

No. 1513

**WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
and
VENEZUELA**

Basic Agreement (with schedule) for the provision of technical assistance or other services by the World Health Organization. Signed at Washington, on 11 September 1950, and at Caracas, on 20 April 1951

Official texts: English and Spanish.

Registered by the World Health Organization on 26 November 1951.

**ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA SANTÉ
et
VENEZUELA**

Accord de base (avec annexe) relatif à la fourniture d'une assistance technique de caractère consultatif ou d'autres services par l'Organisation mondiale de la santé. Signé à Washington, le 11 septembre 1950, et à Caracas, le 20 avril 1951

Textes officiels anglais et espagnol.

Enregistré par l'Organisation mondiale de la santé le 26 novembre 1951.

No. 1513. BASIC AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA AND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY ASSISTANCE OR OTHER SERVICES BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION. SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, ON 11 SEPTEMBER 1950, AND AT CARACAS, ON 20 APRIL 1951

The Government of the United States of Venezuela of the one part
and

The World Health Organization of the other part,

BEING DESIROUS of regulating the conditions which shall govern the provision by the World Health Organization (hereinafter called "the Organization") of technical advisory assistance or other services requested by the Government of Venezuela (hereinafter called "the Government"),

HAVE AGREED as follows :

Article I

On the request of the Government, and subject to the policies adopted by the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board, the Organization shall, within its determination of requirements and resources and subject to its budgetary limitations, render to the Government technical advisory assistance or other services.

Article II

The Government when requesting such technical advisory assistance or other services shall notify the Organization of the nature and scope of the program envisaged and of any other assistance which they have received or are receiving in the same field.

Article III

Detailed arrangements for the technical and administrative planning and execution of such programs shall be established by subsidiary agreement setting forth a plan of operations between the Government through its national administration dealing with public health matters and the Organization.

¹ Came into force on 20 April 1951, by signature.

Article IV

In the planning and execution of programs the Government and the Organization shall provide and meet the expenses of the personnel, equipment, supplies and services set forth in the Schedule to this Agreement, subject to the determination of requirements in each instance under the provisions of Article III.

Article V

The Government and the Organization may establish such co-ordinating machinery as may be required to facilitate the execution of programs and shall establish suitable administrative procedures for handling funds, equipment and supplies.

Article VI

The Government shall give continuing support for the administration of programs undertaken under this Agreement, including the progressive assumption of financial responsibility.

Article VII

The Government shall publish information and make available material suitable for publication regarding the results of programs and the experience derived therefrom.

Article VIII

The provisions of Article IV of this Agreement and the Schedule to this Agreement may be adjusted where additional assistance in any program is provided from other sources.

Article IX

(a) For the purposes of this Agreement the Government shall extend to the Organization for the performance of its undertakings under this Agreement and to its staff and consultants while engaged in any programs under this Agreement the privileges and immunities set forth in the General Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies¹ together with its Annex VII, as approved by the World Health Assembly,² and such other privileges and immunities as may be set forth in any separate instrument concluded between the parties hereto.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 33, p. 261; Vol. 43, p. 342; Vol. 46, p. 355; Vol. 51, p. 330; Vol. 71, p. 316; Vol. 76, p. 274; Vol. 79, p. 326; Vol. 81, p. 332; Vol. 84, p. 412; Vol. 88, p. 446; Vol. 90, p. 323; Vol. 91, p. 376; Vol. 92, p. 400; Vol. 96, p. 322; Vol. 101, p. 288; Vol. 102, p. 322, and Vol. 109, p. 319.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 71, p. 318.

(b) The provisions of the aforementioned Convention shall not apply to personnel furnished by the Government and which are not staff, consultants or employees of the Organization.

Article X

The Government shall take such action as may be necessary to ensure that any materials, supplies or equipment furnished, used or operated by the Organization are exempted from any tax, fee, toll, duty or other charges in Venezuela.

Article XI

The Government shall take suitable measures to protect the Organization against any claims for loss, damage, accident or injury to persons or property resulting from or arising out of the execution of any programs undertaken under this Agreement.

Article XII

(a) Any difference between the Government and the Organization arising out of the interpretation or application of this Agreement or the Schedule thereto or of any subsidiary agreement or arrangement thereto which is not settled by negotiation shall be submitted to a Board of three arbitrators; the first to be appointed by the Government, the second by the Director-General of the Organization, and the third, the presiding arbitrator, by the President of the International Court of Justice, unless in any specific case the parties hereto agree to resort to a different mode of settlement.

(b) The Board may be seized of any application by either party.

(c) The parties hereto agree to accept as final the decision of the Board.

Article XIII

(a) Either party may request the revision of this Agreement and the Schedule thereto. In this event the two parties shall consult each other concerning the modifications to be made, and such modifications shall become effective upon the agreement of both parties.

(b) This Agreement may be terminated by either party on 31 December of any year, by notice given to the other party not later than 30 June of that year, and such notice shall act as notice to terminate any subsidiary agreement or agreements made under Article III of this Agreement.

Article XIV

Should any events take place in Venezuela such as to render impossible the execution by the Organization of its undertaking under this Agreement, or any subsidiary agreement or agreements made under Article III of this Agreement, the Organization shall have the right to terminate this Agreement or any such subsidiary agreement by notification transmitted to the Government, notwithstanding the provisions of Article XIII, paragraph (b), and may request the Government to give every assistance in order to facilitate the withdrawal of any staff and recoverable supplies, materials or equipment.

IN FAITH WHEREOF this Agreement was done and signed at Washington, D.C., United States of America, on the 11th day of September 1950, and at Caracas, Venezuela, on the 20th day of April 1951, in six copies, three in English and three in Spanish, of which the English text alone is authentic.

For the Government
of Venezuela :
(Signed) Raúl SOULÉS BALDO
Minister of Health
and Social Assistance

For the World Health
Organization :
(Signed) Fred L. SOPER
Regional Director for the Americas
for Dr. Brock Chisholm
Director-General

SCHEDULE

1. In the planning and execution of programs the Organization shall provide and pay for the following :
 - 1.1 Subject to the provisions of paragraph 2.6 below, staff including consultants of the Organization required to render services in Venezuela and travel of such personnel to and from Venezuela;
 - 1.2 Subject to such provisions for reimbursement as may be determined under the provisions of paragraph 3 below, the whole or part of the materials, supplies and equipment required for the execution of programs, which are not available in Venezuela, and transportation costs for such materials, supplies and equipment to and from Venezuela.
2. In the planning and execution of programs the Government shall provide from its own resources such personnel and services, and pay for such expenses, the cost of which may be met in its national currency, to include :
 - 2.1 Technical staff to work with the staff of the Organization and who may later be responsible for the continuation of programs undertaken under this Agreement, and other technical, clerical and auxiliary personnel;

- 2.2 Materials, supplies and equipment available locally and which may be required for programs;
 - 2.3 Office accommodation, office equipment and stationery supplies, warehousing, storage space, garages and laboratory facilities, and public services, including electricity, heating, power, telephone and water supplies;
 - 2.4 Facilities for the maintenance and repair of technical equipment and vehicles used for programs, including spare parts if available locally, and fuel, oil and lubricants for mechanically driven vehicles and equipment;
 - 2.5 Provision of mechanically propelled vehicles and animal transport where required and travel of personnel within Venezuela;
 - 2.6 Subsistence and allowances for the staff of the Organization, due in connection with their assignment to Venezuela;
 - 2.7 Operational and administrative expenses with respect to the reception, unloading, warehousing, transportation and operation or use within Venezuela of any materials, supplies and equipment furnished for any program.
3. In accordance with the Resolution¹ of the Second World Health Assembly, and subject to such other policies and procedures as may be determined from time to time by the World Health Assembly, the Government and the Organization shall make such arrangements as may be mutually acceptable concerning the reimbursement of the depreciated value of any non-expendable equipment and the cost of expendable materials and supplies provided by the Organization and left in Venezuela at the conclusion of a program.

(Signed) Raúl SOULÉS BALDO
(Signed) Fred L. SOPER

¹ Official Records of the World Health Organization, No. 21, p. 39.