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Provision Agenda item 9

RESOLUTIONS OF REGIONAL INTEREST ADOPTED BY THE
TWENTY-SEVENTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY AND THE
FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Resolutions adopted at the Twenty-seventh World Health Assembly and the fifty-third session of the Executive Board on the following subjects are attached:

1. ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH MONITORING IN
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH (EB53.R23)

The Committee may wish to draw the attention of Member Governments especially to operative paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) relating to training in planning occupational health programmes, the health of agricultural workers and the preparation of national inventories for use in planning and implementing appropriate occupational health programmes.

2. THE ROLE OF WHO IN BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL
HEALTH AID PROGRAMMES (WHA27.29)

The Committee may recall the Director-General's address at the last Regional Committee meeting inviting Member Governments to make use of the Organization's wide experience in the planning and implementation of health and sanitation programmes, and they are requested to draw the attention of Member Governments to the first operative paragraph of this resolution, which recommends the use of WHO advice on the co-ordination of their bilateral and multilateral aid programmes. Pertinent to this resolution are the current joint efforts of the Regional Office and Member States in bringing about an Asian Health Charter to meet the needs of the countries of this Region and the country health programme exercises, which would be useful in formulating bilateral and multilateral aid programmes.

The Regional Committee may wish to make suggestions for the Director-General to take into consideration in preparing the report mentioned in operative paragraph 2.

3. CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR PHYSICIANS (WHA27.31)

The Regional Committee is requested to bring to the notice of Member Governments operative paragraph 2 of the resolution, emphasizing the urgent need for developing national systems of continuing education for the health professions and promoting the systems approach in educational planning and

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periodic assessment of the quality of performance of health personnel in delivering health care. A pilot activity in continuing education on "Care of the Newborn" is reported in the Regional Director's Annual Report (document SEA/RC27/2). This experiment carried out in Indonesia will be a useful guide for future WHO assistance to national programmes in continuing education.

4. PROMOTION OF NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES (WHA27.44)

The Committee may wish to bring to the notice of Member Governments the need for WHO's efforts to be concentrated on assisting governments to direct national health service programmes towards their major objectives, with priority being given to the rapid and effective development of the health delivery system and to support training of necessary national health personnel. By 1975, country health programming exercises will have been completed in at least four countries. In reviewing the Proposed Budget Estimates, the Committee will note the large share of the financial allocation of the budget accorded to strengthening of health services and that proportions devoted to health manpower development and environmental health programmes have been substantially increased.

The Regional Committee may wish to make suggestions regarding the steps referred to in operative paragraph 2.

5. WHO'S HUMAN HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME
(WHA27.49 and WHA27.50)

These resolutions may be read in conjunction with resolution WHA26.58 which was brought to the attention of the Regional Committee in 1973.

The subject of the technical discussion, provision of safe water supply to rural communities in South-East Asia, is relevant to these resolutions.

6. DEVELOPMENT OF THE ANTIMALARIA PROGRAMME (WHA27.51)

This resolution may be read in conjunction with the previous resolutions No. WHA22.39 and WHA23.12, brought to the attention of the Regional Committee in 1969 and 1970 respectively. The resolution is relevant to the situation in several Member countries of the Region as indicated in the Regional Director's Annual Report. It is essential that Governments accord the highest priority to programmes for protecting the population against malaria, the formulation of programmes adapted to the country situations, a study of the present constraints and finding a remedy for them, and allocation of adequate resources indispensable to their implementation.

The Regional Committee may wish to express its views on the possible contents of the report to be made by the Executive Board to the Twenty-eighth World Health Assembly.

7. INTENSIFICATION OF RESEARCH IN TROPICAL PARASITIC DISEASES (WHA27.52)

In view of the high prevalence of such diseases in most countries of the Region, and in the light of future expansion of WHO's research programmes,

and the greater involvement of regional offices in research activities, the Regional Committee's recommendations are solicited on which parasitic diseases require priority attention and on the methods of achieving maximum co-ordination with current national and regional research programmes.

8. WHO EXPANDED PROGRAMME ON IMMUNIZATION (WHA27.57)

This resolution is of relevance to many countries of the Region, especially those in which smallpox eradication has been or is expected to be achieved. The subject for the detailed examination by the Sub-Committee on Programme and Budget (Epidemiological surveillance of communicable diseases) is also relevant to the development and maintenance of immunization and surveillance programmes against the diseases specified in operative paragraph 1.

9. OTHER SUBJECTS

The Regional Committee may note and review the following resolutions:

- (1) QUALITY OF FOOD IN INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS (EB53.R27)
- (2) JOINT ILO/WHO COMMITTEE ON THE HEALTH OF SEAFARERS: FIFTH REPORT (EB53.R39)
- (3) ORGANIZATIONAL STUDY ON THE INTERRELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE CENTRAL TECHNICAL SERVICES OF WHO AND PROGRAMMES OF DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO MEMBER STATES (EB53.R44)
- (4) ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (WHA27.23)
- (5) HEALTH EDUCATION (WHA27.27)
- (6) HEALTH EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (WHA27.28)
- (7) CO-ORDINATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM: THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (WHA27.34)
- (8) CO-ORDINATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM: GENERAL MATTERS (especially operative paragraphs 6 and 7) (WHA27.35)
- (9) INFANT NUTRITION AND BREAST-FEEDING (WHA27.43)
- (10) PSYCHOSOCIAL FACTORS AND HEALTH (WHA27.53)
- (11) ADEQUACY OF HEALTH STATISTICAL INFORMATION (WHA27.55)
- (12) CO-ORDINATION AND STRENGTHENING OF LEPROSY CONTROL (WHA27.58)
(The programmes supported by WHO are contained in the Regional Director's Annual Report)
- (13) PREVENTION OF ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS (WHA27.59)

- (14) WHO'S ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND CO-ORDINATION OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH (WHA27.61)
- (15) STANDARDIZATION OF DIAGNOSTIC MATERIALS (WHA27.62)
- (16) LONG-TERM PLANNING OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN CANCER RESEARCH (WHA27.63)

RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Fifty-third Session

EB53.R23

ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH MONITORING IN
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Expert Committee on Environmental and Health Monitoring in Occupational Health,* together with the report of the Director-General;

Recalling resolution WHA25.63 on occupational health programmes;

Taking into account the comments made by members of the Executive Board during the discussion of the report of the Expert Committee,

REQUESTS the Director-General

- (1) to communicate to Member States the recommendations addressed to governments made in the report of the Expert Committee;
- (2) to implement the Expert Committee's recommendations in relation to WHO, particularly with respect to the training in planning occupational health programmes, the preparation of guidelines for carrying out comprehensive monitoring of workers' health, the collation and evaluation of methods for the early detection of health impairment in the gainfully employed, and the stimulation of appropriate research;
- (3) to give also appropriate attention to the health of workers in the agricultural sector;
- (4) to assist Member States, particularly developing countries, in the preparation of national inventories for use in the planning and implementation of appropriate occupational health programmes, and
- (5) to keep this matter under continuous review.

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