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THURSDAY, 12 MAY 1994

10h00 NINTH MEETING OF COMMITTEE B ROOM XVII

11h00 FOURTEENTH PLENARY MEETING ASSEMBLY HALL

. Immediately after FIFTEENTH PLENARY MEETING -

adjournment of the CLOSURE OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH WORLD ASSEMBLY HALL

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MEETINGS ON THURSDAY, 12 MAY 1994

10h00 NINTH MEETING OF COMMITTEE B Room XVII

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- Consideration of the situation of certain Member States falling under the purview of Article 7 of the Constitution
  - Status of collection of assessed contributions and status of advances to the Working Capital Fund
  - Review of the Working Capital Fund
  - Assessments of the Czech Republic and Slovakia
  - Assessment of Eritrea
  - Assessment of Niue
  - Assessment of the Republic of Nauru
  - Real Estate Fund
  - Cooperation Agreement with the African Development Bank and the African Development Fund
  - International Decade of the World's Indigenous People
  - Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations: Health assistance to specific countries
  - Rwanda
  - Health conditions of the Arab population in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine
  - Salaries for ungraded post and the Director-General
- and two decisions entitled:
- Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board for 1993
  - Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee.

11h00 FOURTEENTH PLENARY MEETING

Item 15 Approval of reports of main committees

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Fourth Report of Committee A

Document A47/53 containing one resolution entitled:

- Onchocerciasis control through ivermectin distribution

Immediately after FIFTEENTH PLENARY MEETING -  
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. THIRTEENTH PLENARY MEETING

In the Chair: Dr A. L. Pico (Argentina)

Vice-President of the Forty-seventh World Health Assembly

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Second Report of Committee B (Document A47/52)

global change: Health Assembly resolutions, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted. The resolution on Financial report and audited financial statements for the financial period 1 January 1992 - 31 December 1993 and report of the External Auditor to the World Health Assembly was adopted.

The President indicated an amendment to the resolution on: WHO response to The Second Report of Committee B, as amended, was then approved by the Health Assembly.

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Third Report of Committee A (Document A47/S1)

The following resolutions contained in the Report were adopted:

- WHO ethical criteria for medicinal drug promotion
- Implementation of WHO's Revised Drug Strategy: Safety, Efficacy and Quality of Pharmaceuticals.

The Third Report of Committee A was then approved by the Health Assembly.

TENTH AND ELEVENTH MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE A

Chairman: Dr N.K. Rai (Indonesia)

Draft Third Report of Committee A

Document (Draft) A47/51 containing two resolutions entitled:

- WHO ethical criteria for medicinal drug promotion
- Implementation of WHO'S Revised Drug Strategy: Safety, Efficacy and Quality of Pharmaceuticals

was introduced by the Rapporteur and approved.

Draft Fourth Report of Committee A

Document (Draft) A47/53 containing one resolution entitled:

- Onchocerciasis control through ivermectin distribution

was introduced by the Rapporteur and approved.

Implementation of resolutions (progress reports by the Director-General)

- Tuberculosis programme

The chairman opened the floor for continuation of the discussion. Eight delegates took the floor. After a statement made by the Executive Board Representative, two members of the Secretariat responded to questions raised.

Onchocerciasis control through ivermectin distribution

The Representative of the Executive Board introduced this item. Ten delegates took the floor and, in accordance with Rule 48 and Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure, a representative from the United Nations Children's Fund and a representative from the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness were invited to speak. Three members of the Secretariat responded to points raised. Resolution EB93.R7, Onchocerciasis control through ivermectin distribution, was adopted by consensus.

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Implementation of the global AIDS strategy (progress report)

After the introduction by the Executive Board Representative on this item, the floor was opened for discussion. Twenty six delegates took the floor. In accordance with Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure, a representative from the United Nations Children's Fund made a statement followed by a brief statement by the Executive Board Representative. The Secretariat responded to points raised.

The Chairman thanked the Committee members, the Executive Board representatives, the Rapporteur, the Director-General and all those supporting Committee A for their hard work and wished the delegates a safe return home. The last meeting of Committee A was closed.

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE B

Chairman: Dr F. Chavez Peon (Mexico)

Later: Dr M. S. E. Asaad (Saudi Arabia)

The second draft report of Committee B (A47/52), containing two resolutions entitled:

- WHO response to global change: Health Assembly resolutions

- Financial report and audited financial statements for the financial period 1 January 1992 - 31 December 1993 and report of the External Auditor to the World Health Assembly

was introduced by the Rapporteur. One delegation and the Secretariat took the floor. The report was approved as amended.

Consideration of the situation of certain Member States falling under the purview of Article 7 of the Constitution

The Secretariat highlighted amendments to the resolution contained in document A47/B/Conf.Paper No.10: Consideration of the situation of certain Member States falling under the purview of Article 7 of the Constitution, which was approved as amended.

The Secretariat clarified the current situation with regard to documents A47/34 and A47/37. Five delegations took the floor, which concluded discussion of this agenda item.

Review of the financial position of the Organization

26.3 Status of collection of assessed contributions and status of advances to the Working Capital Fund

The Representative of the Executive Board informed the Committee of the discussions that took place at the January 1994 session of the Board. The Secretariat introduced document A47/21. Three delegations took the floor and the Secretariat replied to questions. Resolution EB93.R14: Status of collection of assessed contributions and status of advances to the Working Capital Fund, contained in document EB93/1994/REC/1 was approved.

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#### Review of Working Capital Fund

The Representative of the Executive Board informed the Committee of the discussions that took place at the January 1994 session of the Board. Five delegations took the floor and the Secretariat responded to questions. Resolution EB93.R16: Review of the Working Capital Fund contained in document EB93/1994/REC/1 was approved.

Scale of assessments - Assessment of new Members and Associate Members, The Secretariat introduced this item. One delegation took the floor. The resolutions contained in documents A47/22: Assessment of Eritrea, A47/23: Assessments of the Czech Republic and Slovakia, A47/46: Assessment of Mac and A47/47: Assessment of the Republic of Nauru, were approved.

#### Real Estate Fund

The Representative of the Executive Board informed the Committee of the discussions that took place at the January 1994 session of the Board. One delegation and the Secretariat took the floor. The resolution contained in document A47/24: Real Estate Fund, was approved.

Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations

##### 31.1 General matters

The Secretariat introduced this item. Seventeen delegations took the floor and the Secretariat responded to questions and comments. Resolution EB92.R4: Cooperation Agreement with the African Development Bank and the African Development Fund, contained in document EB92/1993/REC/1 and the resolution contained in document A47/B/Conf.Paper No.5: International Decade of the World's Indigenous People were approved as amended.

##### 31.2 Health assistance to specific countries

Eleven delegations took the floor and the Secretariat replied to questions. The resolution contained in documents A47/B/Conf.Paper No.7: Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations: Health assistance to specific countries and A47/B/Conf.Paper No.9: Rwanda, were approved as amended.

Health conditions of the Arab population in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine

The Director-General introduced his report. One delegation introduced the resolution contained in document A47/B/Conf.Paper No.8: Health conditions of the Arab population in the occupied Arab territories, including Palestine. Fourteen delegations took the floor. The resolution was approved by consensus.

Personnel matters: Confirmation of amendments to Staff Rules - Salaries of staff in the ungraded posts and of the Director-General

The Representative of the Executive Board informed the Committee of the discussions that took place at the January 1994 session of the Board. Resolution EB93.R19: Salaries for ungraded posts and the Director-General contained in document EB93/1994/REC/1 was approved.

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#### Item 34 United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund

##### 34.1 Annual report of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board

The Secretariat introduced this item and the Committee noted the status of the operations of the Joint Staff Pension Fund as indicated by its annual report for the year 1993.

##### 34.2 Appointment of representatives to the WHO Staff Pension Committee

The Secretariat introduced this item. Eight delegations took the floor.

Professor Beat Andreas Roos from Switzerland was nominated as member in his personal capacity and the member of the Executive Board designated by Kuwait was nominated as alternate member. The Committee decided to recommend these appointments to the Health Assembly.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### NINETY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Documents for the ninety-fourth session will be distributed to members of the Executive Board in

special pigeon-holes which are located after those of the delegations to the Assembly, next to the

Documents Distribution Counter between doors 13 and 15.

##### PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THURSDAY, 12 MAY 1994

Today, Thursday, 12 May, 1994 (Ascension Day) the buses will run according to the Sunday timetable. The "8W" bus will run between Veyrier and the Place des Nations every 15 minutes, the "F" will

run between Comavin and Ferney-Voltaire every hour between 06h00 and 20h00 and every 30 minutes

between 20h00 and 24h00. The "5" from Place Neuve to Grand-Saconnex will run every 15 minutes and

the "18" from Lignon to the Place des Nations every 30 minutes. As the "8" bus will go as far as the

Place des Nations only, this service will be extended from 08h03 to 08h51 by a special shuttle service which

will make four round trips between the Place des Nations and WHO. In addition, the "F" and the "18"

buses will, exceptionally, stop outside WHO (in both directions) from 07h00 to 09h00 and from

16h30 to 18h30. The bus drivers will announce their destination prior to each departure.

The relevant TPG timetables will be displayed at the Palais des Nations in the hall between

doors 13 and 15.

#### MEETINGS

Thursday, 12 May

08h15 - 08h45 Briefing of the Delegations from the African Region

This briefing will be held in Room X.

#### WHO PUBLICATIONS

A large selection of WHO publications can be found at the WHO Sales counter located in the Headquarters building, Room 4141, 4th floor, open non-stop from 08h30 to 18h00 from Monday to Friday.

A discount of 50% is given on such purchases.

Video films presented in the WHO video film catalogue may also be purchased at the above office, at the hours indicated.

This year for the first time WHO postcards are also on sale during the Health Assembly at the

WHO Sales Counter. There are four sets of full colour cards devoted to health posters, water and health, tropical diseases and WHO and health workers. A 50% discount is offered for purchases of these

postcards during the Assembly.

Delegates wishing to discuss distribution of WHO publications in their country are invited to

telephone for an appointment with Mrs C. Capitoni, Distribution and Sales, Room 4166, 4th floor, in the

Headquarters building, telephone 2480/2481.

Delegates wishing to discuss the translation of WHO publications into languages other than WHO's

official languages are invited to telephone the Office of Publications, Room 4015, 4th floor, Headquarters

building, telephone 2408/3827, to arrange an appointment.

#### DELEGATES' CORRESPONDENCE

Personal mail addressed to delegates or other participants is held for them at the Inquiry Office

(Counter A240) between Doors 13 and 15. The pigeon holes next to the Documents Desk are reserved

exclusively for official WHO documents produced and distributed through the WHO documents distribution system.

#### DESPATCH OF DELEGATES' DOCUMENTS

In order that delegates need not be obliged to take their documents with them on their return

journey, the Secretariat will despatch such documents to their destination by surface mail. The documents

should be left at the Documents Distribution Counter tied in a bundle and clearly labelled to show the

name of the delegate and the address to which he or she wishes them to be sent. Labels for this purpose

may be obtained at the Counter.