The Eighteenth World Health Assembly,

Considering resolutions WHA15.41, WHA16.36 and WHA17.39 of the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth World Health Assemblies on the importance of systematic collection, evaluation, and dissemination of information on adverse drug reactions;

Recalling the reports of the several groups of experts convened to consider and study the feasibility and desirability of instituting an adverse drug reaction monitoring programme on an international basis;

Convinced of the urgent need for the international collection and distribution of information on adverse drug reactions; and

Looking with favour upon the offer of the Government of the United States of America to provide facilities for the processing of information on adverse drug reactions, under the auspices of the World Health Organization,

1. REQUESTS the Director-General to study further the requirements of an international programme for the collection, analysis, and dissemination to Member States of information on adverse drug reactions;
2. INVITES Member States to develop as soon as possible national monitoring systems for adverse drug reactions, with a view to taking part in an international system under the aegis of WHO;

3. REQUESTS the Director-General to examine the offer of the United States of America and of any other governments of data processing facilities as a part of an international monitoring system for adverse drug reactions, and to report on the matter to the Nineteenth World Health Assembly; and

4. THANKS the Government of the United States of America for its offer.

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