



THIRTY-THIRD WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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SEVENTH REPORT OF COMMITTEE B

During its sixteenth meeting held on 22 May 1980, Committee B decided to recommend to the Thirty-third World Health Assembly the adoption of the attached resolution relating to the following agenda item:

30. Health hazards of smoking



WHO'S PROGRAMME ON SMOKING AND HEALTH

The Thirty-third World Health Assembly,

Recalling resolutions EB45.R9, WHA23.32, EB47.R42, WHA24.48, EB53.R31, WHA29.55, and WHA31.56, concerning the health hazards of tobacco smoking and WHO's role towards the limitation of this harmful habit;

Noting the report of the WHO Expert Committee on Smoking Control;¹

Reiterating its firm conviction that the effect of tobacco smoking is now a major public health problem in all industrialized countries and in many developing countries and that it will become so in the near future in all other developing countries unless action is taken now;

Mindful of the ill-effects of smoking particularly on risk groups such as pregnant women, lactating mothers and children;

Seriously concerned about the aggressive promotional drives for the sale of cigarettes that occur in developing as well as developed countries, thus inducing the new generations to take up the habit of smoking;

Alarmed by the fact that advertising practices by psychological means in both industrialized and developing countries have the effect of inducing and perpetuating smoking habits especially among youth;

Encouraged by the existence of total bans, restrictions or limitations on tobacco advertising in several countries;

Noting encouraging signs of expanded national activities and of increasing public awareness of the harmful health effects of cigarette smoking in many countries, partly as a result of WHO's efforts and of this year's World Health Day on "Smoking or Health: the Choice is Yours";

Realizing that national and international strategies to combat the spreading of the habit of smoking must be carried out on a continuous, long-term basis;

Believing that WHO has an essential role to play in promoting effective smoking control policies;

¹ Technical Report Series, No. 636, 1979.

