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FOREWORD

Article 2 (*a*) of the Arrangement concluded by the Governments represented at the International Health Conference, held in New York in June-July 1946, required the Interim Commission of the World Health Organization "to convoke the first session of the World Health Assembly as soon as practicable, but not later than six months after the date on which the Constitution of the Organization comes into force".

The Constitution came into force in April 1948, when twenty-six Members of the United Nations had become parties to it as required by Article 80.

This event had, however, been imminent for some time, and was anticipated by a decision of the Commission at its fifth and final session in January-February 1948. By this decision Geneva was chosen as the place and 24 June as the opening date of the Health Assembly.

The Health Assembly adopted as its agenda the Provisional Agenda presented as part II of the Interim Commission's report (*Official Records of the World Health Organization*, No. 10).

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