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pour le Cabinet**Memorandum from Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Cabinet*

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INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE SECOND WORLD HEALTH
ASSEMBLY—ROME, JUNE 13 TO JULY 13, 1949*Background*

1. At its meeting of April 29 the Cabinet approved the recommendation of the Minister of National Health and Welfare that Canada should participate in the 2nd World Health Assembly at Rome.

2. The world health programme for 1950 to be discussed by the Assembly includes joint activity by the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization in combating related problems of food and health; an expanded programme of maternal and child health activities, including greater stress on immunization against childhood diseases; the first international programme in the field of mental health; increased attention to typhus and plague; efforts to help member governments strengthen their public health services and operation of a limited medical-supply service to governments, as well as continuation of work in such fields as malaria, tuberculosis and venereal disease control.

3. In addition to the programme for 1950, the Health Assembly will study administrative and financial problems, details of regional organization, membership applications and other matters directly or indirectly connected with the work of WHO.

Recommendations

4. The Departments of National Health and Welfare, External Affairs and Finance, recommend that the Canadian Delegation be instructed as follows:⁹⁷

Programme and Budget for 1950

5. The Canadian Delegation should examine critically the proposed programme for 1950 and should take the position that, while nothing should be done to obstruct the long-range potentialities of the Organization, projects of low priority or of doubtful urgency should be deferred or transferred to the supplementary Programme. The Delegation should express its opposition to any tendency of the

⁹⁷ Le Cabinet approuva cette recommandation, le 16 juin 1949.

Cabinet approved this recommendation on June 16, 1949.