

**PROTOCOL TO PROLONG THE INTERNATIONAL SANITARY CONVENTION 1944 MODIFYING THE INTERNATIONAL SANITARY CONVENTION OF JUNE 21, 1926.**

Signed at Washington, April 23, 1946

The Governments signatory to the present Protocol,

Considering that, unless prolonged in force by action taken for that purpose by the interested Governments, the International Sanitary Convention, 1944, Modifying the International Sanitary Convention of June 21, 1926, will expire on July 15, 1946, the expiration of eighteen months from the date on which the said 1944 Convention entered into force; and

Considering that it is desirable that the said 1944 Convention shall be prolonged in force after July 15, 1946 between the Governments parties thereto;

Have appointed their respective Plenipotentiaries who, having deposited their full powers, found in good and proper form, have agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

Subject to the limitation provided for in Article II of the present Protocol, the International Sanitary Convention, 1944, Modifying the International Sanitary Convention of June 21, 1926, shall be prolonged in force on and after July 15, 1946, in respect of each of the Governments parties to the present Protocol, until the date on which such Government shall become bound by a further Convention amending or superseding the said 1944 Convention and the said 1926 Convention.

**ARTICLE II**

The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (hereinafter referred to as UNRRA) shall continue to perform the duties and functions assigned to it by the said 1944 Convention, as prolonged by the present Protocol, until such time as a new International Health Organization shall be established, at which time such duties and functions shall be transferred to and shall be assumed by such new International Health Organization, provided that if the new International Health Organization has not been formed or, having been formed, is unable to perform the above duties and functions by the date on which UNRRA, owing to the termination of its activities in Europe or for any other reason, ceases to be able to perform them, those duties and functions shall be entrusted to the Office International d'Hygiène Publique and the countries signatory to this Protocol will, in that event, make appropriate financial provisions so as to enable the Office to perform those duties and functions.

**ARTICLE III**

The present Protocol shall remain open for signature until May 1, 1946.

**ARTICLE IV**

The present Protocol shall come into force when it has been signed without reservation in regard to ratification, or instruments of ratification have been deposited or notifications of accession have been received on behalf of at least ten governments. The present Protocol shall come into force in respect of each of the other signatory Governments on the date of signature on its behalf, unless such signature is made with a reservation in regard to ratification, in which event the present Protocol shall come into force in respect of such Government on the date of the deposit of its instrument of ratification.