

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the Director-General's evaluation of WHO's programme budget during the Seventh General Programme of Work and his reflections for the 1988-1989 biennium and beyond,

Having noted the comments of the Executive Board and the World Health Assembly thereon and in particular the report by the Programme Committee of the Executive Board on Management of WHO's Resources and Review of the Organization's Structures,<sup>4</sup>

Reaffirming that the responsibility for deciding a Member State's needs is exclusively the prerogative of the Member State and that the responsibility for approving the balance between the various budgetary allocations and for establishing the detailed mechanisms at regional level for undertaking budgetary coordination within the overall policies and practices of WHO and for selecting the Regional Director must continue to be vested in the regional committees, this only being a true expression of the principles of decentralization in the implementation and follow-up and of the democratic process as set out in the Constitution of WHO,

1. STRESSES WHO's existing value system, policies, strategies and decentralized approach to Health for All;
2. RECONFIRMS its commitment to resolutions WHA33.17 on the study of the Organization's structures in the light of its functions and WHA34.24 on the meaning for WHO of coordination and technical cooperation in international health work;
3. NOTES with satisfaction new developments and progress made in the Eastern Mediterranean Region in the application of managerial arrangements to planning, implementation and evaluation, and for optimal use of WHO's resources in accordance with WHO's global and Regional<sup>5</sup> programme budget policies;
4. RECOMMENDS that the Regional Consultative Committee undertake a careful analysis of issues relating to the programme budget and management of WHO's resources, including country allocations, technical cooperation activities, training and fellowships, supplies and equipment, use of manpower, methods of financing and related managerial processes, reporting to the Regional Committee thereon;
5. EXPRESSES its dissatisfaction with the proposed new orientation set out in the report of the Programme Committee of the Executive Board which can be construed as direct interference in the work of regional committees and with the various country programmes;
6. REQUESTS the Regional Director in the meantime to report the views and comments of the Regional Committee concerning the proposal of the Programme Committee of the Executive Board to the Executive Board at its Eighty-first Session in January 1988;
7. INVITES members of the Executive Board designated by the Eastern Mediterranean Region to convey the Regional perspective to the Board as a whole.

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3. WHA40.21, WHA39.12, WHA38.26, WHA37.25 and others.

4. EB81/PC/Conf.Paper No.1 Rev.1; see also document EM/RC34/3.2.

5. Document EM/RC33/7-E.