INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND

EXECUTIVE BOARD

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE THIRTY SIXTH MEETING

I.L.O. Building, Geneva

Thursday, 22 July, 1948, at 9:00 a.m.

Present:

Chairman: Dr. L. Rajchman (Poland)

Mr. S. Graziadio (Argentina)
Mr. E. Heyward (Australia)
Mr. R. Campos (Brazil)
Mr. P. Guerassimov (Byelorussian SSR)
Mrs. D. B. Sinclair (Canada)
Mr. T. Y. Wu (China)
Mr. Giraldo-Jaramillo Gabriel (Colombia)
Dr. B. Schober (Czechoslovakia)
Mr. F. Friis (Denmark)
Mr. A. Castelnu (Ecuador)
Dr. J. Aujaleu (France)
Miss M. Z. N. Witteveen (Netherlands)
Mr. C. C. Aikman (New Zealand)
Mr. W. Sutch (New Zealand)
Mrs. G. Evang (Norway)
Mr. S. Söderblom (Sweden)
Dr. A. R. Lindt (Switzerland)
Mr. I. Kozulia (Ukrainian SSR)
Mr. T. Hewitson (Union of South Africa)
Mr. V. Kobushko (U.S.S.R.)
Mr. J. A. C. C. Alexander (U.K.)
Mr. L. Hyde (U.S.)
Dr. C. Playcio (Yugoslavia)

Mr. M. Pate (Executive Director UNICEF)
Mr. A. E. Davidson (Director EHQ UNICEF)
Dr. B. Boroic (UNICEF)
Mr. D. R. Sabin (UNICEF)
Mr. J. J. Charnow (UNICEF)
Report of Committee on Administrative Budget (continued)

The CHAIRMAN called upon Miss WITTEVEEN (Netherlands) to continue the presentation of the report of the Committee on Administrative Budget in the absence of Mr. SUTCH.

After brief introductory remarks by Miss WITTEVEEN, Paragraphs 9 (a) and 9 (b) of Document E/ICEF/69, Add. 1 were adopted.

The Board then turned its attention to the second sentence of Page 2 of Document E/ICEF/69, and approved the recommendations contained therein.

The Chairman then put Document E/ICEF/69 and 69 (a)1 before the Board for approval.

The Board approved the two reports of the Committee on Administrative Budget.

Relations with W.H.O.

The CHAIRMAN called attention to the amendment to the Australian resolution proposed by the representatives of Australia, United Kingdom, France and United States, which provided a new text for Paragraph D as follows:

"d) that in the light of the trustee relationship of the International Children's Emergency Fund to its funds, and its agreements with the governments concerned, the International Children's Emergency Fund has administrative and financial responsibility for the operations in accordance with the medical recommendations of the Joint Committee."

The resolution on relations with W.H.O. was adopted by the Board as amended.

The CHAIRMAN announced that the W.H.O. had appointed on the Joint Committee representatives from Norway, United Kingdom, United States and Yugoslavia. He suggested that representing UNICEF there be appointed the Chairmen of the Programme Committee, the Medical Sub-Committee and the Executive Board, and to assure some degree of geographical distribution, a representative from China.
Mr. KOBUSHKO (U.S.S.R.) suggested that the question of representation be referred to the Programme Committee, particularly because the matter of alternatives needed to be resolved. Dr. SCHOBER (Czechoslovakia) supported Mr. KOBUSHKO’s view. Mr. HYDE (U.S.A.) asked whether the Joint Committee was to be a body of experts or of country representatives.

Mr. ALEXANDER (United Kingdom) proposed that the three Chairmen be ex officio members who would be allowed to appoint their own alternates after consultation with the Chairman of the Executive Board. The representative of China would be free to appoint his own alternate.

Mr. WU (China) stated that his country must be free to nominate its own alternate who would express the point of view of China.

The CHAIRMAN pointed out that the representatives of the Board on the Joint Committee would be acting as representatives of UNICEF and not as representatives of their own delegations. There was nothing in the resolution to determine the choice of members; since W.H.O. was providing the technicians, the UNICEF representatives did not necessarily have to be technicians.

Dr. SCHOBER (Czechoslovakia) pointed out that the position of his delegation was based on instructions that governments and not individual persons should be represented.

The Board agreed to defer discussion on this until later.

Regional Malaria Control Projects in Asia and the Far East other than China.

Dr. SCHOBER (Czechoslovakia) supported the recommendations of the Programme Committee.

Mrs. SINCLAIR (Canada), Chairman of the Programme Committee, speaking as a representative of Canada, voiced her opposition to the recommendation. Available documentation was not sufficient for
asking an allocation and the sum allocated would appear insignificant
with regard to the general scheme of malaria control; nevertheless
the sum would be of considerable significance as far as the Fund was
concerned. She proposed the matter be submitted to the Joint
Committee for study, after which she hoped a more intelligent
decision would be possible.

Mr. ALEXANDER (United Kingdom) pointed out that the fact that all
such projects would be referred to the Joint UNICEF/WHO Committee
might thus satisfy Mrs. SINCLAIR's point.

With regard to a question of clarification raised by Mr. HYDE (U.S.),
Mr. ALEXANDER (United Kingdom) thought that if the words "of govern-
ments concerned" were inserted in Paragraph D this might clarify the
intention.

Mr. AIKMAN (New Zealand) agreed with Mrs. SINCLAIR's suggestion and
reserved his attitude on the report of the Joint Committee if and
when it was submitted.

In response to comments by Mr. SUTCH (New Zealand) and Dr. AUJALEU
(France), the CHAIRMAN stated that all recommendations of a medical
nature, including this one, would be submitted to the Joint UNICEF/
WHO Committee in the future.

Mrs. WITTEVEEN (Netherlands), supported Mr. AIKMAN's views, and
stated that her delegation would abstain from voting.

Mr. KOSUSHKO (U.S.S.R.) expressed surprise at the opposition to this
proposal, which had not been apparent in the Programme Committee.
The object of the recommendation was to assist children in colonial
and ex-colonial territories. It was apparent from Dr. Ferran's
report that mortality from malaria was extremely high.

Mr. CAMPOS (Brazil) believed that the proposed programme should go
ahead. The allocation was modest and the needs were great.

Mr. ALEXANDER (United Kingdom) stated that it was very probable that
British territories would not seek to share in this allocation, as
large-scale anti-malaria operations were being undertaken by the
governments of the territories.
The Canadian proposal was lost.

The recommendation of the Programme Committee for an allocation of $300,000 was adopted.

Anti-Syphilis Campaign

After Dr. BORCIG (WHO Liaison Officer to UNICEF) briefly summarized the information given in Document E/ICEF/619, Mr. KOBUSHKO (U.S.S.R.) reminded the Board that the programme under consideration was of an emergency nature created by war and aggression, and he could not understand the delay.

Mrs. SINCLAIR (Canada), Chairman of the Programme Committee, spoke of her alternative proposal of referring the matter for favorable consideration to the Joint UNICEF/WHO Committee. In her view the information furnished by the Medical Sub-committee was not sufficient. The original plan for Poland was drawn up on a basis of an overall programme in which the Fund would supply the penicillin, while the respective countries' governments would supply what was necessary for all other aspects of the campaign. The plans submitted by countries other than Poland were, however, not nearly so comprehensive.

Mr. ALEXANDER (United Kingdom) supported Mrs. SINCLAIR. His delegation had varying views on the subject. He would support the general principle only provided, however, that adequate plans were submitted. The proposed allocation seemed too high for demonstration purposes and too low for overall plans.

Dr. SCHOBER (Czechoslovakia) supported the proposed resolution of the Programme Committee. It was difficult for certain countries to obtain penicillin from hard currency areas. His own country was in urgent need of penicillin. The Canadian proposal would cause delay, and in the meantime the situation would continue to deteriorate.

Dr. AUJALEU (France) thought that the only difference between the two resolutions was one of time and the delay would unnecessarily endanger the health situation.
In reply to a question raised by Mr. CAMPOS (Brazil), it was pointed out that the $2,000,000 would have to come from the reserve. Mr. KOBUSHKO (U.S.S.R.) suggested that the emergency character of the question be kept in mind.

Mr. HYDE (U.S.A.) pointing out that the percentage of syphilis cases had increased since the end of the war, and that the funds would be allocated for children under technical surveys controlled by the Joint UNICEF/WHO Committee, supported the resolution.

The Canadian resolution was lost.

The resolution of the Programme Committee allocating a sum of $2,000,000 for the initiation of anti-syphilis campaigns was passed.

Unprogrammed Balances

After Mrs. SINCLAIR (Canada), Chairman of the Programme Committee, had briefly outlined the recommendations in Document E/ICEF/W24, the recommendations contained therein were approved by the Board.

Needs of Children in Various Countries

The Board had before it the revised proposed resolution by the representative of the United States:

"After examining material made available at its present session concerning the needs of children in various countries of the world, including such partial statistical material as has been compiled, and recognizing the value of adequate information on children's needs in connection with UNICEF operations, as well as for other purposes, the Executive Board recommends to the Economic and Social Council that information concerning the conditions and needs of children in various parts of the world should be assembled and made available periodically by the Secretary-General as a cooperative project with the concerned specialized agencies and emergency agencies of the United Nations."

Mr. CAMPOS (Brazil) moved an addition which would read as follows:

"The Executive Board recommends to the Programme Committee that when such information is available, it is used as a basis for proposals concerning allocations."

Mr. FRIIS (Denmark) stated that he would abstain from voting and reserved his attitude in the Economic and Social Council.

Mr. HYDE (U.S.A.) in response to a question by Mrs. SINCLAIR (Canada) stated that the proposed resolution did not imply a financial
commitment on the part of UNICEF. In view of the comments made by members of the Board, Mr. HYDE was prepared to withdraw the resolution temporarily for the purpose of discussing with various representatives an alternative wording.

Mr. CAMPOS (Brazil) believed that the resolution was important, and stated that he would re-submit it if Mr. HYDE decided to withdraw it. The project did not mean collecting new material as much as collecting already available material from various United Nations bodies. Without such information the Board would be unable to make allocations adequately.

Mr. PATE (Executive Director) stated that he understood that the Social Affairs Division of the Secretariat had begun to gather some material in certain fields and he would be glad to carry on consultations with them to see how far the work had developed. UNICEF would be glad to supplement such information with material from its missions in receiving countries.

Mr. ALEXANDER (United Kingdom) expressed sympathy with Mr. CAMPOS’s views, but stated that the proposed resolution would not meet the problem brought forward by Mr. CAMPOS. On the basis of the information given by Mr. PATE he would be glad to work together with Mr. CAMPOS on a new resolution which would provide a suitable working arrangement without additional administrative expenses.

**Adoption of Programme Committee Report (E/ICEF/73)**

Paragraphs 1 to 6 were adopted without comment.

**Paragraph 7**

The CHAIRMAN drew attention to the amendment submitted by the Ukrainian SSR delegation which provided as follows:

"However the Committee deems it necessary to increase the allocation to Albania in connection with the additional programme for 10 months allocation in 1948, and in the first allocation for 1949."

as an additional sentence to the text of Paragraph 7, E/ICEF/73.
Mr. PATE (Executive Director) explained that a discussion had been held the previous evening with the Albanian W.H.O. representative now present in Geneva. It was the Administration's intention to move forward rapidly, and he proposed to submit to the Programme Committee certain suggestions with regard to the use of the reserve. Discussions with the Albanian government were anticipated on a programme for school feeding which will start this autumn.

The Proposal was lost.

Paragraphs 7 & 8 were adopted.

Paragraph 9

Mr. SUTCH (New Zealand) stated that in view of a Swiss amendment he would withdraw the New Zealand amendment.

The CHAIRMAN then put to the vote the amendment by U.S.S.R. reading as follows:

"Delete the phrase from paragraph 9 of E/ICEF/73 'from which an application is received from the Zonal Commanders.'"

Paragraph 9 would read thus:--

'The Programme Committee recommends that an allocation of $1,000,000 be available for an initial four months programme for children in all Zones of Germany."

This amendment was lost.

The CHAIRMAN then put to the vote the amendment by Czechoslovakia reading as follows:

"The Programme Committee recommends that a maximum allocation of $1,000,000 be available for an initial four months programme for children in all the zones of Germany from which an application is received from the Zonal Commander."

The amendment was lost.

The Board then adopted the amendment by Switzerland which proposed that the word "initial" be deleted from paragraph 9.

Paragraph 11

Mr. KOUSHKO failed to see the meaning of the New Zealand recommendation that section B be deleted, since he could not see how an opinion of a representative could be deleted.
Mr. WU (China) suggested that the opinions voiced should be presented as individual opinions.

Mr. SUTCHE (New Zealand) stated that if all the other amendments on paragraph 11 were withdrawn, and if it could be maintained in the Board's report that the views given represented those of the individual governments he would withdraw his amendment.

Mr. HYDE (U.S.A.) suggested the deletion of paragraph 11, which was opposed by Dr. SCHOBER (Czechoslovakia).

After several drafting suggestions were made by Miss WITTEVEEN (Netherlands), Mr. WU (China) and Mr. HEYWARD (Australia), the following revision to paragraph 11 was suggested by the Chairman:—

"The Programme Committee reported to the Board that, in the course of the deliberations on recommendations regarding Germany, several suggestions were advanced by various representatives. These suggestions, which the Board on the proposal of the Programme Committee recommends the Administration to take into consideration in developing a plan of operations, are:—

(a)..................
(b)..................
(c)..................
(d)..................

As regards point (d) in the deliberation before the Board, several members expressed divergent views, which should also be taken account of by the Administration, namely:—

The Representative of New Zealand suggested that............

The Representative of the United States suggested that...........

The Representative of Argentina suggested that.................

The Representative of France suggested that..................

The Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m."