

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on WHO's human health and environment programme,

1. THANKS the Director-General for his report;
2. ENDORSES the principles and general approach of the proposals;
3. TRANSMITS the report, together with the comments of the Executive Board, to the Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly; and
4. RECOMMENDS that the Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly adopt the following resolution:

“ The Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly,

“ Having considered the report of the Director-General on WHO's human health and environment programme;

“ Recalling resolutions WHA26.58, WHA27.49, WHA27.50 and WHA28.63;

“ Considering that progress in improving the conditions of the human environment as they affect health is too slow, and that present efforts by all concerned require intensification;

“ Emphasizing that the improvement of environmental conditions should be seen as part of the total health and development effort;

“ Stressing the particular priority to be given to environmental sanitation in the developing countries, especially to the provision of adequate and potable water and the disposal of wastes;

“ Recognizing, however, that all countries must pay increasing attention to the prevention of adverse effects on health resulting from conditions in various environments to which man is exposed;

“ Reaffirming the priority of health in the context of environmental programmes and the need for close cooperation in this field,

“ 1. THANKS the Director-General for his report, and endorses the approach to the future development and implementation of the programme;

“ 2. REITERATES that WHO should collaborate with governments in the development of their environmental health services and infrastructures;

“ 3. URGES governments:

(1) to make environmental health programmes an integral part of their national health and development efforts, particular attention being given to the most needy sectors of the population; and

(2) to allocate adequate resources to environmental health;

“ 4. REQUESTS the Director-General:

- (1) to plan and implement the programme on the basis of the proposals made in his report and taking into account resolutions WHA26.58, WHA27.49, WHA27.50 and WHA28.63;
- (2) to continue to follow a multidisciplinary approach and to integrate the various programme areas into a comprehensive programme, as proposed in his report;
- (3) to continue collaboration and coordination within the United Nations system, especially with the United Nations Environment Programme, and with other intergovernmental and non-governmental agencies concerned with environmental matters, with a view to:
 - (a) maintaining WHO's leading role in respect of activities to promote human health;
 - (b) increasing the availability of resources in addition to the regular budget of the Organization; and
 - (c) making the Organization's contribution to environmental programmes as effective as possible;
- (4) to continue to give high priority to collaboration with governments in the implementation of this programme; and
- (5) to report to a subsequent World Health Assembly on the impact of the implementation of this resolution on the work of the Organization. ”