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FIFTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE AND
LEGAL MATTERS

The Committee held three meetings on 15 and 16 May

1. Programme and Budget for 1951

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

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Health Assembly that it adopt the following resolution:

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,¹ and

Whereas in accordance with the provisions of Chapter II, Article 2, paragraphs (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, and

Whereas the Joint Health Policy Committee at its third session² approved a health programme in connexion with the United Nations Relief for Palestine Refugees, and

¹ Off. Rec. World Hlth Org. 14, 18, paragraph 1.4

² Off. Rec. World Hlth Org. 22, 46, paragraph 16.1

Whereas the Executive Board at its third session³ 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, and

Whereas the Health Assembly at its second session⁴ 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 for in the Budget for 1950 to meet this expenditure, and

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 \$50,000⁵ from the UNRRA Special Fund,⁶ and

Whereas the Third 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." And

Whereas the Third World Health Assembly has noted with approval the letter dated 25 April 1950⁷ 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, and

³ Off. Rec. World Hlth Org. 17, 12, paragraph 3.3

⁴ Off. Rec. World Hlth Org. 21, 46, WHA2.76

⁵ Off. Rec. World Hlth Org. 21, 47, Appendix I **

⁶ Off. Rec. World Hlth Org. 22, 46, paragraph 16.1

⁷ Annex I

Whereas the Third World Health Assembly has noted with approval the Principles⁸ 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) insofar as the financial resources of the World Health Organization will allow,

2. CONSIDERS that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter II, Article 2, paragraphs (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. 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;
4. RESOLVES that the World Health Organization should continue to assign a Chief Medical Officer and a Medical Officer to United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East; and
5. 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.

The Committee also agreed to change the number "3" to "4" in paragraph 5 (b) of Annex II of Document A3/79.

⁸ Annex II

2. Amendments to Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly.

2.1 The Committee agreed to recommend to the Health Assembly that it adopt the following resolution:

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ADOPTS the following revision of Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly:

(a) Each Member, Associate Member and participating inter-governmental and related non-governmental Organization shall communicate to the Director-General, if possible (fifteen days) before the date fixed for the opening of the session of the Health Assembly, the names of its representatives, including all alternates, advisers and secretaries.

(b) The credentials of delegates of Members and of the representatives of Associate Members shall be delivered to the Director-General, if possible not less than one day before the opening of the session of the Health Assembly. Such credentials shall be issued by the Head of State or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by the Minister of Health or other appropriate authority, and in the case of the representatives of Associate Members by the appropriate authority.

2.2 The Committee further agreed to recommend to the Health Assembly that it adopt the following resolution:

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ADOPTS the following amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Assembly proposed by the Government of Belgium and approved by the Executive Board at its fifth session² :

Rule 18

At the beginning of each regular session, the Health Assembly shall elect a Committee on Nominations consisting of eighteen delegates of as many Members.

9. The words underlined indicate additions and modifications proposed. The numbers of the rules to be amended correspond with the numbers in the revised rules of procedure as set forth in the second edition of the Handbook of Basic Documents.

Rule 19

The Committee on Nominations, having regard to an equitable geographic distribution and to experience and personal competence, shall propose (a) to the Health Assembly from among the delegates nominations for the offices of the President and three Vice-Presidents of the Health Assembly, for the offices of chairman of each of the main committees, and for the members of the General Committee to be elected under Rule 25, and (b) to each of the main committees, set up under Rule 27, nominations from among the delegates for the offices of vice-chairman and rapporteur.

The proposals of the Committee on Nominations shall be communicated to the Assembly or to the main committees respectively, two hours at least before the meeting during which the election is to take place.

Rule 26

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(a) decide the time and place of all plenary meetings and of all meetings of Committees established at plenary meetings during the session. Whenever practicable, the General Committee shall make known a few days in advance the date and hour of meetings of the Assembly and of the Committees,

(b)

Rule 27

The Health Assembly shall establish at each session such main committees as it may consider necessary and, after consideration of the recommendations of the General Committee, shall allocate to such Committees appropriate items in the agenda.

The Chairman of these committees shall be elected by the Health Assembly after consideration of the report of the Committee on Nominations.

Rule 29

Each main committee shall, after consideration of the report of the Committee on Nominations elect a vice-chairman and a rapporteur.

Rule 75

The Director-General shall issue for the convenience of participating delegations and organizations, in the form of a daily journal of the Session, such summary account of the proceedings of plenary meetings and committees as he may consider practicable.

3. Agreement with the Government of Egypt

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Health Assembly that it adopt the following resolution:

Whereas by letter of 23 March 1950, the State Adviser to the Ministries for Foreign Affairs and Justice of the Government of Egypt notified the Organization of the acceptance of the draft Agreement concerning the privileges, immunities and facilities to be accorded to the World Health Organization in Egypt, in particular with regard to the Regional Arrangements in the Eastern Mediterranean Area.

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Having regard to Article 19 and to Chapter XV of the Constitution;

APPROVES the Agreement between the Government of Egypt and the World Health Organization for the purpose of determining the privileges, immunities and facilities to be granted by the Government of Egypt to the World Health Organization, to the representatives of its Members and to its experts and officials in particular with regard to its arrangements in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, and of regulating other related matters;

REQUESTS the Director-General or his representative to notify the Government of Egypt of this approval;

REQUESTS the Director-General or his representative to sign the said Agreement after approval by the Government of Egypt in accordance with its respective constitutional procedures;

AUTHORIZES the Director-General to exchange notes with the Government of Egypt concerning the following matters:

- (1) The criminal jurisdiction of the Egyptian Courts with regard to acts not connected with their official functions, committed by officials, irrespective of grade, who are Egyptian nationals;
- (2) Police regulations concerning access into Egypt with regard to the provisions of international treaties on sanitary and quarantine measures.

4. Action taken by certain countries with respect to membership of WHO

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Assembly that it adopt the following resolution;

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Having noted the communications received from the Vice Minister of Health of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Vice Minister of Health of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Vice Minister of Health of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Peoples' Republic of Bulgaria, the Minister of Health of the Peoples' Republic of Roumania, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Peoples' Republic of Albania, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs for the Republic of Czechoslovakia, notifying the Director-General that their States no longer consider themselves Members of the World Health Organization;

RESOLVES that while the World Health Organization will always welcome the resumption by these Members of full co-operation in the work of the Organization, it is not considered that any further action at this stage is desirable.

5. Provisional Scales of Assessment for Associate Members

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Assembly that it adopt the following resolution:

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Taking into account the difference in status between Members and Associate Members of the Organization,

RESOLVES that the assessments of all Associate Members shall be established at 3 units.

6. Resolution on Scales of Assessment for 1950

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Assembly that it adopt the following resolution:

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RESOLVES that resolution WHA2.67 of the Second World Health Assembly shall be deemed to have been adopted as follows:

"Whereas Financial Regulation 18 provides that 'Members shall be required to make a contribution for the year in which their membership becomes effective, and an advance to the Working Capital Fund, at rates to be determined by the Health Assembly'; and

Whereas the First World Health Assembly did not include a determination for the State of Israel in establishing the unit scale of assessments for 1948 and 1949,

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RESOLVES that the State of Israel shall make an advance to the Working Capital Fund and contribute to the budgets for 1949 and 1950 of the World Health Organization at a rate to be fixed by establishing the number of units corresponding to the contribution of Israel to the United Nations for the year 1950;

Further, an interim assessment of Israel shall be made of five units to be replaced by the definitive assessment, when known".

7. Appointment of External Auditor 1951

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Assembly that it adopt the following resolution:

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RESOLVES

(1) that Mr. Uno Brunskog be appointed as External Auditor of the accounts of WHO for the financial period ending 31 December 1951. Should the necessity arise, Mr. Brunskog may designate a representative to act in his absence;

(2) that in the year of the last financial period to be audited by the Auditor appointed under (1) above the Health Assembly shall appoint an Auditor of the accounts of WHO; and further

RESOLVES that paragraphs 3 to 6.11 of the resolution WHA 2.53 in respect of the appointment of the External Auditor for 1950 are hereby re-affirmed in respect of 1951 and in addition the provisions of paragraph 238 of Official Records No. 26.

8. Report on Financial Rules, Financial Regulation 39

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Assembly that it adopt the following resolution:

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NOTES the Financial Rules made by the Director-General and confirmed by the Executive Board, to implement the Financial Regulations for the World Health Organization¹⁰.

¹⁰ Off.Rec.World Hlth. Org., 22, Annex 13; 26, item 235, p.35