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FORTY-THIRD WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

Agenda item 32.4

LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA: ASSISTANCE TO THE
FRONT-LINE STATES, LESOTHO AND SWAZILAND

(Draft resolution proposed by the delegations of Botswana, Ethiopia,
Kenya, Lesotho, Namibia, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania,
Zambia and Zimbabwe)

The Forty-third World Health Assembly,

Considering that the front-line States continue to suffer directly or indirectly from the consequences of military, political and economic destabilization by South Africa which hamper their economic and social development;

Considering that the front-line States have to accept enormous sacrifices to rehabilitate and develop their health infrastructure which has suffered as a result of destabilization by South Africa;

Considering also resolutions AFR/RC31/R12 and AFR/RC32/R9 of the Regional Committee for Africa, which call for a special programme for health cooperation with the People's Republic of Angola;

Recalling resolutions WHA39.24, WHA40.23 and WHA41.23 adopted at the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Forty-first World Health Assemblies respectively;

Bearing in mind that the consequences of these destabilization activities still force the countries concerned to divert large amounts of financial and technical resources from their national health programmes to defence and reconstruction;

Noting that Namibia has now attained its independence;

1. THANKS the Director-General for his report;¹

2. RESOLVES that WHO shall:

(1) continue to take appropriate and timely measures to help the front-line States, Lesotho and Swaziland solve the acute health problems of the South African refugees;

(2) continue to provide countries which are or have been targets of destabilization by South Africa with technical cooperation in the health field, for the rehabilitation of their damaged health infrastructures;

3. CALLS UPON the Member States, according to their capabilities, to continue to provide adequate health assistance to liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity and to the front-line States (Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Namibia, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe), Lesotho and Swaziland;

4. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to intensify humanitarian assistance to national liberation movements recognized by the Organization of African Unity;

¹ Document A43/18.

- (2) to make use, when necessary, of funds from the Director-General's and Regional Director's Development Programme and to mobilize extrabudgetary resources to assist the countries concerned to overcome the problems arising both from the presence of the South African refugees and displaced persons and from destabilization activities, as well as for the rehabilitation of their damaged health infrastructures;
- (3) to continue to provide support to Namibia in developing its health system;
- (4) to report to the Forty-fourth World Health Assembly on the progress made in the implementation of this resolution.

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