

The Regional Committee,

Having examined the proposed programme budget, 2004-2005 for the Western Pacific Region to be financed from the regular budget and other sources of funds;¹

Recalling resolution WPR/RC53.R2, and noting the negative impact on collaborative programmes of the reduced regular budget allocation to the Region resulting from the implementation of resolution WHA51.31, including difficulties in carrying out WHO's priority programme activities, reductions in country planning figures and difficulties in maintaining WHO's core presence;

Noting that resolution WHA51.31 applied only to regular budget allocations to the six regions and that Headquarters was excluded;

Extremely concerned at the small share of extrabudgetary resources received by the Western Pacific Region compared with other regions;

Appreciating that the increased level of estimated extrabudgetary resources in the proposed programme budget takes into account projected global extrabudgetary resources, but also noting the difficulty in estimating such projected resources;

Appreciating further the presentation of the proposed programme budget, and the inclusion of expected results and measurable indicators to address the goals, objectives and strategies of regional focuses, countries and areas;

Welcoming the Director-General's commitment to allocate a greater share of resources to regional and country levels;

¹ Documents WPR/RC54/4 and WPR/RC54/4 Corr.1.

1. THANKS the Regional Director for his comprehensive presentation of the programme budget and for taking into account the views and concerns expressed by the Regional Committee during its review of Part 2 of the proposed programme budget at its fifty-third session;
2. APPRECIATES his commitment to continuous improvement of the presentation of the proposed programme budget, taking into account the views expressed by the Regional Committee;
3. URGES Member States to work with WHO to make every effort to implement the programme budget;
4. REQUESTS Members of the Executive Board from the Region:
 - (1) to convey to the Executive Board, and through the Executive Board to the Health Assembly, the view of the Regional Committee that:
 - (a) the reduction in the regional allocation for the Western Pacific resulting from resolution WHA51.31 should be implemented over only three bienniums, namely 2000-2001, 2002-2003 and 2004-2005;
 - (b) in the future the method of allocating WHO's regular budget and extrabudgetary resources to WHO Headquarters, the regions and countries should ensure a more equitable and transparent allocation of resources and take into account the Director-General's commitment to allocate a greater percentage of resources to regional and country levels;
 - (2) to work with members of the Executive Board from other regions similarly affected, taking into account the views of the Regional Committee;
5. REQUESTS the Regional Director to convey to the Director-General the view of the Regional Committee that:
 - (1) the negative impact of the use of the model on the Western Pacific Region over the three bienniums during which it has been applied should be included in the evaluation that the Director-General presents to the Fifty-seventh World Health Assembly;
 - (2) in the future the method of allocating WHO's regular budget and extrabudgetary resources to WHO Headquarters, the regions and countries should ensure a more equitable and transparent allocation of resources and take into account the Director-General's commitment to allocate a greater percentage of resources to regional and country levels;
6. REQUESTS the Regional Director to ensure that the Regional Committee's views and concerns, as noted in the summary record, are fully taken into account in the implementation of the programme budget for 2004-2005.