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SMALLPOX ERADICATION

The Director-General has received from the Ministry of Health of the USSR a letter[1] dated 19 March 1959, which contains the following statement:

"The Soviet Government proposes to assist in smallpox eradication and cholera control in some countries of Asia and Africa in which those diseases occur.

The Soviet Government is ready to help any other under-developed countries in smallpox control and cholera control who need such help and will accept it. It can be given on the following conditions:

The Soviet Union will allot the required quantity of medical preparations and will send to each country a group of medical specialists; the expenditure on the medical preparations and their shipment, and on the travel of our experts there and back, will be covered by the Soviet Government. The governments of countries which agree to accept our help must pay expenses connected with the stay of the Soviet experts in their country, and their transport within that country, and must provide the staff necessary to carry out prophylactic inoculations and other epidemic-control measures."

[1] Translated from Russian