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## Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion

### Note by the Secretariat

1. The Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion was established by resolution WHA13.24, as subsequently confirmed in resolution WHA29.31, and has enabled the Organization to fulfil its mandate and meet the demands for its services by Member States. Programme activities financed through extrabudgetary contributions received for these purposes have been recorded and reported under several subaccounts of the Fund such as the Special Account for Smallpox Eradication and the Special Account for Medical Research. The managerial, administrative and financial infrastructure of the Fund worked well over the years with the previous organizational structure of WHO.
2. Since July 1998, WHO has been extensively restructured to meet the present-day requirements and demands of Member States.
3. The proposed regular budget for the financial period 2000-2001 reflects WHO's new structure, and extrabudgetary activities have been modified to bring them into line with the regular budget programme structure. Accordingly, it is necessary and appropriate to modernize the Fund's managerial, administrative and financial infrastructure for efficient implementation of voluntarily funded bilateral programme activities, thereby increasing the efficacy of the Organization.
4. The Director-General plans to submit a proposal to this effect to the Executive Board at its 105th session and to the Fifty-third World Health Assembly.

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