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STUDY OF PROCEDURES FOR INTRODUCING CHANGES
INTO THE SIXTH GENERAL PROGRAMME OF WORK
COVERING A SPECIFIC PERIOD (1978-1983 INCLUSIVE)

Report of the Programme Committee of the Executive Board

1. Resolution EB59.R27, stressing the importance of reflecting new programme policies in the Sixth General Programme of Work, requested the Programme Committee of the Executive Board "to study procedures for introducing changes into the Sixth General Programme of Work in order to reflect new programme policies, and to present its recommendations thereon to the Board at its sixty-first session".
2. The Committee recalled that it was the function of the Executive Board, in accordance with Article 28(g) of the Constitution, to submit to the Health Assembly for consideration and approval a general programme of work covering a specific period. In fulfilment of this constitutional function the Executive Board had submitted the Sixth General Programme of Work to the Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly in 1976. It was only natural, therefore, that the Board be responsible for submitting to the World Health Assembly proposals for introducing changes into the Sixth General Programme of Work.
3. In resolution EB58.R11, the Executive Board had requested its Programme Committee to review the general programmes of work for a specific period in pursuance of WHA29.20, which had called for annual reviews of the Sixth General Programme of Work by the Board. It was therefore also only natural that the Board should request its Programme Committee to assess the need for introducing specific changes into the Sixth General Programme of Work in the course of reviewing it. Such a need might arise in particular from new programme policies adopted by the World Health Assembly. Also, in conducting its reviews of the General Programme of Work the Programme Committee might itself come to the conclusion that there was a need to introduce changes into it to reflect such new policies.
4. In the light of the above, the procedures finally recommended by the Programme Committee to the Executive Board for introducing changes into the Sixth General Programme of Work were as follows:
 - 4.1 The Executive Board could request its Programme Committee to study the need to introduce specific changes into the Sixth General Programme of Work, particularly to reflect new programme policies of the World Health Assembly, and to submit its proposals thereon to the Board.
 - 4.2 The Programme Committee, on its own initiative, could submit to the Executive Board proposals for introducing changes into the Sixth General Programme of Work to reflect such new policies.
 - 4.3 The Executive Board would study the proposals of its Programme Committee made in accordance with the procedures mentioned in 4.1 and 4.2 above and would submit its recommendations for the consideration and approval of the World Health Assembly.