Eighth Item on the Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS

Joint ILO/WHO Committee on Industrial Hygiene

1. The Committee will recall that the Governing Body at its 100th Session had agreed in principle to the establishment of a Joint ILO/WHO Committee on Industrial Hygiene.

2. The Committee will further recall that at its 108th Session the Governing Body approved the convening of a meeting of this Committee and appointed the following five experts to represent the ILO on it: - Sir Joseph Shore, Dr. Luigi Carozzi, Dr. T.R.A. Merewether, Dr. Leonard Greenburg and Dr. Pierre Mazel. The World Health Organisation had at that time suggested an early meeting of this Committee and that this meeting should examine the questions in the field of Industrial Hygiene which should be dealt with by the two organisations respectively. The WHO also suggested that the Committee should study the proposal made by the American Federation of Labor and submitted to the Executive Board of WHO at its Third Session concerning the protection of health and life of the worker in modern industry. The proposal of the American Federation of Labor was communicated to the Governing Body at its 108th Session.\(^1\)

3. The Director-General, in agreement with the Director-General of WHO, wishes to propose that a meeting of this Joint Committee be convened from 28 August to 2 September 1950 to consider the following agenda:

(a) Review of the activities of ILO and WHO in the field of Industrial Hygiene;

\(^1\) G.B.108/13/29, p.5.
(b) Memorandum submitted by the American Federation of Labor suggesting a joint ILO/WHO investigation of the effects of modern industrial methods on the health and life expectancy of the worker with a view to the recommendation of preventive measures;

(e) Training in occupational medicine of doctors and auxiliary medical personnel;

(d) Preliminary examination of the possibilities of joint ILO/WHO action in the field of co-operation between industrial medical services and public health services.