

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the report on the world health situation;

Reiterating the need for the Organization to publish, in conformity with resolution WHA23.59, the analysis and evaluation of information on the state of health of the world population and on environmental health;

Stressing the value of appropriate information on the world health situation for the planning and evaluation of health programmes as well as for general reference; and

Recognizing the need for improving the analytical presentations, coverage and timeliness of the report on the world health situation,

1. RECOMMENDS that the future reports on the world health situation:
 - (1) should comprise a global analysis, along with country reviews, published by headquarters, as in the previous reports;
 - (2) should be published every six years, in accordance with the major programme cycle of the Organization, namely the General Programme of Work, with the exception of the sixth report, which should cover the five years 1973-1977, corresponding to the Fifth General Programme of Work; and
 - (3) should be published in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, without prior review by the World Health Assembly;
2. RECOMMENDS further that the other proposals contained in the report of the Director-General be implemented, particularly with respect to the mechanism for the preparation of the report on the world health situation; and
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to submit to the Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly a report on this subject reflecting the discussions at the fifty-seventh session of the Board and suggesting that the Sixth Report on the World Health Situation be prepared accordingly.