

2. DECIDES that these recommendations shall become effective on 1 January 1968; and,

3. FURTHER RECOMMENDS that, where a Member contemplates making any reservations under Article 8 of the WHO Nomenclature Regulations, it consider the desirability of prior consultation with the Director-General of the Organization concerning the content and form of any such reservations which might be made.

May 1967 160,11

WHA21.44 The Twenty-first World Health Assembly,

Recalling its recommendation contained in operative paragraph 1 (d) of resolution WHA20.19,

CONFIRMS the annexed rules for selection of the cause of death for primary mortality tabulation.¹

May 1968 168,22

¹ For text of the rules, see the International Classification of Diseases, 1965 Revision (World Health Organization (1967) *Manual of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death*, Geneva, Vol. 1, pp. 417-436).

1.13 HEALTH LITERATURE SERVICES

1.13.1 LIBRARY

1. General

[WHA1.57] *The First World Health Assembly accepted the programme for reference services and their organization as proposed by the Interim Commission.*¹

July 1948 13,307

[WHA1.58] Whereas the General Assembly of the United Nations has instructed the Secretary-General to consider the different aspects of the problem of the transfer of the medical and health material of the League of Nations Library and to submit to the Economic and Social Council a draft plan within the framework of a general policy relating to the use of the Central Library by the United Nations and by the specialized agencies;

Whereas the Health Assembly considers that the medical and health material of the League of Nations Library is part of the essential equipment of the World Health Organization, and should be made available to that Organization without delay;

Whereas the Health Assembly has recommended that the headquarters of the World Health Organization be located in Geneva, subject to the remarks of the Economic and Social Council;

The First World Health Assembly

1. EXPRESSES its gratitude to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the excellent co-operation given by the staff of the United Nations Library in Geneva to that of the Interim Commission of WHO;

2. CALLS TO THE ATTENTION of the Economic and Social Council the interest of WHO in having immediate access to and utilization of the medical and health material of the former League of Nations Health Organization, and the inevitable difficulties and delays arising from the present arrangement;

3. REQUESTS the Economic and Social Council to arrange without delay for the transfer to the World Health Organization of title to the materials in the library of the League of Nations which are classified under the headings "health documents", "medical periodicals" and "medical and health books" and of such other materials as refer directly to the work of the League of Nations Health Organization.

July 1948 13,325

¹ *Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.* 10, 25.

[EB2.R43] The Executive Board

NOTES the decision of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations on 20 October 1948 regarding the loan to WHO of medical material in the Central Library of the United Nations at Geneva;

EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for his co-operation in this matter;

DECIDES to accept provisionally the arrangement approved by the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly on 20 October 1948; and

INSTRUCTS the Director-General to enter into negotiations with the Secretary-General of the United Nations with a view to incorporating into the general plan for the library services of the United Nations provisions for the loan to WHO, on a non-restrictive basis, of the health and medical material of the former library of the League of Nations.

Nov. 1948 14,25

WHA2.34 The Second World Health Assembly

REQUESTS the Director-General to communicate to the Secretary-General of the United Nations its appreciation of the action taken by the Secretary-General in placing before the Ninth Session of the Economic and Social Council proposals for the loan to WHO by the United Nations Library, Geneva, for an indefinite period, of certain medical and health material needed by WHO.

June 1949 21,27

2. Indexing, Abstracting and Bibliographical Work

[EB1.R5] The recommendation that WHO should co-operate with UNESCO in sponsoring the activities of the Interim Coordinating Committee on Medical and Biological Abstracting² was approved by the Board, which also instructed the Director-General to collaborate, in so far as there was budgetary provision therefor, in the work of this committee.

July 1948 14,12

[EB2.R16] The Executive Board

DECIDES that the publication of a separate periodical as a source of reference and index of medical literature should not at present be undertaken by WHO, and

² See *Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.* 12, 56.

INSTRUCTS the Director-General to report at a future session of the Board any circumstances which might lead to reconsideration of this decision.

Nov. 1948 14,24

[EB2.R17] The Executive Board

NOTES the proposal by the Interim Co-ordinating Committee on Medical and Biological Abstracting of UNESCO for the preparation and publication of a world list of medico-biological periodicals, and

INSTRUCTS the Director-General to obtain further data on this proposal and to report to a future session of the Board.

Nov. 1948 14,24

[EB2.R18] WHO having inherited from the Office International d'Hygiène Publique certain obligations in respect of the publication of bibliographical material ("indications bibliographiques"),

The Executive Board

RESOLVES

(1) that this obligation should be met by the publication in the *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* of bibliographies and/or abstracts; and

(2) that full consideration should be given to the recommendation of the Interim Co-ordinating Committee on Medical and Biological Abstracting Services of UNESCO,¹ if abstracts should be published; and

EXPRESSES THE WISH that the periodicals of WHO should appear regularly.

Nov. 1948 14,24

[EB5.R42] The Executive Board,

Having considered proposals made by the Co-ordinating Committee on Abstracting and Indexing in the Medical and Biological Sciences of UNESCO for the publication of a world list of medical and biological periodicals, and the estimates of the cost thereof,

RESOLVES that the World Health Organization should share equally with UNESCO the cost of production of such a publication, providing that WHO participation in the work of the Co-ordinating Committee on Abstracting and Indexing in the Medical and Biological Sciences shall not exceed the \$6000 approved by the Second World Health Assembly and subject to the following conditions:

(a) the list should be issued as a joint UNESCO/WHO publication;²

(b) a sufficient number of copies should be made available without charge to WHO for distribution to Member States, national health-administrations, and certain national medical libraries;

(c) any receipts from sales should, after deduction of any additional expenses which UNESCO may have incurred in the production of the list, be shared equally between UNESCO and WHO.

Feb. 1950 25,9

1.13.2 SUPPLY OF MEDICAL LITERATURE

[WHA1.59] *The First World Health Assembly referred to the Executive Board a proposal of the delegation of Italy for an exchange of medical literature between Members of WHO, the first recommendation contained in this document being amended to read as follows:*

That all Members of the Organization be invited to send to WHO, at their own expense, the most important periodicals and works on medicine and public health that are published in their countries in sufficient number to provide one copy for each Member if possible.

July 1948 13,306

[EB2.R42] The Executive Board

RECOGNIZES that there are in some countries difficulties in the way of obtaining necessary periodicals and books, and that the lack of such periodicals and books seriously hampers the development of health services and of medical education and research;

INSTRUCTS the Director-General

(1) to send a written request to Members for information specifying any deficiencies in supplies of foreign medical literature, such information to include statements on (a) the principal causes of the deficiencies, (b) the extent to which arrangements exist for the fullest utilization of available foreign medical literature by means of national central medical libraries, inter-library loans, union catalogues or other means;

(2) to request information on the extent to which the UNESCO International Clearing House for Publications is concerned with medical literature, and to consult with UNESCO on the advisability of initiating jointly a survey of the needs of medical libraries in such countries as may express a desire for such a survey to be made; and

(3) to obtain information on the use of microfilms in facilitating the availability of medical literature.

Nov. 1948 14,24

[EB4.R12] In view of the activities already undertaken by UNESCO in the field of medical literature, the Board adopted the following resolution:

The Executive Board

(1) WITHDRAWS its request to the Director-General, made at its second session, to circulate a questionnaire to Members on deficiencies in their supplies of medical literature and to obtain information on the use of microfilms in facilitating the availability of medical literature;

(2) REQUESTS the Director-General to pursue discussions with UNESCO with a view to determining what further action can usefully be taken by WHO in improving supplies of medical literature without duplication of UNESCO's work.

July 1949 22,4

EB33.R44 The Executive Board,

Having considered the basis on which supplies may be procured by the Organization on behalf of Member States as provided in

¹ See *Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.* 12, 56.

² United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and World Health Organization (1953) *World Medical Periodicals*, Paris and Geneva.

resolution EB9.R90¹ and as modified by resolutions EB21.R38² and EB23.R48;² and

Having reviewed a report of the Director-General on supply services to Member States,³

1. DECIDES that the terms and conditions specified below shall apply to supply services to be provided by the Organization to Member States and Associate Members, to the United Nations, to specialized agencies and to non-governmental organizations

¹ See p. 188.

² See p. 189.

³ *Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.* 132, Annex 18.

in official relations with WHO, and shall supersede the provisions of resolutions EB9.R90, EB21.R38 and EB23.R48; and

2. DECIDES, further, that the Organization may provide services in the purchase of medical books and literature under the same terms and conditions.⁴

Jan. 1964 132,24

See also under *Organizational Studies, Medical Literature Services to Members, pages 482-483.*

⁴ For the full text of resolution EB33.R44, see p. 189.

1.14 WHO PUBLICATIONS

See also *Reports and Evaluation, page 17, and Tenth and Twentieth Anniversaries of the Organization, pages 571 and 572.*

[WHA1.56] The First World Health Assembly adopted the publications programme and the organization for its implementation as proposed by the Interim Commission.¹ It noted the general report on publications,² and referred to the Executive Board:

(i) a suggestion for the publication, in addition to the list proposed by the Interim Commission, of "a periodical intended as a source of reference and index of medical publications";

(ii) a suggestion for the printing, in as many languages as possible, of the publications of WHO.

July 1948 13,307

[EB1.R6] The Board considered the proposal of the Yugoslav delegation to the Health Assembly that WHO take the initiative in recommending to UNESCO the creation of an International Library of Congresses which should publish papers presented at such congresses, and participate actively and adequately in providing the financial basis of this undertaking.

The Board instructed the Director-General to study the question of collaboration with UNESCO in the publication of papers presented at international congresses.

July 1948 14,12

1.14.1 PUBLICATIONS PROGRAMME

1. General

WHA3.63 The Third World Health Assembly,

In view of the fundamental importance of the programme of publications of the Organization, considered not only as a statutory obligation inherited from previous international organizations, but also as an activity particularly favourable to the effectiveness and prestige of WHO;

Considering that the time has come, two years after the final establishment of the Organization, to proceed to a general examination of the results obtained and to determine the future direction of the programme of publications,

1. NOTES the results achieved up till now, despite indisputable difficulties especially of a financial and material nature;

2. APPROVES the programme of publications contained in the Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1951,³ on the understanding that it will be amended in accordance with the principles enunciated in the annex to this resolution;⁴

3. REQUESTS the Director-General

(1) to bear in mind, subject to budgetary limitations, as concerns the development of the activities of the Organization in this field, the principles enunciated in the annex to this resolution from the dual viewpoint of the structure and frequency of the various publications,

(2) to take all measures capable of ensuring the quality of the publications in the different languages employed,

(3) to submit to the Executive Board and the Fourth World Health Assembly a special report on the measures adopted in application of the present resolution;

4. REQUESTS the Executive Board to submit its observations and comments on this report to the Fourth World Health Assembly;

5. DRAWS THE ATTENTION of Member States to the importance of the strict application of Article 63 of the Constitution, and

6. RECOMMENDS that they adopt adequate measures in this connexion within the framework of their national health administrations.

May 1950 28,38

EB7.R16 The Executive Board

1. NOTES the report submitted by the Director-General on measures adopted in application of resolution WHA3.63;⁵

2. NOTES the Director-General's statement on proposed measures for improving translations;

3. EXPRESSES satisfaction with the improved quality and quantity of publications issued in 1950;

Jan. 1951 32,5

WHA4.4 The Fourth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on publications submitted by the Director-General on measures adopted in application of

⁵ *Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.* 23, 85.

⁴ The annex is reproduced in three separate parts in sections 3, 4 and 5 below (pp. 181 and 182).

⁵ *Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.* 32, Annex 5.

¹ *Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.* 10, 24.

² *Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.* 12, 18.

resolution WHA3.63, and the observations made thereon by the Executive Board (resolution EB7.R16),

1. APPROVES the report submitted by the Director-General on publications;
2. NOTES with satisfaction the improved quality and quantity of publications;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to continue efforts to improve the quality of translations;
4. REAFFIRMS the importance of the programme of publications as an activity particularly favourable to the effectiveness and prestige of the Organization, while recognizing that the full development of this programme may be affected by budgetary limitations;
5. ENDORSES the decision of the Executive Board that publications should be one of the two main subjects to be studied by the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance.¹

May 1951 35,18

EB9.R68 The Executive Board,

Having completed its study of the publications of the World Health Organization as requested by the Fourth World Health Assembly in resolution WHA4.55,²

RECOMMENDS to the Fifth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:³

Jan. 1952 40,25

WHA5.24 The Fifth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Executive Board on the publications programme of the World Health Organization,⁴

1. NOTES the considerable progress made by the Director-General in implementing the publishing policies laid down by the Third World Health Assembly (resolution WHA3.63);
2. EXPRESSES its satisfaction with the general programme of WHO publications;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to continue the programme of publications with such modifications as were recommended by the Executive Board at its ninth session;

May 1952 42,24

EB25.R42 The Executive Board,

Having, in the course of its twenty-third and twenty-fifth sessions, made an organizational study on publications, as requested by the Eleventh and Twelfth World Health Assemblies (resolutions WHA11.52 and WHA12.55),⁵

1. SUBMITS to the Thirteenth World Health Assembly:
 - (a) a report on WHO publications,⁶ prepared by the Director-General in the light of the discussion of this subject by the Board at its twenty-third session and by the Twelfth World Health Assembly;

¹ *Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.* 33, 36.

² See p. 474.

³ For text recommended by the Board and adopted by the Health Assembly see resolution WHA5.24 below.

⁴ *Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.* 40, 54.

⁵ See p. 477.

⁶ *Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.* 99, Annex 17, part 1.

(b) a summary of the Executive Board's concluding discussion at its twenty-fifth session;⁷ and

2. INVITES the Director-General to consider and report to the Thirteenth World Health Assembly on measures that might be taken to reduce the length of the volumes constituting the *Official Records* series.

Jan. 1960 99,21

WHA13.60 The Thirteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered resolution EB25.R42 of the Executive Board, and a summary of the Executive Board's discussion of this subject at its twenty-fifth session together with a report on WHO publications prepared by the Director-General; and

Noting that the Executive Board has now concluded its organizational study on publications,

1. THANKS the Executive Board for the study made;
2. NOTES the preliminary study made by the Director-General on the possible measures to reduce the length of the *Official Records* volumes; and
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to continue to keep this matter under constant review.

May 1960 102,28

2. Languages of Publication

[EB2.R14] The Executive Board

APPROVES the principle of publication in the two working languages of the Organization; and

RECOMMENDS

- (1) that the *Chronicle of the World Health Organization* should continue to be published in the five official languages;
- (2) that certain special non-serial publications should, when necessary, be produced in an additional language or languages; and
- (3) that, if a further need to publish in non-working languages should be demonstrated, the Director-General should refer the matter to the Executive Board and, subject to its decision, should consult with the appropriate regional directors as to the possibility of undertaking such publication through the regional organizations.

Nov. 1948 14,24

WHA7.32 The Seventh World Health Assembly,

Recognizing the desirability of facilitating to the greatest possible extent the participation of Spanish-speaking Members in the activities of the World Health Organization;

Considering that it is desirable to take additional steps with the view of ultimately providing for Spanish to become a working language of the Assembly and the Executive Board,

1. REQUESTS that as from 1955 the Director-General make arrangements to have Spanish translations made of all *Official Records of the World Health Organization*, the final minutes of the Executive Board, and the reports of expert committees;
2. DECIDES that all resolutions and other formal decisions of the Health Assembly and of the Executive Board be established in both working languages and in Spanish.

May 1954 55,29

⁷ *Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.* 99, Annex 17, part 2.

EB25.R44 The Executive Board

1. AGREES in principle that steps should be taken, starting in 1961, to extend the use of the Russian language in publications of the World Health Organization;
2. BELIEVES that such extension should take place gradually and selectively having regard to the technical difficulties as well as the cost implications; and
3. RECOMMENDS that the Thirteenth World Health Assembly should consider this matter in the light of a further report to be submitted to the Assembly by the Director-General.

Jan. 1960 99,21

WHA13.15 The Thirteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on publications in Russian¹ submitted in response to the request of the Executive Board (resolution EB25.R44),

DECIDES to extend the use of the Russian language in certain publications of the World Health Organization, the extension to take place gradually and in an orderly way over a period of three years, beginning in 1961.

May 1960 102,4

See also resolution EB9.R71 below.

3. Bulletin

WHA3.14 The Third World Health Assembly

1. REQUESTS the Executive Board to consider a proposal for
 - (1) discontinuing publication of separate editions of the *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* in English and French,
 - (2) publishing, as from the first number of volume 3 of the *Bulletin*, a single edition containing articles either in English or in French according to the language in which they are submitted, with summaries in both the working languages of the Organization;
2. AUTHORIZES the Director-General to introduce such changes so soon as the Board may decide.

May 1950 28,20

WHA3.63 Annex² (*Principles which should govern the expansion of the programme of publications*):

1. The *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* is the fundamental publication of the Organization; texts to be included therein should consequently be chosen on the grounds of high technical or scientific quality combined with as wide an international appeal as possible.

The *Bulletin* should include a bibliographical section, comprising not only references, but also abstracts of original documents.

The *Bulletin* should appear monthly; this rhythm of publication should be put into practice as soon as possible, in principle from 1952.

May 1950 28,38

EB6.R9 Considering that the *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* has a special character in comparison with other WHO publications, and

Recognizing the continuing need that other WHO publications should be published either in separate editions or bilingually in the two working languages,

The Executive Board

AUTHORIZES the Director-General to publish, as from the first number of volume 3, a single edition of the *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* containing articles either in English or in French, according to the language in which they are submitted, with summaries in both working languages of the Organization.

June 1950 29,5

EB7.R16 The Executive Board

4. APPROVES the Director-General's proposals for increasing the frequency of publication of the *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* in 1951, and

5. RECOGNIZES that the possibility of a further increase in the frequency of publication of the *Bulletin* in 1952, and of the inclusion of abstracts on its bibliographical section, may be affected by budgetary limitations.

Jan. 1951 32,5

EB9.R71 The Executive Board,

Recognizing the increasing importance of the use of the Spanish language in the fulfilment of the aims and work of the World Health Organization,

DECIDES that articles in the Spanish language, accompanied by summaries in English and French, should in future be accepted for publication in the *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*.

Jan. 1952 40,26

EB33.R53 The Executive Board,

Having considered a report by the Director-General on a communication from the Minister of Health of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics proposing that a translation of the *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* should be included among the WHO publications issued in Russian in accordance with the provisions of resolution WHA13.15; and

Noting that the choice of such WHO publications as can be issued in Russian within the framework of the agreed budgetary provisions is determined annually by consultation between the Ministry of Health of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Director-General,

NOTES that the Director-General will include a translation of the *Bulletin* among the publications issued in Russian, on the understanding that no increase in the relevant budgetary provision would be incurred.

Jan. 1964 132,28

See also resolution EB2.R18, on the publication of bibliographical material and abstracts, page 178.

4. Chronicle³

[EB2.R14] The Executive Board

RECOMMENDS

- (1) that the *Chronicle of the World Health Organization* should continue to be published in the five official languages;

Nov. 1948 14,24

¹ Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org. 102, Annex 4.

² For text of the resolution, see p. 179.

³ Formerly called *Chronicle of the World Health Organization*; since January 1959 *WHO Chronicle*.

the Organization might make information on health legislation available throughout the world,

1. REAFFIRMS the decisions reached at its sixth session (resolution EB6.R19) as to the form of the *International Digest of Health Legislation* and the criteria for the selection of legislative texts for publication in it;
2. BELIEVES that, in spite of certain difficulties in maintaining the *Digest* as a comprehensive body of information on health legislation throughout the world, it is well serving the purpose for which it was intended;
3. CALLS UPON Member States of the World Health Organization to assist in increasing the usefulness of the *Digest* by fulfilling their obligations under Article 63 of the Constitution by communicating promptly to the Organization important laws and regulations pertaining to health which have been published; and
4. RECOMMENDS that Member States should, in application of resolution WHA3.63 of the Third World Health Assembly, make suitable arrangements within their national health administrations to ensure the regular dispatch to the Director-General of laws and regulations, if possible accompanied by translations into one of the Organization's working languages and by any suitable comments on the purpose and significance of the enactments concerned.

Jan. 1952 40,25

See also resolution EB47.R37, page 35.

6. Technical Report Series

See also *Reports of Expert Committees*, page 16.

EB9.R74 The Executive Board,

Having in the course of its study on the publications of the World Health Organization considered the publication of reports of expert committees in the *Technical Report Series*,

1. DECIDES that
 - (1) reference to sessions should be omitted from the titles of reports, which should be described as "First Report", "Second Report", etc. instead of, as hitherto, "Report on First Session", "Report on Second Session", etc.;
 - (2) the Board, in its consideration of the report of an expert committee, shall in future consider—quite apart from the question of the report's value in guiding the technical policies of the Organization and of Member Governments—the ends served by its publication in the *Technical Report Series*, with special reference to the general purpose and character of the report, the people to whom its recommendations are addressed, and its potential purchasers;
2. BELIEVES that, in certain cases, a committee may issue a report for publication only after two or more sessions, and that the change of title suggested in (1) above would facilitate such a course; and
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to publish prominently, on the cover and title-page of each report, a clear statement to the effect that the report should be considered as containing the collective views of an international group of experts and not as representing decisions or the stated policy of the Organization.

Jan. 1952 40,27

7. Epidemiological Publications

[EB3.R21] The Board decided that the study of the value of and the necessity for continuing the publication of *Annual Epidemiological and Vital Statistics* should be referred to the first session of the Expert Committee on Health Statistics.¹

March 1949 17,15

8. Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions

EB8.R26 The Executive Board,

Having considered a draft Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions of the Health Assembly and Executive Board,

REQUESTS the Director-General

- (1) to bring this handbook up to date by the inclusion of the resolutions and decisions of the Fourth World Health Assembly and the eighth session of the Executive Board;
- (2) to print this handbook as an official document, Edition No. 1;
- (3) thereafter to publish each year, as a supplement to Edition No. 1, the decisions of the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board which are taken within that year, each of these decisions to be cross-referenced to the appropriate resolutions and decisions contained in Edition No. 1, and
- (4) at future dates, when deemed appropriate by the Executive Board, to re-edit Edition No. 1 and succeeding supplements and to publish further editions.

June 1951 36,8

EB12.R3 The Executive Board,

Having regard to resolution EB8.R26,

REQUESTS the Director-General

- (1) to publish as soon as possible a second edition of the *Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions*, covering the period from the First World Health Assembly to the twelfth session of the Executive Board (inclusive), but omitting resolutions and decisions which are no longer applicable;
- (2) to continue to present the resolutions of individual sessions of the Health Assembly and Board in the *Official Records* series in such a way that these volumes will serve as supplements to the *Handbook*.

May 1953 49,2

EB15.R69 The Executive Board

1. REQUESTS the Director-General:

- (1) to publish, as soon as possible after the sixteenth session of the Executive Board, a third edition of the *Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions*, covering the period from the First World Health Assembly to the sixteenth session of the Board (inclusive);
 - (2) to bear in mind, in selecting material for the *Handbook* and in its presentation, the practical requirements of the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board;
2. AUTHORIZES the Director-General to publish further editions of the *Handbook* at intervals of two years.

Feb. 1955 60,27

See also *Preface*, page xv.

¹ The need for this publication was confirmed by the Expert Committee at its first session. See *Wld Hlth Org. techn. Rep. Ser.* 1950, 5, 6.

WHA3.63 Annex¹ (*Principles which should govern the expansion of the programme of publications*):

3. The *Chronicle of the World Health Organization* should keep to the role of publicity and general information for which it was originally intended.

May 1950 28,38

EB9.R69 The Executive Board

RECOMMENDS to the Fifth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:²

Jan. 1952 40,25

WHA5.14 The Fifth World Health Assembly,

Noting the small distribution of the Russian edition of the *Chronicle of the World Health Organization*,

1. RECOMMENDS that the publication of this edition be suspended; and

2. REQUESTS the Director-General to report to a future Health Assembly any new considerations which might lead to a decision to resume publication of this edition.

May 1952 42,21

WHA10.23 The Tenth World Health Assembly,

Recalling that the Fifth World Health Assembly recommended that publication of the Russian edition of the *Chronicle of the World Health Organization* be suspended because of its small distribution; and

Believing that the resumption of active participation in the work of the Organization by certain countries would facilitate adequate distribution of this periodical,

REQUESTS the Director-General to resume publication of the Russian edition of the *Chronicle* as soon as practicable.

May 1957 79,29

5. International Digest of Health Legislation

WHA2.8 Whereas the publication of the *International Digest of Health Legislation* involves difficult problems of selection of material and of the relative prominence to be given to it,

The Second World Health Assembly

RESOLVES that the Director-General be requested to submit to the Third World Health Assembly a report on the methods considered to be most satisfactory of making available information on health legislation and of presentation and publication of such health legislation as is considered to be of international importance.

June 1949 21,20

WHA3.15 The Third World Health Assembly

1. NOTES the report made by the Director-General, at the request of the Second World Health Assembly, on the methods considered to be most satisfactory of making available information on health legislation and of presentation and publication of such health legislation as is considered to be of international importance;

2. REQUESTS the Executive Board to study this report in detail;

3. AUTHORIZES the Director-General to introduce immediately any changes in the presentation and publication of health legislation which may be decided upon by the Board, providing that such changes do not raise the costs of publication of the *International Digest of Health Legislation* above the estimates in the proposed programme of publication for 1951.³

May 1950 28,20

WHA3.63 Annex¹ (*Principles which should govern the expansion of the programme of publications*):

2. The *International Digest of Health Legislation* should comprise complete documentation of as recent a date as possible on the national health laws and regulations "... considered to be of international importance".⁴

It should be issued not only bound, but also as separate sheets and fascicles enabling classification by subject and by State to be carried out.

According to their importance, the texts in the *Digest* should be either reproduced verbatim, indicated only by a reference, briefly abstracted or partially cited.

In addition to the table of contents, the *Digest* should contain a classified index arranging the text according to subject.

The *Digest* should appear every three months.

May 1950 28,38

EB6.R19 Considering resolution WHA3.15 on the presentation and publication of health legislation considered to be of international importance;

Considering resolution WHA3.63 and the principles contained in the annex to that resolution, and

Having studied the report presented by the Director-General to the Third World Health Assembly,

The Executive Board

1. APPROVES the criteria proposed by the Director-General for the selection of legislative texts for publication in the *International Digest of Health Legislation*;

2. DECIDES that the publication of the *Digest* be in accordance with the principles contained in the annex to resolution WHA3.63 and in the Director-General's report mentioned above, with the reservation that the presentation in separate fascicles be replaced, for reasons of economy, by inclusion in the bound volumes of indexes by subject and country;

3. INVITES the Director-General to make any other improvements he may consider necessary in the publication in question, particularly with regard to any economies which might be effected in the method of presentation of the material in the *Digest*.

June 1950 29,9

EB9.R70 The Executive Board,

Having, in the course of its study on the publications of the World Health Organization, considered the means by which

¹ For text of the resolution, see p. 179.

² For text recommended by the Board and adopted by the Health Assembly see resolution WHA5.14 below.

³ *Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.* 23, 90.

⁴ Resolution WHA2.8 above.

1.14.2 DISTRIBUTION AND SALES

See also Revolving Sales Fund, page 402.

EB9.R72 The Executive Board

RECOMMENDS to the Fifth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution: ¹

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Jan. 1952 40,26

WHA5.23 The Fifth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Executive Board on its study of WHO publications: ²

Realizing the necessity for better publicity to make known throughout the world the existence of WHO publications and the subjects with which they deal, and to improve the sale of such publications through all available channels,

1. AUTHORIZES the Director-General

(1) to continue to use such sums from the Publications Revolving Fund as are required to finance the cost of printing additional copies of WHO publications for sale, and

(2) to draw on the Publications Revolving Fund amounts not to exceed the sum of \$6000 for 1952 and of \$10 000 for 1953, such sums to be used to give publicity to WHO publications and to improve the sale of such publications, through available commercial distribution channels; and

2. REQUESTS the Executive Board, at its first session in 1953, to review the status of the Publications Revolving Fund in order to determine the purposes for which any accumulated sums should be used.

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May 1952 42,23

WHA5.24 The Fifth World Health Assembly

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4. REQUESTS the Director-General and the Executive Board to continue their studies on the free distribution and sale of WHO publications, wherever possible in consultation with the United Nations and other specialized agencies.

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May 1952 42,24

EB11.R42 The Executive Board,

Having continued its study on the free distribution and sales of WHO publications as requested by the Fifth World Health Assembly in resolution WHA5.24,

1. ENDORSES the general conclusions contained in the Director-General's report on the distribution and sale of WHO publications ³ and the postulates contained in Appendix 3 to that report;

2. EXPRESSES satisfaction with the co-ordination which has developed with the United Nations and other specialized agencies in the study of problems of distribution and sale of publications, through the Working Group on Publications of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination and otherwise;

3. REQUESTS the Director-General to continue to give attention, in consultation with the United Nations and other specialized agencies, to the promotion of distribution as an essential element

of the publishing programme and to report on progress made to a future session of the Executive Board;

4. TRANSMITS the Director-General's report on the distribution and sale of WHO publications to the Sixth World Health Assembly with the above comments.

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Jan. 1953 46,16

EB11.R43 The Executive Board,

Having considered a report of the Director-General on the status of the Publications Revolving Fund as at 31 December 1952 ⁴ and a report on the distribution and sale of WHO publications; ⁵ and

Noting resolution WHA5.23 of the Fifth World Health Assembly in which the Assembly authorized certain expenditures to be made from the Fund for the purpose of giving publicity to and improving the sale of WHO publications,

1. ENDORSES the measures already taken by the Director-General as well as those which he has recommended to implement the above resolution;

2. AUTHORIZES the Director-General to appoint a distribution and sales officer, the cost of this post to be a charge against the amount the Director-General was authorized by the Fifth World Health Assembly to withdraw from the Publications Revolving Fund in 1953 to give publicity to WHO publications and to improve their sales;

3. RECOMMENDS to the Sixth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution: ⁶

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Jan. 1953 46,17

WHA6.33 The Sixth World Health Assembly,

Having considered a report of the Executive Board on the Publications Revolving Fund; ⁴

Noting that the Board had considered a report of the Director-General on the distribution and sale of WHO publications; ³ and

Further noting that the Board endorsed the measures taken as well as those recommended by the Director-General to give publicity to and to improve the sale of WHO publications,

1. AUTHORIZES the Director-General to draw on the Publications Revolving Fund an amount not to exceed \$10 000 in 1954, to be used to give publicity to WHO publications, to improve the sale of such publications, and to defray the costs of the post of distribution and sales officer authorized by the Executive Board;

2. REQUESTS the Director-General and the Executive Board to continue to study the staff and financial implications of measures necessary to secure effective distribution and sale of WHO publications; and

3. REQUESTS the Executive Board at its first session in 1954 to review the status of the Publications Revolving Fund in order to determine the purpose for which any accumulated sums should be used.⁶

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May 1953 48,30

¹ For text recommended by the Board and adopted by the Health Assembly, see resolution WHA5.23 below.

² *Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.* 40, 54.

³ *Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.* 46, Annex 12.

⁴ *Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.* 46, Annex 12, Appendix 2.

⁵ For text recommended by the Board and adopted by the Health Assembly, see resolution WHA6.33 below.

⁶ For Board's review, see resolution EB13.R65 (p. 402).