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The President of the International Court of Justice,

Having regard to Article 66, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Court ;

Whereas the World Health Assembly on 20 May 1980 adopted, pursuant to Article 76 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization and Article X of the Agreement between that Organization and the United Nations, a resolution by which it decided to submit to the International Court of Justice a request for an advisory opinion on the following questions :

“1. Are the negotiation and notice provisions of Section 37 of the Agreement of 25 March 1951 between the World Health Organization and Egypt applicable in the event that either party to the Agreement wishes to have the Regional Office transferred from the territory of Egypt ?

2. If so, what would be the legal responsibilities of both the World Health Organization and Egypt, with regard to the Regional Office in Alexandria, during the two-year period between notice and termination of the Agreement ?”

Whereas, in accordance with Article 96, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations and by virtue of the aforesaid Article X of the Agreement between the United Nations and the World Health Organization,

which came into force on 10 July 1948, the World Health Assembly is authorized to request advisory opinions of the Court on legal questions arising within the scope of the competence of the World Health Organization ;

Whereas certified true copies of the English and French texts of the aforesaid resolution of 20 May 1980 were transmitted to the Court by a letter from the Director-General of the World Health Organization, dated 21 May 1980 and filed in the Registry on 28 May 1980 ;

Whereas in his letter the Director-General of the World Health Organization, taking into account the fact that the Executive Board of the Organization will meet in January 1981 to prepare the work of the next World Health Assembly, informed the Court that the request necessitated an urgent answer and requested that all necessary steps be taken in order to enable the advisory opinion to be rendered before then ;

Having regard to Article 103 of the Rules of Court ;

Fixes 1 September 1980 as the time-limit within which written statements may be submitted in accordance with Article 66, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Court ;

Reserves the subsequent procedure for further decision.

Done in English and in French, the English text being authoritative, at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this sixth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and eighty.

(Signed) Humphrey WALDOCK,
President.

(Signed) S. AQUARONE,
Registrar.
