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Organisation mondiale de la Santé**

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Decisions and list of resolutions

I. DECISIONS

EB93(1) Award of the Léon Bernard Foundation Prize

The Executive Board, having considered the report of the Léon Bernard Foundation Committee, awarded the Léon Bernard Foundation Prize for 1994 to Sir Donald Acheson (United Kingdom) for his outstanding services in the field of social medicine.

(Eleventh meeting, 24 January 1994)
EB93/SR/11

EB93(2) Award of the Jacques Parisot Foundation Fellowship

The Executive Board, having considered the report of the Jacques Parisot Foundation Committee, awarded the Jacques Parisot Foundation Fellowship for 1994 to Dr Alfred Ole Sulul (United Republic of Tanzania).

(Eleventh meeting, 24 January 1994)
EB93/SR/11

EB93(3) Award of the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize

The Executive Board, having considered the report of the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Committee, awarded the Dr A.T. Shousha Foundation Prize for 1994 to Dr Abdul Wahab Sulaiman Al-Fouzan (Kuwait) for his outstanding contribution to the improvement of the health situation in the geographical area in which Dr Shousha served the World Health Organization.

(Eleventh meeting, 24 January 1994)
EB93/SR/11

EB93(4) Award of the Sasakawa Health Prize

The Executive Board, having considered the report of the Sasakawa Health Prize Committee, awarded the Sasakawa Health Prize for 1994 to Dr Mo-Im Kim (Republic of Korea).

(Eleventh meeting, 24 January 1994)
EB93/SR/11

EB93(5) Tuberculosis programme

The Executive Board took note of the progress report by the Director-General¹ on the tuberculosis programme and approved the establishment of a Special Account for Tuberculosis in the Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion with effect from 1 January 1994.

(Twelfth meeting, 25 January 1994)
EB93/SR/12

EB93(6) WHO response to global change: world health status and WHO activity report

The Executive Board, having noted the reports on the WHO response to global change of both the Programme Committee of the Executive Board and the Director-General concerning an annual report on world health status that is, at the same time, a report on WHO's activities, endorsed the proposal and agreed with the plan proposed in the Director-General's report² that annual assessment of the world health situation should start in 1994 and the annual reports in 1995, incorporating the Director-General's report on *The Work of WHO*. The Board decided that the necessary additional resources should be mobilized; relevant information should be compiled from national reports, in addition to that from sources within the Organization, the current three-year health-for-all monitoring cycle being replaced by a two-year cycle emphasizing trends in health status, implementation of primary health care and mobilization and use of resources for health.

(Twelfth meeting, 25 January 1994)
EB93/SR/12

EB93(7) WHO response to global change: health-for-all policy update

The Executive Board, having noted the reports on the WHO response to global change of both the Programme Committee of the Executive Board and the Director-General concerning a health-for-all policy update and restatement of WHO's mission,³ endorsed the steps taken by the Director-General to set specific objectives and operational targets, particularly through the Ninth General Programme of Work and strengthened programme budgeting, matching programmes with expected resources, and concentrating on the solution of major health problems. It also endorsed the development of new policy and management support mechanisms, including the Global Policy Council, the Management Development Committee and the proposed multidisciplinary development teams. The Board requested the Director-General to propose specific policies, strategies, and operational targets together with related indicators, for WHO activities to be reviewed by the Board in January 1995. The Board also requested the Director-General to present to it at the ninety-sixth session in May 1995 a progress report on a draft updated strategy for health for all, together with a restatement of WHO's mission in the light of the new strategy, the final document to be presented at the ninety-seventh session in January 1996.

(Twelfth meeting, 25 January 1994)
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¹ Document EB93/25.

² Document EB93/11 Add.1.

³ Document EB93/11 Add.2.

EB93(8) WHO response to global change: programme reviews by subgroups of the Executive Board

The Executive Board, having noted the reports on the WHO response to global change of both the Programme Committee of the Executive Board and the Director-General concerning programme development and management,¹ approved the use of subgroups of the Executive Board to review programmes in depth, as proposed in the Director-General's report, and endorsed the guidance for programme reviews by Executive Board subgroups provided by the Director-General.²

(Twelfth meeting, 25 January 1994)
EB93/SR/12

EB93(9) WHO response to global change: methods of work of the Executive Board

The Executive Board, having noted the reports on the WHO response to global change of both the Programme Committee of the Executive Board and the Director-General concerning methods of work of the Executive Board,³ approves the new presentation used for Executive Board documents and decides that summary records be shortened by a further 20%, maintaining a concise account of facts, decisions and opinions attributed to speakers, including the introductory remarks by members of the Secretariat, and their replies.

(Twelfth meeting, 25 January 1994)
EB93/SR/12

EB93(10) WHO response to global change: reporting on regional matters

The Executive Board, having noted the reports on the WHO response to global change of both the Programme Committee of the Executive Board and the Director-General on programme development and management,¹ endorsed proposals contained in the Director-General's report aimed at improving the efficiency of the Board's discussions with Regional Directors by grouping related issues on developments in their region, and by focusing on strategies and progress on significant operational and management issues.

(Twelfth meeting, 25 January 1994)
EB93/SR/12

EB93(11) WHO response to global change: information resources

The Executive Board, having reviewed the reports on the WHO response to global change of both the Programme Committee of the Executive Board and the Director-General concerning information resources,⁴ noted that the Director-General had already acted to strengthen management and communication, building on existing systems and expertise at all levels of the Organization, and particularly with the Regional Directors, by creating a Global Policy Council and a Management Development Committee; and emphasized that the highest priority should be given to the development of a WHO

¹ Document EB93/11 Add.6.

² Document EB93/INF.DOC./7.

³ Document EB93/11 Add.5.

⁴ Document EB93/11 Add.8.

worldwide management information system, covering all levels of the Organization and addressing programme management information needs as well as the need for scientific and epidemiological information. Having considered the urgent need to ensure appropriate information support to WHO policy and management mechanisms, the Board endorsed the plan outlined in the report by the Director-General further to develop WHO information systems, and requested that it be kept informed of progress as indicated therein.

(Twelfth meeting, 25 January 1994)
EB93/SR/12

EB93(12) WHO response to global change: designation of Executive Board members and selection of officers

The Executive Board, having noted the report on the WHO response to global change of the Programme Committee of the Executive Board,¹ especially with regard to the matter of designation of Board members and selection of officers, recommended that in selecting its Chairman, the Board give particular attention to qualifications, competence and cumulative experience.

With regard to the designation of Board members, it requested the Director-General to emphasize to the Member States entitled to designate a person to serve on the Board the need to designate persons who are technically qualified in the field of health, recalling in this respect the provision of Article 24 of the WHO Constitution.

(Twelfth meeting, 25 January 1994)
EB93/SR/12

EB93(13) Maternal health and safe motherhood programme

The Executive Board took note of the progress report by the Director-General² on the maternal health and safe motherhood programme and approved the establishment of a Special Account for the Maternal Health and Safe Motherhood Programme in the Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion with effect from 1 January 1994.

(Thirteenth meeting, 25 January 1994)
EB93/SR/13

EB93(14) Appointment of the General Chairman of the Technical Discussions to be held at the Forty-seventh World Health Assembly

Following the recommendation of the President of the Forty-sixth World Health Assembly,³ the Executive Board approved the nomination of Mrs Kardinah Soepardjo Roestam as General Chairman of

¹ Document EB93/11.

² Document EB93/18.

³ Document EB93/29.

the Technical Discussions at the Forty-seventh World Health Assembly, and requested the Director-General to invite Mrs Soepardjo to accept the appointment.

(Thirteenth meeting, 25 January 1994)
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EB93(15) Report on meetings of expert committees and study groups

The Executive Board considered and took note of the Director-General's report¹ on the meetings of the following expert committees and study groups: WHO Expert Committee on Rehabilitation after Cardiovascular Diseases, with Special Emphasis on Developing Countries;² WHO Expert Committee on Health Promotion in the Workplace: Alcohol and Drug Abuse;³ Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives, fortieth report (Evaluation of certain veterinary drug residues in food),⁴ and forty-first report (Evaluation of certain food additives and contaminants);⁵ WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence, twenty-eighth report;⁶ WHO Expert Committee on Specifications for Pharmaceutical Preparations, thirty-third report;⁷ WHO Study Group on Aging and Working Capacity;⁸ and WHO Study Group on Problem-Solving Education for the Health Professions (Increasing the relevance of education for health professionals).⁹ It thanked the experts who had taken part in the meetings, and requested the Director-General to follow up their recommendations, as appropriate, in the implementation of the Organization's programmes, bearing in mind the discussion in the Board.

(Fourteenth meeting, 26 January 1994)
EB93/SR/14

EB93(16) Report on meetings of expert committees and study groups:¹ WHO Expert Committee on Drug Dependence, twenty-eighth report⁶

The Executive Board decided, in view of the need for prompt international regulatory action to respond to changing patterns of drug abuse, that the revised guidelines for the WHO review of dependence-producing psychoactive substances for international control, adopted by the Board at its eighty-fifth session,¹⁰ should be modified in their application as follows:

- (1) if there is a notification from a Party to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, or to the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971, or an explicit request from the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs concerning international control of psychoactive substances, the Expert Committee on Drug Dependence should critically review such substances as soon as is practicable, and without pre-review being required;

¹ Document EB93/31.

² WHO Technical Report Series, No. 831, 1993.

³ WHO Technical Report Series, No. 833, 1993.

⁴ WHO Technical Report Series, No. 832, 1993.

⁵ WHO Technical Report Series, No. 837, 1993.

⁶ WHO Technical Report Series, No. 836, 1993.

⁷ WHO Technical Report Series, No. 834, 1993.

⁸ WHO Technical Report Series, No. 835, 1993.

⁹ WHO Technical Report Series, No. 838, 1993.

¹⁰ Document EB85/1990/REC/1, Annex 7.

(2) in all other cases, a critical review should be conducted only after the substance in question has been submitted to pre-review and selected for a critical review by the Expert Committee.

(Fourteenth meeting, 26 January 1994)
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EB93(17) Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution

The Executive Board, having considered the report of the Director-General on Members in arrears in the payment of their contributions to an extent which would justify invoking Article 7 of the Constitution,¹ while agreeing that the provision of services should continue uninterrupted, requested the Director-General to continue his efforts to collect the unpaid arrears of contributions from the Members concerned and to report further on this matter to the Committee of the Executive Board to Consider Certain Financial Matters prior to the Forty-seventh World Health Assembly, in order to enable the Committee to formulate recommendations to the Health Assembly, on the Board's behalf, based on the provisions of resolution WHA41.7 and the arrears at that time.

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EB93(18) Review of nongovernmental organizations in official relations with WHO

The Executive Board, having considered the report of its Standing Committee on Nongovernmental Organizations,² decided to maintain official relations for a further period of three years with 53 of the 55 nongovernmental organizations reviewed at the current session, and expressed its appreciation for their valuable contribution to the work of WHO. Concerned by the limited collaboration during the period under review and wishing to see a revitalization, the Board decided to maintain official relations for a period of one year with the World Rehabilitation Fund and the International Association for the Study of the Liver to permit the development of work plans.

In accordance with decision EB91(10), the Board also reviewed relations with a further three nongovernmental organizations. The Board noted with pleasure that efforts to revitalize collaboration with the International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development, and the International Society of Biometeorology had resulted in constructive plans for joint activities, and the Board decided to maintain official relations with these two organizations. In light of the fact that the Industry Council for Development's restructuring exercise had not resulted in any change in its constitution, the Board decided that official relations also be maintained with the Council.

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EB93(19) Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

The Executive Board, having considered the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Decentralization of organizations within the United Nations system", "Advantages and disadvantages of the post classification system", "United Nations system co-operation with multilateral financial institutions",

¹ Document EB93/33.

² Document EB93/44.

"Towards an integrated library network of the United Nations system", "Field representation of United Nations system organizations: a more unitary approach" and "Management of buildings in the United Nations system" and the report of the Director-General thereon,¹ thanked the Inspectors for their reports. The Board noted that, while in general the related comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and the Director-General were in agreement with the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, there were divergences of views with the Inspectors on certain specific points. The Board requested the Director-General to transmit his report, together with the Board's views and observations, to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the members of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, the Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, and the External Auditor of WHO, for their information.

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EB93(20) Provisional agenda for and duration of the Forty-seventh World Health Assembly

The Executive Board approved the Director-General's proposals for the provisional agenda of the Forty-seventh World Health Assembly.² Recalling its earlier decision³ that the Forty-seventh World Health Assembly should be held in the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland and open on Monday, 2 May 1994 at noon; recalling also that the ninety-first session of the Executive Board recommended that, starting from 1994, in years in which the programme budget is not discussed, the Health Assembly should close at the latest at noon on Thursday of the second week in order to enable the short session of the Board to be held at the end of the second week, the Board decided that the Forty-seventh World Health Assembly should close no later than Thursday, 12 May 1994 at noon.

(Fourteenth meeting, 26 January 1994)

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EB93(21) Date and place of the ninety-fourth session of the Executive Board

The Executive Board decided that its ninety-fourth session should be convened on Friday, 13 May 1994 at WHO headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland.

(Fourteenth meeting, 26 January 1994)

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¹ Document EB93/43.

² Documents EB93/45 Rev.1 and EB93/INF.DOC./2.

³ Decision EB92(11).

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