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## ✓ AVAILABILITY OF INSECTICIDES FOR THE CONTROL OF MALARIA

1. The Expert Committee on Malaria of WHO.IC, at its second session, recommended that "the question of regional production of DDT, solvents and wetting and emulsifying agents, and the waiving of customs duty on these insecticides in non-manufacturing countries, be referred to the appropriate bodies of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations."
2. At the 8th session of the Economic and Social Council, this question was placed on the agenda of the Economic Committee. A memorandum was submitted by WHO (document E/1089, 19 January 1949).
3. The Secretary-General submitted a note and a financial statement relating to the study of the production and distribution of DDT insecticides and of the hindrances to their ready availability, a study which was based on the above-mentioned memorandum. "The Secretary-General believed that such a study could be undertaken between the 8th and 9th sessions of the Council, and that it might comprise an examination of the existing production facilities of DDT insecticides, an analysis of existing distribution methods, including a survey of regulations affecting the export and import of DDT insecticides and the ingredients necessary for their production, together with a review of the existing obstacles to an increased availability of DDT insecticides." It was also stated that the services of a specialist in this field would be necessary for a period of three to four months.
4. The Committee adopted the following resolution:  
The Economic and Social Council,  
Having considered the statement of WHO on the effective use of DDT insecticides in agricultural areas and the Secretary-General's note concerning this matter,  
  
REQUESTS the Secretary-General to prepare for consideration by the 9th session of the Council a report on the production, distribution and availability of those insecticides (e.g. DDT, BHC, etc) which are available in the control of malaria.