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SURVEY OF THE ACTIVITIES OF BODIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS OTHER THAN THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, IN MATTERS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF ARTICLES 22-27 OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Report by the Secretary-General

CORRIGENDUM

In a letter received by the Secretariat dated 2 May 1950, the World Health Organization has suggested that the following corrigenda be made to document E/CN.4/364 in the places indicated:

I. Paragraphs 123 and 124 should read as follows:

"123. In pursuance of these and other provisions of its Constitution, the World Health Organization is drawing up the Health Regulations which will replace the International Sanitary Conventions; it is providing world-wide epidemiological intelligence services, setting standards for therapeutic substances, publishing the International Pharmacopoeia, and conducting research related to the above subjects. It is also assisting its member Governments to raise standards of health within their countries by means of field demonstrations, advisory visits by officials of the Organization and other advisory services, the provision of literature on medical subjects and of teaching equipment, the granting of fellowships, study by expert committees and by individual research workers either in the field or at headquarters, and emergency material aid in epidemics.

"124. The technical assistance to Governments relates to the following main fields; control of communicable diseases - among which malaria, venereal diseases and tuberculosis were given priority at the First Health Assembly; environmental sanitation, which includes the reduction of diseases resulting from poor sewage disposal, unsafe water supply, inadequate protection of food, etc.; nutrition,

/and maternal E/CN.4/364/Corr.3 and maternal and child health. Other activities have related to mental health and the training of medical, nursing and other health personnel, among other matters."

II. Between paragraphs 188 and 189, there should be inserted a new paragraph 188 (a) as follows:

"188 (a). The Constitution of WHO sets forth as a basic principle that "health development of the child is of basic importance; the ability to live harmoniously in a changing total environment is essential to such development". Consequently WHO has as one of its functions (Article 2 (1) of the Constitution) "to promote maternal and child health and welfare and to foster the ability to live harmoniously in a changing total environment". The First Health Assembly placed Maternal and Child Health among six priority subjects and WHO, in addition to its programmes in this field, has accepted technical responsibility for the medical programmes of UNICEF."

III. Between paragraphs 276 and 277 there should be inserted a new paragraph 276 (a) as follows:

"276 (a). The Constitution of WHO recognizes in its preamble the principle that "the extension to all peoples of the benefits of medical, psychological and related knowledge is essential to the fullest attainment of health". It is a function of WHO (Article 2 (o) of the Constitution) "to promote improved standards of teaching and training in the health, medical and related professions". This responsibility is entrusted to the Division of Professional and Technical Education which is one of seven principal medical services of WHO."