

The Thirtieth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the Director-General's progress report on the Expanded Programme on Immunization, and taken cognizance of the funds allocated to the combined smallpox eradication and expanded immunization programme contained in the proposed programme budget for 1978 and 1979, <sup>1</sup>

1. NOTES the continuing efforts made to develop the programme at country, regional, and global levels and the progress accomplished in pursuance of resolutions WHA27.57 and WHA29.63;
2. APPROVES the programme objectives and policy statement presented in the above progress report and particularly emphasizes the importance of the social and technical desiderata as inherent elements of effective and well-managed immunization programmes;
3. RECOMMENDS that Member States formulate specific plans for the development or maintenance of immunization activities on a long-term basis;
4. URGES governments and appropriate scientific institutions to intensify scientific research in respect of the development of better and more stable vaccines, the improvement of vaccination techniques, including combined vaccination, and the diagnosis, prophylaxis and treatment of post-vaccination complications;
5. URGES governments and agencies in a position to contribute funds or their equivalent in equipment and supplies to consider the limited resources available under the regular budget of the Organization and the continuous nature of the programme, and to provide maximum longterm support through the Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion (Special Account for the Expanded Programme on Immunization) or on a bilateral basis, to ensure country programming on a five- to ten-year basis;
6. RECOMMENDS that the Organization intensify its activities in coordinating, with the United Nations Children's Fund and donor sources, the procurement and distribution of vaccines used in the programme and in ensuring that these vaccines meet minimum standards of potency and stability;
7. REQUESTS the Director-General to collaborate closely with Member States in research and health education, and in developing, through training and field support, the management capabilities of senior and middle-level supervisory personnel in order to establish effective and continuing systems of vaccine delivery that will lead to complete immunization coverages, particularly of the rural populations;
8. REQUESTS the Director-General to keep the Health Assembly regularly informed of the progress made in the programme, particularly with regard to the number of countries having participated therein and its coverage of children.