The Executive Board,

Having considered the resolution on international co-operation in developing the peaceful uses of atomic energy adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations at the ninth session, \(^1\) which

(a) noted that negotiations are in progress for the early establishment of an international atomic energy agency;

(b) convened an international technical conference of governments on the peaceful uses of atomic energy to be held not later than August 1955;

(c) established an advisory committee to make plans for the international conference;

Sharing in the interest and concern of the General Assembly in developing and expanding the peaceful application of atomic energy, in particular in the fields of biology, medicine, radiological protection and fundamental science;

Agreeing with the General Assembly that these objectives can best be achieved through international co-operation;

Recalling the responsibilities and functions of the Organization given to it by its Constitution as the directing and co-ordinating authority in international health work, responsible for promoting and conducting research in the field of health and for promoting co-operation among scientific and professional groups which contribute to the advancement of health;

Recognizing that the new scientific developments in the field of atomic energy will undoubtedly deeply influence the programme of work of the Organization;

Noting the invitation issued by the General Assembly to the specialized agencies, including WHO, to participate in the international conference;

Noting the report submitted by the Director-General to the Executive Board on the developing responsibilities of WHO with regard to atomic energy in relation to medicine and public health, \(^2\)

I. 1. WELCOMES the invitation issued by the General Assembly;

2. ENDORSES the preliminary action taken by the Director-General as reported to the Board;
3. **CONCURS** in the statements on the role of WHO made in the preliminary note submitted by the Director-General to the advisory committee on the international conference;

4. **REQUESTS** the Director-General to continue to co-operate with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, with the advisory committee, and with the specialized agencies concerned, in the preparations for the international conference;

5. **AUTHORIZES** the Director-General to take appropriate measures, in accordance with WHO's constitutional responsibilities and financial procedures, to prepare WHO's own contribution to the work of this conference; and

6. **REQUESTS** the Director-General to report to the Eighth World Health Assembly on the action taken with regard to the international conference;

II. 1. **TAKES NOTE** of the hope expressed by the General Assembly of the United Nations that an International Atomic Energy Agency will be established without delay;

2. **CONSIDERS** that, should such an agency be established, WHO should provide it with all possible co-operation and assistance in the field of health; and

3. **REQUESTS** the Director-General to follow the developments in this matter with a view to ensuring appropriate co-operation between the proposed agency and WHO, due regard being paid to the constitutional responsibilities of WHO, and to report to the Eighth World Health Assembly and to a future session of the Board.

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