



## EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Agenda item 8

# IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINE QUALITY

## (Draft resolution proposed by the Rapporteurs)

The Executive Board,

Having considered the reports of the Director-General on the Expanded Programme on Immunization and on vaccine quality;<sup>1</sup>

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

The Forty-fifth World Health Assembly,

Noting the report of the Director-General on the Expanded Programme on Immunization, particularly the goals and operational targets set for the 1990s, and the report on vaccine quality;<sup>2</sup>

Commending the accomplishments of the Expanded Programme on Immunization in reaching 80% coverage of the world's children in the first year of life and of preventing each year an estimated 3.2 million deaths of children in the developing world from measles, neonatal tetanus and pertussis, and over 400 000 cases of paralytic poliomyelitis;

Applauding the Region of the Americas which has virtually achieved the goal of poliomyelitis eradication and is now vigorously pursuing the elimination of neonatal tetanus and reduction/elimination of measles;

Recalling resolutions WHA41.28, WHA42.32 and WHA44.33 and the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children, which set goals for the 1990s: 90% immunization coverage; a dramatic reduction in measles cases and deaths as a step towards measles eradication; the elimination of neonatal tetanus; and the eradication of poliomyelitis;

Recalling resolution WHA35.31, which urges Member States to take action with respect to the use of only those vaccines meeting WHO requirements, and resolution WHA42.32 endorsing the plan of action for the global eradication of poliomyelitis, which calls for the universal use of polio vaccines meeting WHO requirements by the end of 1990;

Aware that additional quantities of vaccines will be needed and that difficulties in supply and procurement of sufficient quantities of high quality vaccine are increasing reliance on local vaccine manufacture and requiring additional funds for vaccine purchase, most critically for the supply of polio vaccine;

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<sup>1</sup> Documents EB89/17 and EB89/18.

<sup>2</sup> Documents WHA45/... and WHA45/...

