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EXECUTIVE BOARD

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ERADICATION OF DRACUNCULIASIS

(Draft resolution proposed by Professor O. Ransome-Kuti)

The Executive Board,

Having examined the report of the Director-General on the eradication of dracunculiasis;¹

RECOMMENDS to the Forty-fourth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Forty-fourth World Health Assembly,

Recalling resolutions WHA39.21 and WHA42.29;

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the eradication of dracunculiasis;

Encouraged by the considerable progress achieved in many countries towards elimination of the disease;

Aware that country by country elimination of dracunculiasis is considered to be the last step before global eradication can be declared;

Recognizing the support to national control activities provided by the international community (including other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, multilateral and bilateral development agencies, private and voluntary groups and individuals) and giving special recognition to "Global 2000" - a nongovernmental organization based in the United States of America;

Deploring, none the less, the continuing adverse effects of dracunculiasis on health, including that of mothers and children, as well as its constraining effects on agriculture, sustainable development and education in endemic areas of Africa and Asia, where over 100 million persons remain at risk of infection;

Aware that in the face of such problems a number of countries have set national goals aimed at ensuring that by the end of 1995 they have no more indigenous cases;

1. EXPRESSES its satisfaction with the progress made by affected Member States in eliminating dracunculiasis;
2. DECLARES its commitment to the goal of eradicating dracunculiasis during the 1990s, as being technically feasible given appropriate political, social and economic support;
3. ENDORSES a combined strategy of provision of safe water, active surveillance, health education, community mobilization, vector control, and personal prophylaxis;

¹ Document EB87/13.

