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FOR THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE TO
SUGGEST GENERAL PARTIAL'S TERM ON THE GOVERNING
BODY AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL" (Doc. E/H/PC/5, Pages 4-7)

V. World Health Conference

A. Composition

The World Health Conference should be composed of delegates from all Member States. Each Member should be represented by not more than three delegates, one of whom should be designated as Chief Delegate for whom an alternate may be appointed. Delegates may also be accompanied by advisers. In selecting their delegates due regard should be paid by the Member States to the technical nature of the work of the World Health Conference. Each member should have one vote in the World Health Conference.

B. Meetings

The World Health Conference should meet in regular session at least once a year the place of each meeting to be determined at the previous session. Provision for the calling of extraordinary meetings of the World Health Conference should be made

C. Functions

The World Health Conference should:

- (i) determine the broad policies of the Organization;
- (ii) elect the members of the Executive Board and appoint the Director;
- (iii) review and approve reports and activities of the Board and of the Director; instruct the Board in regard to matters upon which action, study, investigation, and report may be considered desirable; and vote the budget of the Organization;

- (iv) have the authority to adopt regulations prescribing:
 - (1) standard quarantine requirements and other procedures designed to prevent the international spread of disease;
 - (2) nomenclature with respect to diseases, causes of mortality, diagnostic procedures and public health terms used in official reports of Member States;
 - (3) standards with respect to the safety, purity and potency of drugs moving in international commerce under names in general use;
 - (4) standards with respect to labelling the content of other drugs moving in international commerce;
 - (5) standards with respect to the safety, purity and potency of biologic products moving in international commerce.

Such regulations should become effective as to all Member States of the Organization after due notice has been given of their adoption by the World Health Conference, except for such Members as may notify the Director of rejection or reservations within the period stated in the notice;

(v) have the authority to recommend amendments of existing conventions with respect to any appropriate matter within the scope of the Organization. Such conventions should become operative as to each Member State when ratified by it in accordance with its constitutional procedures;

(vi) instruct the Director to bring to the attention of Member States of the Organization and of the Economic and Social Council or the General Assembly of the United Nations any matter with respect to health which the World Health Conference should consider appropriate;

(vii) the World Health Conference may invite any public or private international organization which has responsibilities related to those of the World Health Organization to appoint a representative who should participate in one or more of its meetings on the conditions prescribed by the World Health Conference. No such representative should have the right to vote;

- (viii) the World Health Conference should consider recommendations bearing on public health from the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, and the Security Council, and report to them on the steps taken to give effect to these recommendations. The World Health Conference should moreover report regularly on its activities to the Economic and Social Council.
- (ix) take all necessary and appropriate action to further the purposes of the Organization.

VI. Executive Board

A. Composition

The Board should be composed of the Representatives of fifteen States of the Organization, each State selecting a representative from among its delegates. The States to be represented for this purpose should be elected by the World Health Conference for terms of three years. The Members of the Board should exercise the powers delegated to them by the World Health Conference on behalf of the whole World Health Conference and not as representatives of their respective governments. The Chairman should be ex officio Chairman of the Executive Board. He should convene the meetings. The Board should meet three times a year and the Chairman should determine the place where the meeting is to be held.

B. Functions

The Executive Board should be responsible for giving effect to the policies of the Organization and should perform such other functions as may be delegated to it by the World Health Conference.
