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DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS
AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

USE BY OFFICIALS OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
OF UNITED NATIONS "LAISSEZ-PASSER"

Note by the Secretary-General

The Executive Secretary of the Interim Commission of the World Health Organization has sent a letter to the Secretary-General (Annex) requesting action permitting the issue of United Nations laissez-passer to officials of the World Health Organization in the event that the draft agreement with the WHO is approved.

The Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations approved by the General Assembly on 13 February 1946, states in section 28 of article VII ("United Nations Laissez-Passer") that "the provisions of this article may be applied to the comparable officials of specialized agencies if the agreements for relationship made under Article 63 of the Charter so provide."

The Secretary-General proposes the following text for consideration by the General Assembly as an addition to the draft agreement:

"Officials of the World Health Organization shall have the right to use the laissez-passer of the United Nations in accordance with the special arrangements to be negotiated between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the World Health Organization."

The Secretary-General suggests that, if this new article is accepted by the General Assembly, it should be inserted as article XVII, following article XVI (Financing of Special Services), and that subsequent articles be renumbered.

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE
INTERIM COMMISSION OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE
UNITED NATIONS

New York, 30 September 1947

I have the honour to refer to the draft Agreement between the United Nations and the World Health Organization which was approved by the Economic and Social Council on 13 August 1947 and by the Interim Commission of WHO on 12 September 1947. This Agreement, in its present form, contains no provision for the use by officials of WHO of the laissez-passer of the United Nations. Section 28 of the General Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly on 13 February 1946 provides that the laissez-passer may be issued "to comparable officials of specialized agencies if the agreements for relationship made under Article 63 of the Charter so provide." A provision to this effect has been included in the draft Agreements between the United Nations and the International Bank and Fund, respectively (document A/349).

In view of these considerations, I am taking the liberty of suggesting that a comparable article be inserted in the text of the UN-WHO agreement about to be submitted to the General Assembly for approval. This additional article would presumably read as follows:

"Officials of the World Health Organization shall have the right to use the laissez-passer of the United Nations in accordance with the special arrangements to be negotiated between the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the World Health Organization."

(Signed) Brock CHISHOLM, M. D.
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