

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

Committee 2 - Administration and Finance

Proposals Submitted by the Delegation of Canada

V. Organs

1. In order to clarify the position of the Director-General and that of Regional Offices, the Canadian Delegation proposes the deletion of Chapter X (page 141) and the substitution of the following therefor:

"There are established as the principle organs of the World Health Organization (hereinafter referred to as the Organization): a World Health Assembly (hereinafter referred to as the Assembly); an Executive Board (hereinafter referred to as the Board); Regional Health Offices (hereinafter referred to as Regional Office or Regional Offices) and a Secretariat".

VI. World Health Conference

2. It is suggested that in paragraph 3 (g) of Chapter VI (page 143) the word "international", should be inserted in line one between "any" and "governmental".

VII. The Executive Board

3. It is suggested that the drafting of paragraph 2 concerning the Composition of the Board could be improved by its deletion and the substitution of the following:

"The representatives elected to the Board shall be elected for three years and may be reelected; provided, however, that of the representatives elected at the first election, the terms of five representatives shall expire at the end of one year and the terms of five more representatives shall expire at the end of two years.

The representatives whose terms are to expire at the end of the

above-mentioned initial periods of one and two years shall be chosen by lot to be drawn by the Director-General (or the Acting Director-General) immediately after the first election has been completed".

VIII. The Director-General and the Secretariat

4. It is felt that the heading of this Chapter should read: "The Secretariat" and that paragraphs 1 should be deleted and replaced by the following:

"1. The Secretariat shall consist of a Director-General and such staff as may be required. The Director-General is the chief administrative and technical officer of the Organization.

2. The Director-General shall be nominated by the Board and appointed by the Assembly for a period of five years, under such conditions as the Assembly may approve, and shall be eligible for re-appointment for such period as the Assembly may determine. He may be removed from his appointment by the Assembly".

5. Paragraph 3 ought to be deleted and replaced by the following:

"3. In the discharge of his duties the Director-General, with the agreement of a member, may communicate directly with the health administrations of states or non-governmental health organizations of the state".

6. The Canadian Delegation feels that the first sentence of paragraph 5 should read as follows:

"The staff of all the organs should be appointed by the Director-General under regulations established by the Assembly".

IX. Committees

7. The Delegation of Canada feels that the restrictions contained in paragraph 2 are too great. It therefore proposes the deletion of paragraph 2 and the insertion of the following:

"The Board shall review from time to time and at least annually the necessity for continuing each committee".

XI. Headquarters

8. The Delegation of Canada feels that the World Health Organization

should not bind itself to have its headquarters fixed by its Constitution. It therefore suggests the deletion of the present article (page 146) and the insertion of the following:

"The headquarters of the Organization shall be located where the Assembly may decide,"

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