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COORDINATION WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM - GENERAL MATTERS

United Nations Water Conference: Follow-up to the
Mar del Plata Action Plan

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the follow-up to the Mar del Plata Action Plan of the United Nations Water Conference;¹

1. THANKS the Director-General for the report;
2. ENDORSES the approach and the action indicated therein;
3. TRANSMITS the report, together with its comments, to the Thirty-second World Health Assembly; and
4. RECOMMENDS that the Thirty-second World Health Assembly adopt the following resolution:

"The Thirty-second World Health Assembly,

Recalling resolutions WHA30.33² and WHA31.40,³ and having considered resolution EB63.R32 of the Executive Board;

Reiterating that safe drinking-water and sanitation are essential components of primary health care;

Recognizing the importance of the Mar del Plata targets of the International Drinking-Water Supply and Sanitation Decade for attaining a satisfactory level of health;

1. THANKS the Director-General for his report and endorses the action he has taken, as outlined therein;¹
2. URGES Member States:
 - (1) to give high priority to the provision of safe water supply and sanitation in national development plans, bearing in mind that these services are essential for the attainment of the goal of health for all by the year 2000;
 - (2) to give urgent attention to preparing national plans and programmes for the Decade if they have not yet done so;

¹ Document EB63/34 Add.2.

² WHO Official Records, No.240, 1977, pp. 17-18.

³ WHO Official Records, No.247, 1978, p. 28.

