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THE GOVERNMENTS represented at the International Health Conference convened at the City of New York by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Having determined that an international organization to be known as the World Health Organization shall be established,

Having this day signed a World Health Convention, and

Having decided that, pending the coming into force of the Convention and the establishment of the World Health Organization, as provided in the Convention, and Interim Health Commission should be established for the performance of the functions of the Organization,

AGREE as follows:

1. There is hereby established an Interim Health Commission of the World Health Organization for the purpose of discharging the functions of the World Health Organization until such time as the World Health Convention comes into force. The Commission shall comprise an Interim Executive Board and a Secretariat.

2. Each government signatory to the Convention shall be a member of the Interim Health Commission. The Commission shall establish its own rules of procedure.

3. The members of the Interim Executive Board and an Acting Director-General shall be named by the Interim Health Commission. The functions and powers of the Commission, when it is not in session, shall be exercised by the Interim Executive Board. The composition and functions of the Interim Executive Board shall be those provided for in the World Health Convention of the Executive Board.

4/ The Commission shall:

a. prepare the provisional agenda and all necessary documents

and recommendations for the first session of the World Health

Assembly:

(b.) formulate recommendations concerning the integration in the Interim Health Commission and in the World Health Organization of such functions, activities, staff and assets of the Office international d'hygiene publique, the League of Nations' Health Organization and the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration as provided for by the Sanitary Conventions of 1944, and of such other health or sanitary organizations as it may be considered desirable for the World Health Organization to assume;

(c.) formulate recommendations with a view to establishing the Pan-American Sanitary Bureau as a Regional Office of the World Health Organization and make interim arrangements relating to the continuity of work and to the integration of functions, activities, staff and assets of the Bureau.

(d.) make studies and prepare recommendations concerning the initial work and the first budget of the Organization for presentation at the first session of the World Health Assembly;

(e.) prepare a draft agreement bringing the World Health Organization into relation with the United Nations;

(f.) deal with any urgent problems in the health field;

(g.) implement the decisions of the International Health Conference and take such interim action as may be required for the effective discharge of the functions of the World Health Organization.

5. The expenses of the Commission, and those incidental to the convening of the first session of the World Health Assembly shall be met by the United Nations.

6. The seat of the Commission shall be located in The Interim Health Commission shall hold its first meeting in New York immediately after the conclusion of the International Health Conference, The Interim Executive Board shall call the Commission into session

again as soon as possible after the Convention comes into effect.

7. The Interim Executive Board and the Acting Director General may consult the Department of Social Affairs of the United Nations in connection with the technical organization and work of the Interim Health Commission and the establishment of the World Health Organization. Pending the establishment of a Secretariat for the Interim Health Commission and the World Health Organization, the Department of Social Affairs of the United Nations will provide the technical secretariat and the Secretary General of the United Nations will provide the administrative services required in connection with the Interim Health Commission of the World Health Organization.

8. The Interim Health Commission shall cease to exist at the first session of the World Health Assembly upon resolution of the Assembly. At that time its property, records and such staff as may be required by the Director General shall be transferred to the World Health Organization.

9. The Secretary General of the United Nations shall be the custodian of the original protocol embodying these arrangements in the five languages in which it is signed. Duly certified copies thereof shall be transmitted to the governments of the signatory states.

10. This protocol shall take effect from this date and shall remain open for signature by the states entitled to be signatories to the World Health Convention until the Commission ceases to exist in accordance with paragraph 8.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, the undersigned representatives, having been duly authorized for that purpose, signed this protocol in the English, French, Chinese, Russian and Spanish languages, all texts being of equal authenticity.

DONE at the city of New York this
day of July, one thousand nine hundred and forty-six.