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PROPOSAL FOR THE COMPOSITION OF THE WORKING COMMITTEES OF THE
INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CONFERENCE SUBMITTED TO THE
GENERAL COMMITTEE BY THE DELEGATION OF LEBANON

At present each of the five working committees is composed of the whole membership of the Conference. This method of procedure is very cumbersome and time-consuming. If sufficient opportunity is to be given to the delegates to express their views on all sections of the proposed constitution of the World Health Organization, in each of the working committees as at present constituted, it will take an unnecessarily long time to finish the business of the Conference.

With a view to expediting the business of the Conference and to securing greater efficiency in its work, the Lebanese delegation proposes that each of the five working committees be composed of a smaller group than the full membership of the Conference. It submits the following concrete proposal to the General Committee of the Conference.

1. Each of the five working committees shall be composed of twenty-five members.
2. These members shall be proposed to the plenary session for election by the General Committee. In proposing the list of twenty-five members for each working committee, the General Committee shall attempt to secure the proper representation of the different delegations taking into account the different points of view, and the different regions.
3. Delegations of the Conference which are not represented on a particular committee may submit written proposals for amendments to the Committee.

4. Each working committee shall elect a drafting committee. After full discussion by the working committee of the articles of the constitutions assigned to it, a draft is prepared by the drafting committee which will be approved by the working committee to be submitted to the plenary session for adoption.

5. The delegations attending the Conference as observers shall be distributed among the five working committees by the General Committee.

If the above proposal is followed, it will be possible to distribute the fifty-one delegations among the five working committees in such a way as to have twenty of them represented on three of the five committees and thirty-one of them represented on two of the five working committees. This will secure sufficient representation of all the delegations on the five working committees.
