

session of the Health Assembly, the terms of six Members shall be for one year and the terms of six Members shall be for two years, as determined by lot.

Article 26

The Board shall meet at least twice a year and shall determine the place of each meeting.

Article 27

The Board shall elect its Chairman from among its members and shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

Article 28

The functions of the Board shall be :—

- (a) To give effect to the decisions and policies of the Health Assembly ;
- (b) To act as the executive organ of the Health Assembly ;
- (c) To perform any other functions entrusted to it by the Health Assembly ;
- (d) To advise the Health Assembly on questions referred to it by that body and on matters assigned to the Organization by conventions, agreements, and regulations ;
- (e) To submit advice or proposals to the Health Assembly on its own initiative ;
- (f) To prepare the agenda of meetings of the Health Assembly ;
- (g) To submit to the Health Assembly for consideration and approval a general programme of work covering a specific period ;
- (h) To study all questions within its competence ;
- (i) To take emergency measures within the functions and financial resources of the Organization to deal with events requiring immediate action. In particular it may authorize the Director-General to take the necessary steps to combat epidemics, to participate in the organization of health relief to victims of a calamity and to undertake studies and research the urgency of which has been drawn to the attention of the Board by any Member or by the Director-General.

Article 29

The Board shall exercise on behalf of the whole Health Assembly the powers delegated to it by that body.

CHAPTER VII

THE SECRETARIAT

Article 30

The Secretariat shall comprise the Director-General and such technical and administrative staff as the Organization may require.