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ARRANGEMENT CONCLUDED BY THE GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED AT THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CONFERENCE HELD IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, FROM 19 JUNE TO JULY 22, 1946*

THE GOVERNMENTS represented at the International Health Conference convened on 19 June, 1946, in the City of New York by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations,

Having agreed that an international organization to be known as the World Health Organization shall be established,

Having this day agreed upon a Constitution for the World Health Organization, and

Having resolved that, pending the coming into force of the Constitution and the establishment of the World Health Organization, as provided in the Constitution, an Interim Commission should be established,

AGREE as follows:—

1. There is hereby established an Interim Commission of the World Health Organization consisting of the following eighteen States entitled to designate persons to serve on it: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, France, India, Liberia, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, United Kingdom, United States of America, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela and Yugoslavia. Each of these States should designate to the Interim Commission, a person technically qualified in the field of health, who may be accompanied by alternates and advisers.

2. The functions of the Interim Commission shall be:

(a) to convoke the first session of the World Health Assembly as soon as practicable, but not later than six months after the date on which the Constitution of the Organization comes into force;

(b) to prepare and submit to the signatories to this Agreement, at least six weeks before the first session of the Health Assembly, the provisional agenda for that session and necessary documents and recommendations relating thereto, including:

(i) proposals as to programme and budget for the first year of the Organization,

(ii) studies regarding location of headquarters of the Organization,

(iii) studies regarding the definition of geographical areas with a view to the eventual establishment of regional organizations as contemplated in Chapter XI of the Constitution, due consideration being given to the views of the governments concerned, and

(iv) draft financial and staff regulations for approval by the Health Assembly.

* Effective July 22, 1946.