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INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

COMMITTEE IV: (RELATIONS)

PROPOSAL BY THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION

INTERIM ARRANGEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN  
INTERIM HEALTH ORGANIZATION

The Governments represented at the International Health Conference in New York,

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

Having formulated the Constitution of the World Health Organization,  
Agree that:

1. Pending the coming into force of the Constitution and the establishment of the Organization provided for therein,

There shall be established an Interim Commission composed of representatives of .... to make arrangements for the first session of the Conference of the Organization, and to take such other steps as are indicated below.

2. For this purpose the Interim Commission shall:
  - (a) Convoke the First Session of the Assembly.
  - (b) Prepare the provisional agenda for the First Session of the Assembly of the World Health Organization, taking into consideration the proceedings of the International Health Conference in New York, and prepare documents and recommendations relating to all matters on the agenda, including the making of initial preparations for a draft international

sanitary convention to replace existing international sanitary conventions.

- (c) Have authority to enter into negotiations with the appropriate representatives of the United Nations for the conclusions of an agreement as contemplated in Article 63 of the Charter of the United Nations and with respect to agreements with other international organizations established by inter-governmental agreement. Such agreements shall be subject to approval by the Assembly of the World Health Organization.
- (d) The Commission shall, pursuant to the Resolution of the World Health Conference of \_\_\_\_ June 1946, enter into negotiations promptly with the Pan-American Sanitary Bureau for the conclusion of an agreement to give effect to the provisions of Article \_\_\_\_ of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. The agreement shall be subject to approval by the World Health Assembly.
- (e) Enter into the necessary arrangements with the United Nations for the transfer to the Commission of the functions, activities and assets of the League of Nations Health Organization which have been assumed by the United Nations.
- (f) Enter into the necessary arrangements with UNRRA for the assumption by the Commission of the duties and functions entrusted to UNRRA by the 1944 Sanitary Conventions and the Protocols signed 30 April 1946 to prolong these Conventions.

(g) Take the steps necessary, in accordance with Articles I and II of the Protocol concerning the Office International d'Hygiène Publique, signed \_\_\_\_\_ June 1946, for the assumption of the duties and functions of the Office.

(h) Make studies and prepare recommendations concerning the programme and the budget of the World Health Organization for presentation to the Conference at its first session.

(i) Provide without delay for immediate action on urgent needs of health reconstructions in devastated countries as indicated in Paragraph 4 below.

3. The Commission shall establish its own rules of procedure and shall appoint such committees and consult with such specialists as may be desirable to facilitate its work.

4. The Commission shall appoint a special technical sub-committee to examine the problems relating to the health needs of the countries devastated by the war, having regard to the information already collected and the work being done by other international organizations, and to prepare as complete a conspectus as possible of the extent and nature of the problems for the information of the Organization at the First Session of the Assembly. When the technical sub-committee is satisfied that ameliorative measures are immediately practicable to meet any health needs it shall report to the Commission accordingly and the Commission shall, if it approves, bring such needs to the attention of governments and organizations in a position to assist and take such steps as may be necessary to co-ordinate such relief.

5. The Commission shall appoint an Executive Secretary who shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as the Commission may determine, with such international staff as may be required. In selecting his staff, the Executive Secretary shall take into consideration the desirability of appointing available members from among the staffs of the League of Nations Health Organization, the Office International d'Hygiene Publique, and the INRRA Health Division. He may appoint officials and specialists made available for this purpose by Governments. Pending the recruitment and organization of his staff, the Executive Secretary may utilize such technical and administrative assistance as the Department of Social Affairs of the Secretariat of the United Nations may be in a position to offer.

6. The Commission should hold its first meeting in New York immediately after the conclusion of the present Conference and shall continue to sit in New York until such time as the Commission ceases to exist or until the Assembly of the World Health Organization determines otherwise.

7. The expenses of the Commission shall be met by contributions of the Governments of \_\_\_\_\_ on the understanding:

(a) that the amount of the expenses so incurred will be deducted from the contributions of those Governments to the new Organization until they have been recovered, and

(b) that it will be open to the Commission, if circumstances so warrant, to seek contributions from other governments.

8. The Commission will cease to exist upon the assumption of office of the Director-General of the Organization, at which time its property and records shall be transferred to the Organization.

9. This arrangement shall be effective from the date of signature and shall remain open for signature by the states entitled to become original members of the World Health Organization until the Commission ceases to exist in accordance with Paragraph 8.

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