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## WHO collaborating centres

The Executive Board,

Recalling resolutions WHA33.20 and WHA35.10;

Recognizing the expertise and resources devoted to health already available in Member States;

Having considered the report of the Programme Development Committee,<sup>1</sup> the report of the Administration, Budget and Finance Committee<sup>2</sup> and the proposed programme budget for the financial period 1998-1999;

Aware that in the context of current budgetary constraints, new resources have to be mobilized and that only a more rational utilization of all the resources required for the task of providing expertise will enable the Organization to undertake increasingly diversified and increasingly numerous activities,

RECOMMENDS to the Fiftieth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Fiftieth World Health Assembly,

Recognizing that in order to exert global health leadership for the twenty-first century in the current budgetary context the Organization must make every effort to create the broadest possible network of partners for health to make full use of all the skills available at country and regional levels, and to seek new resources and make optimum use of them in order to fulfil its tasks in the twenty-first century within the framework of the new strategy for health for all;

Aware that the collaborating centres represent a source of expertise that deserves to be better utilized and promoted;

Thanking the Director-General for the work accomplished in coordinating the network of collaborating centres at present in existence,

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<sup>1</sup> Document EB99/3.

<sup>2</sup> Document EB99/4.

1. URGES Member States:

- (1) to support and develop the national centres of expertise so that they may meet the criteria to become a WHO collaborating centre;
- (2) to inform WHO of the existence of these centres of expertise;

2. REQUESTS the Director-General:

- (1) to undertake a situation analysis concerning the existing networks of collaborating centres:
  - (a) to prepare a review of designations and terminations since resolution WHA33.20 and submit it to the Executive Board in January 1998;
  - (b) to review the definition of the functions of the collaborating centres and the procedure for their designation and redesignation;
  - (c) to explore the agreement between WHO and the collaborating centres including the option of working through contracts;
  - (d) to review the procedures for and frequency of evaluation of these centres with a view to their redesignation or termination;
- (2) to take steps designed to promote and encourage the emergence of a larger number of collaborating centres in the countries concerned by WHO's priorities and to foster capacity building programmes in these centres;
- (3) to explore organizational mechanisms within WHO at headquarters and regional level and the various possibilities of funding to ensure the best support for and coordination of the network of centres;
- (4) to report on his finding and recommendations to the 101st session of the Executive Board in January 1998.

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