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## WHO reform

### Management information system: WHO policy information retrieval system

1. The WHO policy information retrieval system has been established as one of the core modules of the WHO management information system (MIS). The objective of the policy information retrieval system is to provide easy access to overall guidelines for planning and prioritizing programmes and to provide information on WHO policies and related documents to the outside world. It is a full information retrieval system allowing the user to navigate through the various "infobases". The search engine used is a well known commercial software package.

2. Version 1 of the WHO policy information retrieval system has just been released. It includes the following documents in English, some of which have also been processed in French:

- *Basic documents* (the WHO Constitution and other statutory texts)
- Executive Board resolutions and decisions from 1950 to 1996
- Health Assembly resolutions and decisions from 1948 to 1996
- Official Records and documents for the Executive Board sessions and Health Assembly of 1996
- Programme budget for the financial period 1996-1997
- *Primary Health Care* ("Health for All" Series No. 1)
- *Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000* ("Health for All" Series No. 3)
- *Plan of Action for Implementing the Global Strategy for Health for All* ("Health for All" Series No. 7)
- Resolutions of the Regional Committee for the Americas (1996)
- Resolutions and decisions of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean, sessions 40 to 43
- Resolutions of the Regional Committee for Europe from 1984 to 1996
- Handbook of Resolutions of the Regional Committee for South-East Asia, Volume 2 (1976-1995)
- Handbook of Resolutions of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific, Volume 3 (1986-1995).

3. The system is currently available on the WHO headquarters local area network (LAN) and will soon be available on the Internet. Regional offices will have access to the WHO policy information retrieval system via the Internet or through their LAN. A CD-ROM version will be made available for WHO offices not having access to the Internet. Further versions of the system will include more documents and will be available in other language versions.

4. More information may be obtained about the WHO policy information retrieval system from Mr Philippe Fock, Chief MIS (extension 3289), or Mrs Paulette Rozé, MIS (extension 2435). Demonstrations of the system can be arranged for members of the Executive Board at the current session during lunch breaks.

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