **WHA3.71.3.5 Influenza**

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1. APPROVES the programme on influenza contained in the *Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951*,<sup>99</sup> and
2. DECIDES that this programme should be placed on the regular budget.

**WHA3.71.4 Co-operation with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East**

Whereas the Executive Board at its second session authorized the Director-General in consultation with the Chairman of the Executive Board, within the limits of any resources made available for this purpose, to take the necessary emergency measures, under the terms of Article 28 (*i*) of the Constitution, to deal with events requiring immediate action in connexion with the health situation of Palestine refugees ; <sup>100</sup>

Whereas in accordance with the provisions of Chapter II, Article 2 (*a*), (*b*), (*e*) and (*i*), of the Constitution, the Director-General responded to the request of the Secretary-General of the United Nations in December 1948 and assumed responsibility for the technical co-ordination of the health programme administered by the United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees ;

Whereas the Joint Health Policy Committee, UNICEF/WHO, at its third session <sup>101</sup> approved a health programme in connexion with the United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees ;

Whereas the Executive Board at its third session <sup>102</sup> approved the action taken by the Director-General in connexion with the health programme of the United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees which included assigning to UNRPR a chief medical officer and a medical officer, and making available to UNRPR a grant of \$50,000 from the UNRRA Special Fund ;

Whereas the World Health Assembly at its second session <sup>103</sup> resolved that technical assistance in this field be continued by the World Health Organization in 1950 through the United Nations as an emergency measure and that an amount be provided in the budget for 1950 to meet this expenditure ;

Whereas the Director-General continued in 1950 to assign to UNRPR a chief medical officer and a medical officer and made available to UNRPR a second grant of \$50,000 <sup>104</sup> from the UNRRA Special Fund ; <sup>105</sup>

Whereas the Third World Health Assembly has noted resolution 302(IV) adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations at its fourth session which establishes the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, with specific reference to paragraph 18 thereof which reads :

*Urges* the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, the International Refugee Organization, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization and other appropriate agencies and private groups and organizations, in consultation with the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, to furnish assistance within the framework of the programme ;

Whereas the Third World Health Assembly has noted with approval the letter dated 25 April 1950 <sup>106</sup> sent by the Director-General of the World Health Organization to the Director, United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East ;

Whereas the Third World Health Assembly has noted with approval the principles to govern relationship between the World Health Organization and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East proposed by the Director-General to the Director of UNRWAPRNE in the above-mentioned letter dated 25 April 1950 ;

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1. APPROVES the action taken by the Director-General so far, and

Desiring to respond to the request of the General Assembly of the United Nations expressed in paragraph 18 of its resolution 302(IV) in so far as the financial resources of the World Health Organization will allow,

2. CONSIDERS that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter II, Article 2 (a), (b), (e) and (i), of its Constitution, the World Health Organization should continue the technical direction of the health programme administered by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East ;
3. CALLS the attention of the Director-General to the need for giving special attention to the education, health and recreation of children in refugee camps ;
4. APPROVES the principles proposed by the Director-General to govern relationship between WHO and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East ;
5. RESOLVES that the World Health Organization should continue to assign a chief medical officer and a medical officer to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East ;
6. REQUESTS the Director-General to negotiate an agreement with the Director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East on the basis of the above principles and to report to the Executive Board at its seventh session concerning the outcome of such negotiations ;
7. RECOMMENDS that a sum of \$50,000 should be provided within the regular budget to cover the cost of sanitation, anti-malarial and other public-health supplies and equipment to meet the needs of the Palestine refugees in the Near East.

*(Seventh report of the Committee on Programme,  
adopted at seventh plenary meeting, 25 May 1950)*  
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