



DRAFT SEVENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON PROGRAMME AND BUDGET

The Committee on Programme and Budget held its seventeenth and eighteenth meetings on 20 and 21 May 1965, and during the course of its eighteenth meeting decided to recommend to the Eighteenth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

Programme Activities in the Health Aspects of World Population which might be developed by WHO

The Eighteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on Programme Activities in the Health Aspects of World Population which might be developed by WHO,<sup>1</sup>

Bearing in mind Article 2 (l) of the Constitution which reads:  
"to promote maternal and child health and welfare and to foster the ability to live harmoniously in a changing total environment";

Noting resolution 1048 (XXXVII) adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its thirty-seventh session, August 1964;

Believing that demographic problems require the consideration of economic, social, cultural, psychological and health factors in their proper perspective;

Noting that the United Nations Population Commission at its thirteenth session, April 1965, attached high priority to the research and other activities in the field of fertility;

Considering that the changes in the size and structure of the population have repercussions on health conditions;

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<sup>1</sup> Document A18/P&B/4.

Recognizing that problems of human reproduction involve the family unit as well as society as a whole, and that the size of the family should be the free choice of each individual family;

Bearing in mind that it is a matter for national administrations to decide whether and to what extent they should support the provision of information and services to their people on the health aspects of human reproduction;

Accepting that it is not the responsibility of WHO to endorse or promote any particular population policy; and

Noting that the scientific knowledge with regard to the biology of human reproduction and the medical aspects of fertility control is insufficient,

1. APPROVES the report of the Director-General on Programme Activities in the Health Aspects of World Population which might be developed by WHO;<sup>1</sup>
2. REQUESTS the Director-General to develop further the programme proposed:
  - (a) in the fields of reference services, studies on medical aspects of sterility and fertility control methods and health aspects of population dynamics; and
  - (b) in the field of advisory services as outlined in Part III, paragraph 3, of his report,<sup>1</sup> on the understanding that such services are related, within the responsibilities of WHO, to technical advice on the health aspects of human reproduction and should not involve operational activities; and
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to report to the Nineteenth World Health Assembly on the programme of WHO in the field of human reproduction.

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<sup>1</sup> Document A18/P&B/4.