

## 19. RATIFICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

The Constitution of the World Health Organization requires 26 ratifications before the organization can be brought into existence. Until the time of the Second Session of the General Assembly the required number of ratifications had not been received and the World Health Organization continued as an Interim Commission. The United Kingdom in the Third Committee recommended that all Members of the United Nations who had not already done so accept the Constitution of the World Health Organization at the earliest possible date. The proposal also authorized the Secretary-General to transmit this recommendation to all States whether Members of the United Nations or not. This resolution was approved unanimously by the Committee and later by the General Assembly on November 17, 1947.