



DRAFT RESOLUTION

PLAN FOR AN INTENSIFIED RESEARCH PROGRAMME

The Eleventh World Health Assembly,

Having studied the proposal submitted by the Delegation of the United States of America for the development of a plan for an intensified research programme, and its offer of additional funds for this purpose;

Noting that WHO, under its Constitution, is required to promote and conduct research in the field of health;

Realizing that the Organization is already playing an important role in stimulating and co-ordinating research in medical and scientific fields such as influenza, poliomyelitis, rabies, chemotherapy of tuberculosis, brucellosis, the treponematoses, resistance to insecticides in disease vectors, efficacy of vaccines, preparation of standards for pharmaceutical preparations, sera and vaccines, nutrition, and others;

Considering that further knowledge is needed on the etiology, treatment and prevention of certain diseases common to mankind, including chronic diseases such as cancer, heart disease and other diseases;

Recognizing that the Organization has established a system of co-ordination of research through collaboration with laboratories and institutions on a world-wide scale, and

Recognizing that a well-designed plan for expanding the role of WHO in research would merit the support of many Member States,

1. THANKS the United States of America for this initiative and for the contribution of funds to enable the Director-General to prepare a plan for a programme of co-ordinated international research;
2. BELIEVES that, within the policies established by WHO, the Organization can profitably expand its role in research in the following areas of activity, among others:
 - (1) co-ordination of research on an international scale through integrated laboratory networks;
 - (2) identification and definition of gap areas in medical and public health research;

- (3) standardization of scientific terminology and methods;
- (4) facilitation of communication between scientists and research institutions;
- (5) determination of unmet requirements in facilities and equipment;
- (6) training of research personnel;
- (7) promotion and support of scientific congresses, seminars and other meetings of medical scientists;
- (8) stimulation and advice to national and international official and voluntary agencies working in the research area;

3. REQUESTS the Director-General:

- (1) to organize and arrange for a special study of the role of WHO in medical and health research and of ways in which the Organization might assist more adequately in stimulating and co-ordinating research and developing research personnel;
- (2) to prepare a plan on the basis of such study in the furtherance of research for transmission to the twenty-third session of the Executive Board and to the Twelfth World Health Assembly, with cost estimates.