



MEETING ON INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING
REUNION SUR L'ALIMENTATION DU NOURRISSON ET DU JEUNE ENFANT



(organized by WHO and UNICEF)

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Prière de rappeler la référence :

15 March 1979

Dear Sir,

We have pleasure in informing you that the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) are jointly organizing a Meeting on Infant and Young Child Feeding. This meeting is to be held at the headquarters of the World Health Organization, Geneva, from 9 to 12 October 1979. We have pleasure in inviting you to appoint a representative to attend on behalf of your organization. We regret, however, that it is not possible to meet any expenses incurred in this respect.

... A copy of the provisional agenda is enclosed. The languages of the meeting will be English, French, Russian and Spanish. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

The meeting is being held as part of the activities related to the development of primary health care, and also responds to concerns expressed by countries with respect to the state of infant and young child health and nutrition, especially in developing countries. It is proposed to bring together senior policy-makers from a representative group of governments, participants from the United Nations agencies, nongovernmental organizations, heads of a representative group of the infant food industry, and other interested parties.

The objectives of this meeting are twofold: to discuss and summarize the current state of knowledge concerning appropriate infant and young child nutrition, the social, health and environmental factors affecting it, contemporary trends in feeding practices and the factors contributing to them, and their implications; and to consider what activities could be undertaken by governments, United Nations agencies, nongovernmental organizations, industry and other interested parties in order to improve infant and young child feeding practices.

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... ENCL: As mentioned.

The meeting is intended to stimulate a discussion between appropriate national authorities and other groups of participants mentioned above on effective ways of promoting infant and young child nutrition as a major element of primary health care. The meeting will be organized into a plenary and five multidisciplinary working groups, or committees of the whole, who will address themselves to the topics of how to encourage breast feeding; how to promote and support appropriate and timely complementary feeding (weaning) practices, with the use of local food and other resources; education, training and information on infant and young child feeding; support for improved health and social status of women in relation to infant and young child health and nutrition; and rational marketing, distribution and appropriate use of infant formulae when indicated.

With regard to official documentation, a joint WHO/UNCIEF paper will be the only working document. A copy of this will be sent, together with the annotated agenda, in the language requested to the person nominated by you to attend.

It would be appreciated if you could communicate to the Director-General of the World Health Organization, at your earliest convenience but not later than 15 June 1979, the name and address of the person appointed to attend.

Yours very truly,

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