



EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Agenda item 10.2

NATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR OVERCOMING MICRONUTRIENT MALNUTRITION

(Draft resolution proposed by the Rapporteurs)

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report on "National strategies for overcoming micronutrient malnutrition" submitted by the Director-General;¹

1. THANKS the Director-General for the report;
2. EXPRESSES its appreciation to the Director-General of WHO and the Executive Director of UNICEF for having convened the Conference on "Ending hidden hunger - A policy conference on Micronutrient malnutrition" in Montreal in October 1991, which reinforced the importance of micronutrient malnutrition as a major public health problem and endorsed the goals set by the World Summit for Children;
3. RECOMMENDS to the Forty-fifth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution;

The Forty-fifth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on "National strategies for overcoming micronutrient malnutrition";²

Recalling resolutions WHA39.31 and WHA43.2 on iodine deficiency, resolutions WHA22.29, WHA25.55, WHA28.54 and WHA37.18 on vitamin A deficiency and xerophthalmia, resolutions WHA38.27 and WHA40.27 relating to maternal anaemia, and resolution WHA44.33 recognizing the goals for the 1990s endorsed by the World Summit for Children, which include the virtual elimination of iodine deficiency disorders and vitamin A deficiency, and substantial reduction of iron deficiency anaemia;

Recognizing the great human suffering, and the important health and socioeconomic consequences of micronutrient deficiencies, especially irreversible brain damage and mental retardation from iodine deficiency, childhood blindness and increased mortality from vitamin A deficiency, and retarded physical and mental development, low birth weight and maternal mortality from iron deficiency;

¹ Document EB89/27.

² Document ...

