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## Implementation of recommendations on the WHO response to global change

The Executive Board,

Having considered the progress report by the Director-General on the implementation of recommendations on the WHO response to global change,<sup>1</sup> together with the report of the Programme Development Committee of the Executive Board;<sup>2</sup>

Recalling resolution WHA46.16, which endorsed the concepts and principles of the report of the Executive Board Working Group on the WHO Response to Global Change, comprising 47 recommendations on action to be taken to improve WHO's ability to meet the challenges resulting from global political, economic, social and health changes;

Noting that proposals have been submitted, reviewed and endorsed on the 47 original recommendations of the report of the Working Group;

Noting also that work was however to continue in order to complete the implementation of a number of the recommendations which by their nature take longer to implement;

Considering that the 47 recommendations are not an end in themselves, that there is a need to institutionalize the process of change in the Organization and that, in particular, the impetus given by the global change process should lead to: the development and implementation of a new aspirational health policy for the twenty-first century; the redefinition of WHO's mission; and the development of a modern management system for WHO comprising budgetary reform mechanisms, an evaluation system, and the programme management information system;

Noting that the mechanisms and structures to support such reform and change have been set up,

1. NOTES the progress achieved;
2. REQUESTS the Director-General to:

(1) follow-up continually the process of reform in WHO in response to external changes through the internal mechanisms of the Global Policy Council and the Management Development Committee, and

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<sup>1</sup> Document EB97/4.

<sup>2</sup> Document EB97/2.

to report to the Executive Board through the Programme Development Committee and the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee;

(2) ensure "outcome-oriented" reporting based on the development of performance indicators where appropriate and a timetable for action, together with mechanisms to measure the implementation of reform and its impact on the Organization;

(3) provide interim reports in cases where tasks have not been completed in accordance with the table;

(4) keep under review the effectiveness of the mechanisms and structures set up to this effect, particularly the effectiveness of the Management Development Committee and the Global Policy Council in implementing reform.

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