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REPORT OF THE JOINT OIHP-WHO STUDY GROUP ON
AFRICAN SCHISTOSOMIASIS

The Director-General has the honour to transmit herewith to members of the Executive Board Document WHO/Bilharz./1, Report of the first session of the Joint OIHP-WHO Study Group on African Schistosomiasis.

This document contains four recommendations requiring action by the Executive Board. These concern:

- (a) schistosomiasis surveys (paragraph 6.2)
- (b) training in schistosomiasis control (paragraph 6.3)
- (c) nomenclature of the disease (paragraph 6.4)
- (d) danger of spread of schistosomiasis through irrigation schemes (paragraph 6.5)¹

The Executive Board may therefore wish to adopt the following resolution:

The Executive Board

- (1) NOTES the report on the first session of the Joint OIHP-WHO STUDY Group on African Schistosomiasis, and AUTHORIZES its publication;
- (2) REQUESTS the Director-General to make the necessary arrangements for the schistosomiasis surveys recommended by the Study-Group to be carried out;
- (3) RECOMMENDS to the Third World Health Assembly to make budgetary provision for assisting, if necessary, a centre or centres entrusted with the training of technical personnel required for schistosomiasis control;
- (4) REQUESTS the Director-General to take appropriate steps to have revised the international designation of schistosomiasis and its causative agents.

¹ In view of its importance, this point is covered by a special document, EB5/12, which contains a draft resolution for adoption by the Executive Board.