



# WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

FIFTY-SECOND WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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## Third report of Committee A

Committee A held its eighth meeting on 24 May 1999 under the chairmanship of Dr A.J.M. Sulaiman (Oman).

It was decided to recommend to the Fifty-second World Health Assembly the adoption of the attached resolution relating to the following agenda item:

12. Proposed programme budget for the financial period 2000-2001

One resolution entitled:

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**Agenda item 12**

**Appropriation resolution for the  
financial period 2000-2001**

The Fifty-second World Health Assembly

1. COMMENDS the Director-General on the remarkable progress made in the integrated presentation of the proposed programme budget for 2000-2001, including the strategic approach to result-based budgeting;
2. RECOGNIZES the importance of maintaining programme expenditure levels in compensation for possible cost adjustments; the practice of appropriating casual income to reduce Member States' contributions, in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Regulations; and the current difficulty of some Member States to increase their assessed contributions;
3. RESOLVES to appropriate for the financial period 2000-2001 an amount of US\$ 922 654 000 as follows:

A.

Appropriation section	Purpose of appropriation	Amount US\$
1.	Communicable diseases . . . . .	52 227 000
2.	Noncommunicable diseases . . . . .	14 838 000
3.	Health systems and community health . . . . .	59 634 000
4.	Sustainable development and healthy environments . . . . .	48 756 000
5.	Social change and mental health . . . . .	21 181 000
6.	Health technology and pharmaceuticals . . . . .	33 082 000
7.	Evidence and information for policy . . . . .	59 077 000
8.	External relations and governing bodies . . . . .	50 209 000
9.	General management . . . . .	144 281 000
10.	Director-General, Regional Directors and independent functions . . . . .	27 586 000
11.	Country programmes . . . . .	<u>331 783 000</u>
	Effective working budget	842 654 000
12.	Transfer to Tax Equalization Fund . . . . .	<u>80 000 000</u>
	Total	<u>922 654 000</u>

B. Amounts not exceeding the appropriations voted under paragraph A shall be available for the payment of obligations incurred during the financial period 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2001 in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Regulations. Notwithstanding the provisions of the present paragraph, the Director-General shall limit the obligations to be incurred during the financial period 2000-2001 to sections 1 to 11.

C. Notwithstanding the provisions of Financial Regulation 4.5, the Director-General is authorized to make transfers between those appropriation sections that constitute the effective working budget up to an amount not exceeding 10% of the amount appropriated for the section from which the transfer is made. All such transfers shall be reported in the financial report for the financial period 2000-2001. Any other transfers required shall be made and reported in accordance with the provisions of Financial Regulation 4.5.

D. The appropriations voted under paragraph A shall be financed by assessments on Members after deduction of the reimbursement of programme support costs by the United Nations Development Programme in the estimated amount of US\$ 1 700 000 thus resulting in assessments on Members of US\$ 920 954 000. In establishing the amounts of contributions to be paid by individual Members, their assessments shall be reduced further by (a) the amount standing to their credit in the Tax Equalization

Fund, except that the credits of those Members that require staff members of WHO to pay taxes on their WHO emoluments shall be reduced by the estimated amounts of such tax reimbursements to be made by the Organization and (b) the amount of interest earned and available for appropriation (US\$ 5 555 567) credited to them in accordance with the incentive scheme provided for under Financial Regulation 5.3.

E. The maximum net level of the exchange rate facility provided for under Financial Regulation 4.6 is established at US\$ 31 000 000 for the biennium 2000-2001.

4. DECIDES to apply the balance of casual income available on 31 December 1998 (US\$ 17 765 347) as follows:

(i) US\$ 15 000 000 to high-priority programmes, including the programmes for eradication of poliomyelitis, and for Roll Back Malaria, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and the Tobacco Free Initiative, appropriately and in a balanced manner; and

(ii) to return the balance of US\$ 2 765 347 to Member States in accordance with Financial Regulation 5.2;

5. ENCOURAGES the Director-General to continue to identify additional efficiency savings in the order of 2%-3% throughout the whole Organization, for reallocation to high-priority programmes in particular at country level, and requests the Director-General to report to the Executive Board on the implementation of this paragraph;

6. REQUESTS the Director-General, in order to further improve transparency, accountability and effectiveness of the financial system, in accordance with best management practice, to undertake a study of the existing Financial Regulations and Financial Rules, in particular related to management of assessed contributions of Members, including but not limited to:

C principles and criteria governing casual income

C exchange rate facility

C late payment/arrears of Members' contributions

C Working Capital Fund, including replenishment arrangements

C internal borrowing

C financial incentive scheme

C unliquidated obligations

and to report and make recommendations to the 105th session of the Executive Board in January 2000 for proposed follow-up action and changes to the regulatory framework of the Organization.

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