

WORLD HEALTH
ORGANIZATIONEXPERT COMMITTEE ON MALARIAORGANISATION MONDIALE
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The Secretary of the Expert Committee on Malaria has the honour to transmit hereunder the

RESOLUTIONS

concerning the Report of the Third Session of the Committee, as well as a Resolution concerning the Production and Distribution of Insecticides, as adopted by the Executive Board of WHO, at its Fifth Session (16 January - 2 February 1950)

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Expert Committee on Malaria: Report of the Third Session (EB5/4 and Add. 1, Add. 2)

Following the discussion of this report¹ the following resolutions were adopted:

The Executive Board

1. (Publication of the Report)

NOTES the report of the third session of the Expert Committee on Malaria and
AUTHORIZES its publication;

TAKES INTO ACCOUNT the recommendations of the Expert Committee in
considering relevant items on its agenda,

TRANSMITS the present report to the Third World Health Assembly, and

POINTS OUT that recommendations of Expert Committees which concern WHO
policy and operations remain recommendations unless and until they are
implemented by the Executive Board or the World Health Assembly in
adopting and putting into action the annual programme of WHO.

¹ Document WHO/Mal/32 & Corr. 1, Rev. 1 to be published in WHO Technical Report Series No. 8

2. (Recommendations to Governments)

2.1 APPROVES the "Recommendations to Governments" detailed in sub-section 5.6 of the Report.

2.2 REQUESTS the Director-General to circulate them to all Member Governments of countries where malaria is a problem, at the same time calling the attention of such Member Governments to the other important recommendations of the Committee, viz:

2.2.1 that the relative merits and disadvantages of malaria control by residual spraying or by anopheline species eradication be given serious consideration before extensive antimalaria programmes are undertaken;

2.2.2 that larval control in rural areas be abandoned where residual insecticides are extensively applied and found to be effective.

3. (Long-term policy of WHO in the field of malaria)

3.1 APPROVES the relevant recommendations of the Expert Committee detailed in sub-section 6.5 of the Report and

RESOLVES

3.2 that in any WHO programme of technical assistance to underdeveloped areas where malaria is a major problem, malaria control be given highest priority;

3.3 that the first years of a long-term programme should provide for assistance to governments in such a way that all countries where malaria is a major problem be enabled to establish an adequate malaria control organization, and further that in every one of these countries at least one malaria control project be in operation;

3.4 that WHO should not hesitate to carry out pilot trials of malaria control by demonstration teams in areas where no previous residual spraying has been done or where previous work leaves the matter of control by this method open to reasonable doubt or even where the identity of the malaria vector has not been proved;

3.5 that collaboration with FAO in assisting governments in the control of malaria where the latter interferes with agricultural and economic development, be intensified;

3.6 that WHO provide for the training of selected candidates for antimalaria projects when no suitably trained personnel is otherwise available;

3.7 that the demonstration teams, although remaining directly responsible to WHO, should be instructed to fit themselves into the framework of the respective departments of health or of the malaria services if such exist.

4. (Co-ordination of research on antimalarials)

APPROVES the recommendation concerning the co-ordination of research on malaria therapeutics, and

REQUESTS the Director-General to draw the attention of the Member Governments to the benefit that might be derived in achieving co-ordination of national institutes undertaking research of this nature, such co-ordination resting on the basic principles outlined by the Committee in sub-section 2.2 of the Report.

5. (Specifications of insecticides)¹

REQUESTS the Expert Committee on Insecticides to draft the specifications of the most important insecticides and/or their formulations with a view to circulating them to the governments.

6. (Antimalarial Supplies)

REQUESTS the Director-General to continue his endeavours to facilitate, through the appropriate bodies of ECOSOC, the obtaining of requests for antimalarial supplies by the governments; and further to explore the possibility in the co-operative programme with UNICEF and with the collaboration with the above-mentioned body of the ECOSOC, of aiding the production of basic forms of insecticides and/or their formulations in those non-manufacturing countries in which the necessary pre-conditions exist for the economical development of such production.

7. (Malaria Conference in Equatorial Africa)

RESOLVES that the Conference be convened in 1950 if the Director-General is satisfied that the preparations for the Conference are adequate.

¹ A report on this subject is being prepared by the Department of Economic Affairs of the United Nations at the request of ECOSOC VIII.

8. (Prevention of the introduction of anophelines in areas which are free, or have been freed, from them)

REFERS to the Third World Health Assembly the recommendation of the Committee on this subject.

9. (Darling Foundation and Prize)

APPROVES the statutes of the Darling Foundation and Prize as given in the Annex of Document EB5/4, Add. 1, and

REQUESTS the Director-General to take the necessary action for the modification of the deed of foundation registered with the "Conseil d'Etat" of the Republic and Canton of Geneva.

II

Insecticides. Production and distribution (EB5/19 and Add. 1)

The Executive Board

NOTES the resolution of the ninth session of the Economic and Social Council¹ and the resolution adopted by the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the South-East Asia Region² and

PROPOSES to the Third World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

"The Third World Health Assembly

EXPRESSES its appreciation of the action taken by the Economic and Social Council at its ninth session, relating to the availability of insecticides;

EMPHASIZES the importance of ensuring the free flow of insecticides necessary for public health work into countries which do not produce these commodities and

REQUESTS the Director-General to bring the resolution of the Economic and Social Council to the attention of all Member countries."

¹ Text of this resolution reproduced in document EB5/19

² EB5/11 p.6.