SEVENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

The Committee on Programme and Budget held its seventeenth and eighteenth meetings on 19 May 1966 and decided, in the course of these meetings, to recommend to the Nineteenth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Community Water Supply Programme

The Nineteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the community water supply programme;

Reaffirming the principles for the promotion and development of national programmes, as endorsed in resolution WHA17.40;

Recognizing that the provision of safer and adequate water supplies not only is essential for the protection and improvement of individual and public health, but also is a prerequisite for economic and social advancement, and particularly industrial development and housing improvement;

Noting that soundly conceived and economically managed water supplies are becoming increasingly recognized by international, bilateral and national lending agencies as suitable investments;

Recognizing that the WHO responsibility should lie mainly in the public health aspects of Community Water Supply Programmes;

Noting the results that have been obtained by WHO, within the limits of the staff and finances available, in mobilizing financial and technical support for pre-investment surveys and construction programmes;

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1 Document A19/P&B/8
Recognizing that these results, though substantial, are inadequate to meet the increasing needs of expanding populations, in addition to the accumulated requirements inherited from past years; and

Considering the great importance of the development of rural water supplies for the improvement of public health and for economic development, particularly agricultural, as well as for social advancement,

1. RECOMMENDS to Member States:

(i) that realistic goals and programmes be defined in each country to rectify present inadequacies and to keep pace with community growth in the future;

(ii) that, wherever necessary, local, regional or national bodies be established, to function in close collaboration with health agencies, for the planning, construction and operation of water supplies, and that these bodies be vested with the legal, fiscal, financial and administrative powers necessary to ensure their proper functioning;

(iii) that Ministries of Health should continue to encourage and support the efforts of such other national bodies as are responsible for the planning and implementation of community water supply programmes;

(iv) that direct communication be established between planning and community water supply authorities and Ministries of Health in order to ensure due consideration of health implications in the planning of community water supply projects;

(v) that maximum advantage be taken of technical assistance and loan funds available from international and other agencies for the construction of community water supplies;

(vi) that continuing records of needs, and of progress toward satisfying those needs, be maintained for comparison with, and periodic review of, the country's goals and programmes;
(vii) that support of the community water supply programme of the World Health Organization be indicated through contributions to the Special Account for Community Water Supply; and
(viii) that they develop rural water supplies using readily available materials;

2. INVITES Member States to create by international agreement an appropriate river authority in cases where the water of international rivers has to be used for human consumption; and

3. REQUESTS the Director-General:
   (i) to continue co-operative activities with Member States, and with international and other agencies, for the stimulation and encouragement of community water supply programmes;
   (ii) to intensify assistance to Member States for rural water supply programmes;
   (iii) to give appropriate attention in future regular programmes and budgets for sufficient staff and other resources to enable the Organization to fulfil its leadership role and programme activities, in order to accomplish the goals recommended by the Director-General to the Seventeenth World Health Assembly; and
   (iv) to report on the progress of the programme to the Twenty-first World Health Assembly, estimating the amount of additional annual expenditure that would be entailed.
2. Reports of Expert Committees

The Nineteenth World Health Assembly,

Considering resolution EB37.R8 adopted by the Executive Board at its thirty-seventh session; and

Considering the great value and importance of the reports of the expert committees of the World Health Organization,

SUGGESTS that Member States ensure that wide dissemination be given to recommendations of expert committees through reference to a national expert panel, or otherwise, so that the best use may be made of such recommendations in the context of the development of their national health programmes.

3. Third Report on the World Health Situation

The Nineteenth World Health Assembly,

Considering Article 61 of the Constitution; and

Noting the third report on the world health situation prepared by the Director-General\(^1\) in pursuance of Resolution WHA15.43,

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1. THANKS Member States and Associate Members for their assistance in providing material for this third report; and

2. REQUESTS Member States and Associate Members to submit before 31 July 1966 any additional information or amendments they wish to include in the third report.

\(^1\) Documents A19/P&B/4 (Parts I, II and II Add. 1)
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1. REQUESTS the Director-General to prepare for the Twenty-Third World Health Assembly the fourth report on the world health situation covering the period 1965-1966 and to draw up an outline of the content of the report for the guidance of Member States in the preparation of their contributions; and

2. INVITES Member States and Associate Members to provide as a further step towards fulfilment of their obligations under Article 61 of the Constitution, information for the preparation of this fourth report.

III

REQUESTS the Director-General to prepare after an interval of two years a Supplement to the third report on the world health situation which should contain:

(a) Amendments to and expansion of previously published information;

(b) A review of the health situation of new countries; and

(c) A review of a special topic of general interest.

4. Study of the criteria for assessing the equivalence of medical degrees in different countries

The Nineteenth World Health Assembly,

Recognizing the great importance of WHO research and practical activities in the sphere of medical education, particularly the working out of recommendations on internationally acceptable standards of medical education reflected in the report of a Study Group of the Organization on the subject;¹ and

¹ Wld Hlth Org. techn. Rep. Ser., 1962, 239
Expressing the wish that study of this problem should be continued in the interests of the development of international co-operation in the training of medical staff;

REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to undertake the necessary measures for the study of the criteria existing in various countries for assessing the equivalence of medical degrees;

(2) to endeavour to compile a comparative table of medical degrees and other qualifications accepted as equivalent in the various countries; and

(3) to submit a report on this matter to the thirty-ninth session of the Executive Board and to the Twentieth World Health Assembly.


The Nineteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General,¹

1. NOTES the report;

2. EXPRESSES its satisfaction for the assistance that UNICEF is providing to the development of health services; and

3. REQUESTS the Director-General to continue:
   (a) to ensure that through collaboration with the economic and social organs of the United Nations an adequate priority is given to health in programmes for economic and social development in pursuing of the objectives of the Development Decade; and
   (b) to provide appropriate advice to the United Nations and specialized agencies on the health aspects of programmes involving concerted action in the economic and social field.

¹ Document A19/P&F/9