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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF UNDER-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
SPECIAL UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Note by the Secretary-General concerning a communication
received from the World Health Organization

The Secretary-General has received a communication from the Director-General of the World Health Organization transmitting a resolution adopted by the Eighth World Health Assembly on "Creation of a Special Fund for Improving National Health Services". In this communication, the Director-General referred to the interest which the World Health Organization had in the establishment of a special United Nations fund for economic development, as indicated in the operative part of its above-mentioned resolution, and expressed the hope that the General Assembly would accept the recommendation of the Economic and Social Council contained in paragraph 2 (a) of resolution 583 A (XX) to invite Governments members of specialized agencies to transmit to the Secretary-General their views on the recommendations contained in the report prepared by Mr. Raymond Scheyven with the assistance of a group of experts in pursuance of resolution 822 (IX) of the General Assembly.^{1/}

The text of the WHO resolution is reproduced below, for the information of the General Assembly.

^{1/} Official Records of the General Assembly, Tenth session, Supplement No. 17 (A/2906).

Resolution WHA.21
adopted by the Eighth World Health Assembly
on 26 May 1955

"CREATION OF A SPECIAL FUND FOR IMPROVING NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

"The Eighth World Health Assembly,

Mindful of resolution 822 (IX) adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 11 December 1954, which outlined the measures to be taken with a view to establishing a Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development (SUNFED), and which expressed the hope that this Fund would be established as soon as practicable,

Considering that the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, at its twentieth session, beginning on 4 July 1955 at Geneva, will examine a report on the progress made toward the establishment of SUNFED, as well as proposals concerning measures to be taken with a view to establishing the Fund as soon as practicable, and that, during this session of the Council, the World Health Organization, as well as other specialized agencies, will be in a position to express its views on this report, and on the proposals contained therein; further

Considering that the General Assembly of the United Nations, at its tenth session in September 1955, will examine a final report on SUNFED prepared at the request of the General Assembly by Mr. Raymond Scheyven, together with such comments as may be forwarded to the General Assembly by the Economic and Social Council, including views which may be expressed by the World Health Organization and other specialized agencies,

Reiterating the conclusion of the Fifth World Health Assembly as to the inseparability of social, economic and health factors,^{1/}

1. Expresses the hope that the Special United Nations Fund for Economic Development will be established as soon as practicable and that the arrangements

^{1/} Off.Rec.Wld.Hlth.Org.42,resolution WHA 5.61
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for the operation of this Fund will include provision for furthering the objectives of WHO as defined in Article 1 of its Constitution, namely, 'the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of health':

2. Decides, pending the results of the consideration by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations of the report and comments referred to above, to postpone consideration of a proposal before the Eighth World Health Assembly aiming at the creation of a special fund of \$10,000,000 to grant financial and material assistance to under-developed Member Countries for long-term projects approved by WHO which are receiving technical assistance from WHO, with a view to improving their national health services,^{1/} and
3. Requests the Director-General to report to the Ninth World Health Assembly on developments related to the establishment of SUNFED."

^{1/} Off. Rec. Wld. Hlth. Org. 42, resolution WHA5.61
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