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DRAFT INTERNATIONAL COVENANTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS
AND MEASURES OF IMPLEMENTATION

Observations submitted by specialized agencies on the proposed covenant
on economic, social and cultural rights in pursuance of resolution
543 (VI) of the General Assembly

World Health Organization

(Letter dated 4 March 1952 from the Acting Director-General of the
World Health Organization to the Officer in Charge of
the Department of Social Affairs)

I have your letter of 14 February (ref: SOA 317/2/01(8)) concerning
the request of the General Assembly that the specialized agencies submit
their views on the form and content of the proposed Covenant on economic,
social and cultural rights, for the information and guidance of the
Commission on Human Rights.

The recommendations concerning the draft Covenant on Human Rights
which had been adopted by the Third Committee of the General Assembly
before 22 January 1952 were brought to the attention of the Executive
Board of WHO on that day, which was the last day of its ninth session.
Since the debate on human rights was still in progress and no decision
had been made by the General Assembly, the Board noted the report without
making any recommendation.

In this circumstance, the Director-General of WHO considers that he
can add nothing to the statement which was presented to the thirteenth
session of the Economic and Social Council in document E/2057/Add.1.

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