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REPORT OF THE DR A. T. SHOUSHA FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

(Meeting of 27 January 1970)

The Dr A. T. Shousha Foundation Committee met on 27 January 1970 in conformity with the Statutes of the Dr A. T. Shousha Foundation. The Committee elected Dr J. Anouti as Chairman of the Meeting.

The Committee reviewed the replies received from Member States of the geographic area in which Dr A. T. Shousha served the World Health Organization, and from the former recipient of the Prize, together with the supporting documentation.

The Committee decided to recommend to the World Health Assembly that the Dr A. T. Shousha Prize for 1970 be awarded to Dr Sabih Al-Wahbi.

Dr Al-Wahbi has had an outstanding career in the public health services in his country and in the international health field. During his forty years of active service he was influential in organizing the basic health services with an adequate system of co-ordination between preventive and curative medicine. This helped to improve the standard of medical care and public health services in Iraq. He established the first Nursing College and initiated the establishment of the second Medical College in the country.

One of Dr Al-Wahbi's significant contributions to the health problems in the geographical area in which Dr A. T. Shousha served the Organization, was the successful implementation of the mass campaign against "Bejel" in Iraq. The project served as a good example for a similar subsequent campaign against the same disease in the Syrian Arab Republic. Its successful results stimulated the undertaking of other projects for the control of endemic syphilis in a number of countries in the Eastern Mediterranean Region.