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FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF WHO

The Fortieth World Health Assembly,

Noting that in 1988 forty years will have elapsed since the World Health Organization was founded, and justifiably proud of the results so far achieved, under WHO's guidance and leadership, in many fields of health development, the most vivid example being the eradication of smallpox from the planet in 1977;

Deeply conscious, nevertheless, of the immense tasks that still remain to be accomplished by countries in order to reach the goal of health for all through the implementation of national strategies, paying special attention to the development of primary health care in line with the 1978 Declaration of Alma-Ata, the tenth anniversary of which coincides with the fortieth anniversary of WHO;

Aware that these tasks will be greatly facilitated by full technical, moral and political cooperation within WHO;

1. INVITES Member States to intensify their efforts during 1988 and the years to come to attain the global goal of health for all by the year 2000, and in particular,

- (1) to mobilize all possible human, physical and financial resources to the above end;
- (2) to set in motion social forces which will accelerate the health development process through the primary health care approach so that the health and social targets set for the end of this century, and unanimously agreed upon by all Member States, can be reached;
- (3) to foster still greater collaboration between health authorities, other health-related sectors, WHO and all interested nongovernmental and voluntary organizations working in health-related fields in a spirit of true partnership for health development;
- (4) to ensure the media's interest in and coverage of health programmes and health-related activities, emphasizing health systems based on primary health care to attain health for all by the year 2000;
- (5) to take the greatest possible advantage of the fortieth anniversary to focus the attention of people in all walks of life - from ordinary citizens to the highest political leaders - upon past achievements, and present and future aspirations of the World Health Organization through appropriate events, celebrations and information dissemination;
- (6) to report to the Director-General on action taken or planned, in time for him to present a consolidated report to the Forty-first World Health Assembly;

2. INVITES the regional committees to give strong support to countries in their activities relating to the fortieth anniversary throughout the year, and to mark the anniversary solemnly on the occasion of their meetings;

