The Twenty-eighth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on prophylactic and therapeutic substances;

Recognizing the importance of further development of international standards and requirements for prophylactic and therapeutic substances;

Convinced of the necessity of developing drug policies linking drug research, production and distribution with the real health needs,

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

2. URGES governments and professional bodies to ensure that the health personnel and the public are adequately educated and kept informed as to the proper use of prophylactic and therapeutic substances; and
3. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to continue to develop activities related to the establishment and revision of international standards, requirements and guidelines for prophylactic and therapeutic substances in consultation, as appropriate, with relevant governmental and nongovernmental organizations in official relations with WHO;

(2) to develop means by which the Organization can be of greater direct assistance to Member States in:
   (a) the implementation of national programmes in research, regulatory control, management and monitoring of drugs and, in so doing, also in the formulation of national drug policies;
   (b) advising on the selection and procurement, at reasonable cost, of essential drugs of established quality corresponding to their national health needs;
   (c) the education and training of scientific and technical manpower for research, production, evaluation, control and management of prophylactic and therapeutic substances;

(3) to study ways and means of optimizing inputs and outputs of the international system for drug monitoring so that it will be useful for both developed and developing countries;

(4) to disseminate to Member States evaluated information on drugs; and

(5) to report on the above matters to the Executive Board and a future World Health Assembly.

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