

PART I

RESOLUTIONS

The following twelve resolutions were adopted by the Regional Committee (The references to the "Handbook" are to the Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia, Vol. 2.).

SEA/RC34/R1 GOITRE CONTROL PROGRAMME IN THE CONTEXT OF HEALTH FOR ALL BY THE YEAR 2000

The Regional Committee,

Recalling World Health Assembly resolutions WHA30.43, WHA32.24 and WHA32.30, which reflect the determination of Member States as well as of the Organization to attain the cherished goal of health for all by the year 2000,

Reaffirming the Regional Committee's resolutions SEA/RC32/R1 and SEA/RC33/R4, which urged Member States to develop a plan of action in consonance with the national and regional strategies for health for all,

Noting with concern that goitre remains one of the most important health problems in most of the countries of the Region, and that efforts in organizing control programmes and resources for the application of goitre control measures are still inadequate,

Being concerned about the grave consequences of goitre, such as varying degrees of physical and mental retardation, especially in the younger age-groups, endemic cretinism and deaf-mutism,

Emphasizing that the technology in goitre control is feasible, simple and economically viable, and

Recognizing the priority accorded to goitre control in the programme of primary health care,

1. URGES Member States:

- (a) to give priority attention to strengthening their goitre control programmes as an integral component of primary health care, and
- (b) to develop a plan of action in respect of goitre control in the context of formulated national and regional strategies for health for all, with the objective of reducing the prevalence of endemic goitre to below 10% by the year 2000;

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (a) to strengthen the goitre control programme as a component of primary health care in the overall strategies for the attainment of the goal of health for all for the Region;

- (b) to cooperate with and assist Member States in formulating national plans and strategies for goitre control and in promoting the development of manpower, resources for research and other resources for the programmes;
- (c) to support research in the field of goitre control;
- (d) to promote technical cooperation among Member States in respect of national goitre control programmes;
- (e) to develop strategies and a plan of operation for a regional programme, in collaboration with other United Nations agencies such as UNICEF, as well as with the assistance of extra-budgetary resources, and
- (f) to report to the thirty-fifth session of the Regional Committee on the implementation and progress of the programme.

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EXPANDED PROGRAMME ON IMMUNIZATION

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the progress achieved in the Expanded Programme on Immunization in Member countries;

Agreeing with the recommendations made by the WHO Study Group on BCG Vaccination Policies (WHO Technical Report Series 652) that, on the basis of an extended review of BCG vaccination, the use of BCG as an anti-tuberculosis measure should be continued;

Noting the benefits obtained through training the programme personnel in the various management and technical skills needed for the sound development of immunization services;

Recognizing the importance of generating appropriate information to improve service delivery and to assess the progress and impact of immunization programmes on the target diseases;

Reaffirming the observations and recommendations of the Thirty-first World Health Assembly in its resolution WHA31.53, and

Recalling the conclusions and recommendations of the Consultative Meeting on Planning and Regional Self-sufficiency in Vaccine Production for the Expanded Programme on Immunization, held in New Delhi in April 1978, and its own resolution SEA/RC31/R1,

1. URGES Member States to:

- (a) continue with BCG vaccination as an important component of the Expanded Programme on Immunization;

- (b) establish training programmes on a continuing basis, for both new and existing personnel, on the technical and management aspects of the Programme as a routine component of the curricula of health training institutions;
- (c) extend the use of sampling techniques (cluster surveys) to gather data on the complete coverage of target populations, particularly those in the 0-12 month age-group, and for the identification of problems and constraints in order to take remedial action for improving the immunization programmes;
- (d) strengthen routine surveillance systems for the collection of data on EPI target diseases for establishing baselines against which the impact of immunization can be measured in terms of reduction of morbidity, mortality and disability, and
- (e) cooperate with the Organization in identifying and developing appropriate methodologies for the monitoring and evaluation of national programmes of immunization, and

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to continue to extend the necessary technical and material support to the Expanded Programme on Immunization in Member States, with particular emphasis on:

- (a) providing training materials and assistance in developing appropriate training activities, when requested;
- (b) giving technical support, when requested, in order to develop techniques for generating appropriate information to measure the progress and achievements of the Programme;
- (c) providing training and technical support for the development of the cold chain, and
- (d) promoting technical cooperation among countries of the Region, particularly in regard to the exchange of technical information and expertise as well as the attainment of regional self-reliance in vaccines.

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THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

The Regional Committee,

Having considered and discussed the Thirty-third Annual Report of the Regional Director to the Regional Committee for South-East Asia (SEA/RC34/2 and Add.1 and Corr.1), which covers the activities of WHO in the South-East Asia Region during the period from 1 July 1980 to 30 June 1981,

1. NOTES with satisfaction the progress made during the year in WHO's programme of collaborative activities in the Region, and

2. CONGRATULATES the Regional Director and his staff on this comprehensive review of the work done and sound projections made for the future.

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STRATEGIES FOR HEALTH FOR ALL BY THE YEAR 2000

The Regional Committee,

Recalling World Health Assembly resolution WHA34.36 on the adoption of the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000 and its own resolutions SEA/RC32/R1 and SEA/RC33/R4, giving expression to its unswerving commitment to the attainment of this goal through pursuit of the principles enshrined in the Alma-Ata Declaration on Primary Health Care;

Having carefully considered both the Global Strategy as well as the Executive Board's draft Plan of Action for implementation thereof;

Being aware of the efforts that have gone into the formulation of the regional and national strategies for health for all in this region, and the initiative and actions that have been taken by Member States in implementing them, and

Recognizing the necessity for revising and updating the existing regional and national strategies in the light of the Global Strategy recently approved by the World Health Assembly,

1. ENDORSES both the Global Strategy and the Executive Board's Plan of Action,

2. URGES Member States:

- (a) to take steps to adopt and update the national strategies and formulate plans of action in the light of the Global Strategy for HFA/2000;
- (b) to make organizational plans for the development of national health systems based on primary health care, at the same time ensuring adequate political and financial support to implement these plans, with a view to making the appropriate health services accessible and available to all those in need;
- (c) to strengthen, where necessary, the mechanisms of the national administrative systems for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the Global Strategy, and

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (a) to collaborate and assist in the revision and updating of the national and regional strategies through appropriate actions at national and regional levels;

- (b) to follow up on all aspects of the implementation of the strategy and to report to the Regional Committee annually in the initial years and periodically later, and
- (c) to strengthen the regional mechanisms for updating, monitoring and evaluating the regional strategies.

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MANAGERIAL PROCESS FOR NATIONAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENT

The Regional Committee,

Recognizing that the countries of the South-East Asia Region are increasingly applying the scientific principles and methods of planning and management in formulating their health development activities and in orienting them to their HFA policies and strategies;

Realizing that there is an urgent need for further strengthening the managerial process for national health development;

Appreciating WHO's efforts to promote the concept and application of an integrated managerial process for national health development, and

Noting the provisions of resolution WHA34.14 on strengthening management and management training in support of national strategies for health for all by the year 2000,

1. URGES Member States of the South-East Asia Region:

- (a) to continue to accord high priority to the development of an integrated managerial process for national health development;
- (b) to cooperate and collaborate with one another as well as with WHO in further developing this process, with special emphasis on the management training of health personnel in relation to the specific requirements of national management systems, and
- (c) to undertake innovative management practices, particularly in respect of the delivery of the primary health care programme, and

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (a) to promote and support the efforts of countries of the Region to develop such a national managerial process, including training of manpower, and to facilitate TCDC in this area as appropriate;
- (b) to maintain and strengthen the expertise required for providing technical cooperation to Member States in the development of their managerial systems, in particular the systems of organizational design, supplies and logistics, programme budgeting and financial control, and management information;

- (c) to provide technical and material support to new types of management projects, including related studies and publications, and
- (d) to support the exchange of valid information amongst countries in respect of managerial developments, particularly in the design and delivery of the primary health care programme.

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SEA/RC34/R6

THE STUDY OF WHO'S STRUCTURES IN THE LIGHT OF ITS
FUNCTIONS

The Regional Committee,

Appreciating WHO's efforts to conduct a study of its structure in the light of its functions in response to World Health Assembly resolution WHA31.27 and the Regional Committee's resolution SEA/RC32/R7,

Noting with satisfaction the progress made in implementing the Director-General's plan of action in support of resolution WHA33.17 adopted by the World Health Assembly and endorsed by the Regional Committee in its resolution SEA/RC33/R5,

Noting the progress made in the study of its structure in the light of its functions undertaken by the Regional Office for South-East Asia as reported in document SEA/RC34/7, and

Realizing the necessity for continuous monitoring of the progress of this study,

1. URGES Member States:

- (a) to strengthen their ministries of health and the national managerial processes for health development in order to provide further stimulus to national efforts as well as to use the Regional Committee as an effective instrument for collective action at regional level for attaining the HFA goal, and
- (b) to review periodically, in collaboration with WHO, the nature of the WHO support required by each country individually and by the Region collectively, in the light of the HFA goals, through establishment of appropriate mechanisms at national and regional levels, and

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (a) to proceed with the implementation of the recommendations made in the study to meet the changing requirements for WHO collaboration at national and regional levels, and

- (b) to make all efforts to achieve maximum utilization of the staff, facilities and resources of the Organization, in support of national and regional plans of action for HFA, involving the Member States closely in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the WHO programme activities, through the committee being set up to advise the Regional Director (in accordance with resolution SEA/RC34/R11).

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SEA/RC34/R7

SEVENTH GENERAL PROGRAMME OF WORK (1984-1989)

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the material for the preparation of the Seventh General Programme of Work for the Specific Period 1984-1989, along with the statements of progress made so far in the formulation of the Programme,¹

Being conscious of the need to ensure that the Seventh General Programme is relevant to the particular needs and priorities of countries in the South-East Asia Region, and

Noting that the main thrusts in this programme as well as its objectives and approaches are essentially oriented towards the implementation of the strategy for health for all by the year 2000,

1. AGREES with the material prepared, and
2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to transmit its comments² on this material to the Director-General for consideration by the Programme Committee of the Executive Board.

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INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING - DRAFT INTERNATIONAL
CODE OF MARKETING OF BREASTMILK SUBSTITUTES

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the paper on the subject of infant and young child feeding (SEA/RC34/13);

Recognizing that maternal and child health care, including nutrition, is an essential element of primary health care;

¹Documents SEA/RC34/6 and Corr.1 and SEA/RC34/Inf.2

²As recorded in SEA/RC34/Min.5

Realizing that improvements in the nutrition of infants, young children and pregnant and lactating women are of paramount importance for attaining the goal of health for all by the year 2000;

Emphasizing that the protection and promotion of infant feeding, including the regulation of the marketing of breastmilk substitutes, directly affect the health of infants and young children and constitute a problem of direct concern to both Member countries and WHO, and

Reaffirming World Health Assembly resolutions WHA33.32 and WHA34.22, on "Infant and Young Child Feeding" and "International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes" respectively,

1. ENDORSES the draft plan of action outlined in document SEA/RC34/13 as a guideline for programme development in countries;
2. URGES Member States to review and implement resolution WHA33.32 and WHA34.22, and
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to provide such technical and other support as is necessary to collaborate with governments in implementing the above resolutions.

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TIME AND PLACE OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION AND PLACE OF
THE THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Committee

1. CONFIRMS its previous decision (SEA/RC33/R12) to hold the thirty-fifth session in Dacca, Bangladesh;
2. DECIDES to hold its thirty-fifth session in September 1982, the exact dates to be decided by the Regional Director in consultation with the Government of Bangladesh, and
3. NOTES with appreciation the invitation of the Government of Nepal to hold its thirty-sixth session in 1983, in Nepal.

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SEA/RC34/R10

SELECTION OF TOPIC FOR THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS

The Regional Committee

1. DECIDES to hold technical discussions during the thirty-fifth session in 1982 on the subject of "Control and Prevention of Leprosy in the Context of Primary Health Care", and

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to take appropriate steps to arrange for these discussions and to place this item on the agenda of the thirty-fifth session.

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SEA/RC34/R11

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME BUDGET

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the report of the Sub-Committee and the detailed programme budget for 1982-1983 (documents SEA/RC34/3 and SEA/RC34/3 Add.1), and

Appreciating the fact that the WHO programme continues to provide support to Member States to enable them to achieve health for all by the year 2000,

1. APPROVES the report of the Sub-Committee on Programme Budget;
2. NOTES the 1982-1983 detailed programme budget with elaboration on the project activities (documents SEA/RC34/3 and Add.1) and the proposals for the UNDP Regional Programme (SEA/RC34/PB/WP1);
3. NOTES the observations made by the External Auditor of WHO in his report to the World Health Assembly (A34/25 and A34/25 Add.1) for the first year of the financial period 1980-81;
4. NOTES the report and the recommendations of the "Small Committee" (SEA/RC34/PB/WP3) appointed by the Regional Director in response to Regional Committee resolution SEA/RC33/R10;
5. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
 - (a) to implement the 1982-1983 programme as contained in documents SEA/RC34/3 and Add.1 in accordance with the policies and guidelines laid down by the World Health Assembly and in cooperation with Member Governments;
 - (b) to ensure inclusion of the following items in the terms of reference of the Sub-Committee on Programme Budget for the biennium starting from the thirty-fifth session of the Regional Committee:
 - (i) to review the implementation of programmes in the current cycle (by country and by projects/programmes) in terms of both financial implementation as well as achievement of envisaged targets;
 - (ii) to review financial implementation in respect of the programmes, indicating whether the actual spending has been as planned and the extent of savings in each programme, if any, along with the broad reasons therefor;

- (iii) to consider programme proposals for an ensuing cycle reflecting such activities as are not in support of the primary health care package in terms of the proposed outlays, comparing the outlays with the investments in such activities, if any, in the preceding and current cycles, also indicating the broad basis therefor;
 - (iv) to review the pattern of utilization of assistance in respect of each component, viz., long-term staff, short-term consultants, supplies and equipment, subsidies/grants, group educational activities, etc., during the preceding and current cycles. Similarly, while considering the detailed programme proposals for an ensuing cycle, to compare the envisaged pattern of investments under the aforesaid components with the actual expenditure patterns during the preceding and current cycles, based on available information. (If there have been wide variations in the actual expenditures in respect of any component, the reasons should be identified, so as to enable suitable modification of the programme budgeting, if necessary, to make it more realistic.);
 - (v) while reviewing programme proposals for an ensuing cycle, to examine whether the "programming approach"/"detailed programme budget" conforms to the parameters of the basic policy and global strategy of WHO and the General Programmes of Work/medium-term programmes approved by the Regional Committee/World Health Assembly, as well as the specific recommendations, if any, made by the Regional Committee at its preceding sessions;
 - (vi) to consider any other issue in regard to which the Programme Budget Sub-Committee may wish to make a reference or recommendation to the Regional Committee, and
 - (vii) to apply recommendations made in paras (i) to (vi) above, with such modifications as necessary, also to inter-country projects in the ensuing cycle;
- (c) to consider the following programme categories in addition to guidelines and criteria provided by the Director-General in his programme budget guidelines, for establishing inter-country projects: health manpower development; country health planning, programming, monitoring, review and evaluation; control measures regarding urgent problems of communicable and non-communicable diseases; effective preventive and promotive strategies for reducing disease incidence within the framework of primary health care; appropriate technology for improving the primary health care system; health services organizational and operational research; effective surveillance mechanisms, and institutional support, including the manufacture and development of inputs in support of the primary health care package;

- (d) to establish a committee, replacing the Small Committee set up in accordance with resolution SEA/RC33/R10, to review the functioning of ongoing inter-country projects as well as recommended fresh project proposals, in accordance with para 5(c) above, to evolve a long-term perspective plan of inter-country projects; to review and redefine guidelines and criteria for inter-country projects every two or three years, and to assess the relevance of inter-regional projects in terms of regional needs and priorities as well as inter-regional interests;
- (e) to request the Director-General to review existing criteria for resource allocation among regions, with a view to giving a higher priority to the South-East Asia Region, comprising about one-fourth of the world's population, and
- (f) to evolve a suitable mechanism for the mobilization of extra-budgetary resources in support of HFA/2000.

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SEA/RC34/R12 RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The Regional Committee

1. WISHES to convey its sincere thanks and gratitude to the people and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, to the Governor of Bali, and especially to the Ministry of Health, for their warm welcome and the generous hospitality extended to all participants in the thirty-fourth session of the Regional Committee, as well as for the excellent arrangements made for the meeting, contributing to its success;
2. EXPRESSES its sincere thanks to the Regional Director, Dr U Ko Ko, for his effective contribution, and to all the members of his staff for their painstaking efforts towards the success of the session, and
3. PLACES on record its deep appreciation of the presence of the Director-General, Dr Halfdan Mahler, and for his valedictory address highlighting WHO's policy and approach to maximizing the scope of collaboration between WHO and Member States.

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Seventh Meeting, 21 September 1981
SEA/RC34/Min.7