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The following abbreviations are used in volumes of the *Official Records of the World Health Organization* and in the present volume :

ACABQ	— Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
ACAST	— Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development
ACC	— Administrative Committee on Coordination
CIOMS	— Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences
ECA	— Economic Commission for Africa
ECAFE	— Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East
ECE	— Economic Commission for Europe
ECLA	— Economic Commission for Latin America
FAO	— Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
IAEA	— International Atomic Energy Agency
IARC	— International Agency for Research on Cancer
IBRD	— International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
ICAO	— International Civil Aviation Organization
ILO	— International Labour Organisation (Office)
IMCO	— Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization
ITU	— International Telecommunication Union
OAU	— Organization of African Unity
PAHO	— Pan American Health Organization
PASB	— Pan American Sanitary Bureau
UNCTAD	— United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	— United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	— United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFPA	— United Nations Fund for Population Activities
UNICEF	— United Nations Children's Fund
UNITAR	— United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UNIDO	— United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNRRA	— United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration
UNRWA	— United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
UNSCEAR	— United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation
WHO	— World Health Organization
WMO	— World Meteorological Organization

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PREFACE

A cumulative handbook of the resolutions and decisions of the Health Assembly and the Executive Board has been published at intervals since 1952. The amount of material that it contains has now become so great that the present edition — the twelfth — is planned as a definitive reference book that will be known as the *Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions*, Volume I. It contains most of the resolutions up to and including those of the Twenty-fifth World Health Assembly and the fiftieth session of the Executive Board, thus covering the period 1948-1972. Purely procedural decisions have been omitted, as have certain resolutions of an ephemeral nature or whose provisions have been superseded; where appropriate, the numbers and dates of such resolutions have been listed and/or their contents paraphrased.

As many of the resolutions deal with more than one subject or with different aspects of a subject, it has not been possible to make all the sections self-contained. This difficulty has been met to some extent by means of cross-references and footnotes, but for full information on a particular subject the index should be used. The subject index is supplemented by an index of resolution numbers.

The serial number preceding each resolution or decision shows the session at which it was adopted; for example, "WHA6.24" indicates a resolution of the Sixth World Health Assembly, and "EB12.R21" a resolution of the twelfth session of the Executive Board. The full list of these numbers, along with the dates of the session and an indication of the relevant *Official Records* volume, will be found overleaf. Since this system was not originally applied to certain of the earlier resolutions and decisions — chiefly those of the First World Health Assembly and the first five sessions of the Executive Board — reference numbers were subsequently added and are denoted by square brackets and italics: [*WHA1...*], [*EB1...*], etc. Each resolution is followed by the date of adoption and by a page reference to the *Official Records* volume in which the text was originally printed. For example, "65,4" indicates *Official Records* No. 65, page 4.

In the *Official Records* of future sessions of the Assembly and the Board, the resolutions will be cross-referenced to the present *Handbook* or to subsequent volumes.

Dates of sessions of Health Assembly and Executive Board, with resolution symbols and numbers of Official Records volume in which resolutions were first published.

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Executive Board, Fifth Session	16 January - 2 February 1950	—	25
Third World Health Assembly	8-27 May 1950	WHA3.-	28
Executive Board, Sixth Session	1-9 June 1950	EB6.R-	29
Executive Board, Seventh Session	22 January - 5 February 1951	EB7.R-	32
Fourth World Health Assembly	7-25 May 1951	WHA4.-	35
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Executive Board, Ninth Session	21 January - 4 February 1952	EB9.R-	40
Fifth World Health Assembly	5-22 May 1952	WHA5.-	42
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Executive Board, Eleventh Session	12 January - 4 February 1953	EB11.R-	46
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Executive Board, Twelfth Session	28-30 May 1953	EB12.R-	49
Executive Board, Thirteenth Session	12 January - 2 February 1954	EB13.R-	52
Seventh World Health Assembly	4-21 May 1954	WHA7.-	55
Executive Board, Fourteenth Session	27-28 May 1954	EB14.R-	57
Executive Board, Fifteenth Session	18 January - 4 February 1955	EB15.R-	60
Eighth World Health Assembly	10-27 May 1955	WHA8.-	63
Executive Board, Sixteenth Session	30 May 1955	EB16.R-	65
Executive Board, Seventeenth Session	17 January - 2 February 1956	EB17.R-	68
Ninth World Health Assembly	8-25 May 1956	WHA9.-	71
Executive Board, Eighteenth Session	28-30 May 1956	EB18.R-	73
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Executive Board, Twenty-first Session	14-28 January 1958	EB21.R-	83
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Twelfth World Health Assembly	12-29 May 1959	WHA12.-	95
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Executive Board, Twenty-fifth Session	19 January - 1 February 1960	EB25.R-	99
Thirteenth World Health Assembly	3-20 May 1960	WHA13.-	102
Executive Board, Twenty-sixth Session	25 October - 4 November 1960	EB26.R-	106
Executive Board, Twenty-seventh Session	30 January - 2 February 1961	EB27.R-	108
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