

EB59.R28 Smallpox eradication

The Executive Board,

Having examined the report of the Director-General on the smallpox eradication programme;

Noting resolution WHA29.54;

1. EXPRESSES APPRECIATION of the intensive efforts being made by the Organization and the countries concerned to interrupt smallpox transmission at the earliest possible date and to verify and document this achievement;

2. ENDORSES the recommendation of the Committee on International Surveillance of Communicable Diseases that stocks of variola virus be retained only by WHO Collaborating Centres under conditions ensuring maximum safety;

3. URGES Member States to continue to provide maximum possible support to the programme so that it may be completed as soon as possible.