

THIRTY-SECOND WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA32.26

24 May 1979

## METHOD OF WORK OF THE HEALTH ASSEMBLY

The Thirty-second World Health Assembly,

Recalling resolutions WHA3.96, WHA5.22, WHA6.57, WHA11.25 and WHA12.38;

Considering the increase in meetings on health matters organized at both the regional and international levels at which countries are required to be represented;

Bearing in mind the consequent heavy demands on human and financial resources required for attending such meetings which may create problems, particularly for developing countries;

Noting further that the question of holding biennial rather than annual Health Assemblies is included in the Study of WHO's Structures in the Light of its Functions which is to be reviewed by the regional committees in 1979, and by the Executive Board at its sixty-fifth session and the Thirty-third World Health Assembly in 1980 pursuant to resolution WHA31.27;

1. REQUESTS the Director-General in carrying out his study on the Organization's structures in the light of its functions to be submitted to the Executive Board at its sixty-fifth session to consider carefully the problem of the periodicity of World Health Assemblies, taking into account the need for increased participation by Member States in the life of their Organization and the budgetary implications of the various alternatives; and including the possibility of rescheduling the work of the Assembly to permit the election of Members entitled to designate a person to serve on the Executive Board and the other agenda items assigned to the plenary meeting to be completed within the first week of the Assembly;
2. REQUESTS the Executive Board in its review of the above study to give due attention to the above questions in reporting to the Thirty-third World Health Assembly on WHO's structures in the light of its functions.

Thirteenth plenary meeting, 24 May 1979  
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