



WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

FIFTY-SECOND WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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Second report of Committee B

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Committee B held its fourth and fifth meetings on 21 May 1999 under the chairmanship of Dr R. Tapia (Mexico).

It was decided to recommend to the Fifty-second World Health Assembly the adoption of the attached resolutions and decision relating to the following agenda items:

18. Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations

Two resolutions entitled:

% Agreement between the World Health Organization and the Universal Postal Union

% Active ageing

One decision entitled:

% WHO's participation in the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) exercise

15. Management and financial matters

C Appointment of the External Auditor

One resolution

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**Agreement between the World Health Organization
and the Universal Postal Union**

The Fifty-second World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report on the Agreement between the World Health Organization and the Universal Postal Union;

Taking into consideration Article 70 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization,

APPROVES the Agreement between the World Health Organization and the Universal Postal Union.

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Active ageing

The Fifty-second World Health Assembly,

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 53/109 which encourages all States, the United Nations system and all other actors, in reaching out for a future society for all ages, to take advantage of the International Year of Older Persons (1999) so as to increase awareness of the challenge of the demographic ageing of societies, the individual and social needs of older persons, the contributions of older persons to society and the need for a change in attitudes towards older persons;

Mindful of the important role of WHO in implementing the objectives of the International Year of Older Persons, including the promotion of investments in human development over the entire life span;

Stressing the central role of health in ensuring the future contributions and well-being of all older persons in both developing and developed countries;

Aware of the fact that the vast majority of older persons will be living in developing countries in the twenty-first century, which has fundamental implications for their health and social care systems;

Recognizing the important role of public health policies and programmes in ensuring that the rapidly growing numbers of older people in both developed and developing countries will remain in good health and able to maintain their many vital contributions to the well-being of their families, communities, and societies;

Underlining the need for incorporating a gender perspective into all policies and programmes relating to healthy ageing;

Noting with appreciation the successful 1999 World Health Day campaign which focused global attention on the benefits of healthy lifestyles throughout the life span in order to remain healthy and active for as long as possible in later life,

1. CALLS UPON all Member States:

(1) to show greater concern and to take appropriate steps to carry out measures that ensure the highest attainable standard of health and well-being for the growing numbers of their older citizens;

(2) to support WHO's advocacy for active and healthy ageing through new, multisectoral partnerships with intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, voluntary organizations and the establishment of a global network for active ageing;

2. URGES the Director-General:

(1) in cooperation with other organizations of the United Nations system, to ensure intersectoral action towards active and healthy ageing and relevant research;

- (2) to strengthen WHO action to foster healthy lifestyles for active ageing at international, regional and country levels by promoting community-based approaches;
- (3) to implement cross-cutting activities on ageing from a health promotion and life span perspective;
- (4) to address the needs of ageing populations with regard to disease prevention and service delivery by building up capacity within primary health care;
- (5) to ensure that the different needs of men and women are taken into account with respect to healthy ageing and health care provision;
- (6) to consolidate WHO's current efforts in research and policy development in order to identify and disseminate information on the determinants of healthy ageing.

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WHO's participation in the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) exercise

The Fifty-second World Health Assembly, after considering the report by the Secretariat on collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations,¹ decided to request the Director-General to draw up an analytical report on WHO's participation in UNDAF for consideration by the 105th session of the Executive Board in January 2000.

¹ Document A52/26.

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Appointment of the External Auditor

The Fifty-second World Health Assembly

RESOLVES that the Auditor-General of the Republic of South Africa be appointed External Auditor of the accounts of the World Health Organization for the financial periods 2000-2001 and 2002-2003 and that he conduct his audits in accordance with the principles incorporated in Article XII of the Financial Regulations, provided that, should the necessity arise, he may designate a representative to act in his absence.

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