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EXCHANGE OF MEDICAL LITERATURE BETWEEN MEMBERS
OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION THROUGH THE
WHO SECRETARIAT

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The Italian Delegation to the First World Health Assembly,
considering the importance of information concerning the results
of research work and its practical application in the field of science
and of medical and sanitary practice in the various countries being
disseminated as rapidly and as fully as possible;

Due note being taken of the numerous difficulties still
experienced by various countries in obtaining medical literature,
despite the efforts made to this end by the Interim Commission:

Submits to the Assembly the following Draft Resolution:

"The First World Health Assembly recommends:

- "(1) That all Members of the Organization shall send to the Secretariat, at their own expense, any periodicals and the most important works that are published in their countries on medicine and public health. They shall send as many copies as there are Members.
- "(2) That the Secretariat shall undertake to transmit one copy of each publication to each Member, which shall place the said publication in a central reference library designated for the purpose, in which all the most important publications in the field of medico-sanitary science and of its practical application shall be collected.
- "(3) That the Organization shall lend its moral and financial support towards the establishment of such libraries and their effective functioning, in order that they may provide for all research workers of the countries concerned the advantages inherent in such institutions."