

Programme budget evaluation

The Executive Board,

Recalling resolutions WHA48.25 and EB99.R13 on continued development of a strategic approach to programme budgeting, including evaluation mechanisms;

Welcoming the efforts of the Director-General to develop a methodology to evaluate the programme budget;

Recognizing the constraints inherent in making available before the year 2000 audited accounts for the 1998-1999 biennium so as to report the results of the evaluation in full;

Noting the need for timely information on trends in expenditure and for comparisons with previous bienniums before the Executive Board can make recommendations on approval of the 2000-2001 programme budget at its 103rd session in January 1999,

REQUESTS the Director-General:

- (1) to continue preparation of the programme budget evaluation as outlined in his report on the matter;¹
- (2) to present to the 103rd session of the Executive Board in January 1999 an interim report on the results of the evaluation to complement the proposed programme budget for 2000-2001 providing:
 - (a) to the extent possible, details of actual expenditure in the first year of implementation of the programme budget for 1998-1999, together with the amounts committed to specific programmes, subprogrammes and activities;
 - (b) comparisons with previous bienniums, and trends;
 - (c) details of adjustments or significant changes in programmes, made as a result of evaluation and the lessons learned;
- (3) to continue to develop the "activity management system" in order to permit presentation of interim results for future reviews of programme budgets.

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¹ Document EB101/6.