

AFR/RC28/R3: Monitoring of the implementation of programme budget policy and strategy

The Regional Committee,

Having examined document AFR/RC28/4,

1. INVITES the Programme Budget Sub-Committee to continue to collaborate with the Regional Director in monitoring the implementation of programme budget policy and strategy;
2. URGES Member States to:
 - (i) take fully into account for the coming decades the implications of the organizational study on WHO's role at the country level, particularly the role of the WHO Coordinators who, as far as possible, should be nationals;
 - (ii) take the necessary steps to promote and strengthen at all levels the processes and mechanisms for the development of health programmes such as country health programming, long, medium and short-term programming, programme budgeting and systems of information and evaluation;
 - (iii) recognize once again the harmful effects of tobacco on health and take appropriate measures to strengthen the control of tobacco-smoking;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to intensify his efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the action programme on appropriate technology for health, bearing in mind the mechanisms adopted for technical cooperation among developing countries (TCDC);
4. REQUESTS the Programme Budget Sub-Committee to develop appropriate strategies for achieving the social objective of "Health for all by the year 2000", as such strategies are indispensable for the preparation of the Seventh General Programme of Work of WHO, for the updating of the Health Charter of the African Region for the period 1975-2000, and for any changes in the Sixth General programme of Work for 1978-1983;¹
5. REMINDS Member States of the need to:
 - (i) set up multisectoral and multidisciplinary national health councils or similar bodies;
 - (ii) take an active part in the development and utilization of the management mechanisms devised by the Organization (country health programming, medium-term programming, evaluation, information systems);
6. CONGRATULATES WHO on the emphasis placed on mental health in the countries of southern Africa where reactionary colonialism aggravated by apartheid is creating intolerable situations;²

¹ Resolutions EB61.R30 and WHA31.30.

² Resolution EB61.R28.

7. CONGRATULATES the Regional Director on his initiative to strengthen cooperation with other agencies and institutions of the United Nations system by convening a meeting of the UNICEF and WHO Regional Directors for Africa;¹
8. NOTES with satisfaction that the Standing Committee on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC) set up in accordance with resolution AFR/RC27/R1 is already operational, thus giving a new dimension to international cooperation;²
9. REQUESTS the Member States and WHO, in the tradition of African solidarity, to set up support to the national liberation movements recognized by the OAU, to their host countries, and to the citizens of countries under colonial domination and the victims of apartheid;³
10. NOTES with interest and satisfaction the new dimension given to health education by the introduction of education of the people in Community health;⁴
11. INVITES Member States and WHO to take appropriate steps to ensure the use of essential drugs⁵ and medicinal plants of the traditional pharmacopoeia⁶ so as to meet the basic needs of communities and ensure the development of the African pharmaceutical industry;
12. ENDORSES the recommendations of the governing bodies at world-wide level concerning appropriate technology for health,⁷ maternal and child health, nutrition, and the control of malaria, diarrhoeal diseases, with particular emphasis on cholera control, endemic treponematoses and zoonoses;
13. CONGRATULATES those Member States of the Region where smallpox eradication has been certified and INVITES the others to take the necessary steps to facilitate certification of eradication throughout their country;
14. ASKS the Regional Director to make the necessary efforts to:
 - (i) reduce to four the number of laboratories holding stocks of live smallpox virus;
 - (ii) nominate Ethiopia as the third country in the World to hold stocks of smallpox vaccine;
 - (iii) request the Director-General to call upon South Africa to immediately destroy all stocks of live smallpox virus held illegally and contrary to the provisions of resolution WHA30.52 of the Thirtieth World Health Assembly;
15. REQUESTS all Member States and WHO to speed up the introduction of expanded programmes on immunization and programmes of primary health care water supply, particularly for the least-privileged communities.

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¹ Resolutions WHA31.39 and WHA31.40.

² Resolution WHA31.41.

³ Resolutions WHA31.46 and WHA31.52.

⁴ Resolution WHA31.42.

⁵ Resolutions EB61.R17 and WHA31.32.

⁶ Resolution WHA31.33.

⁷ Resolutions EB61.R31 and WH31.34.