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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS

The Executive Board,

Taking into consideration resolution 37/221 adopted in December 1982 by the United Nations General Assembly at its 37th session, proclaiming the year 1987 International Year of Shelter for the Homeless;

Aware of the strong linkages between health and decent shelter as reaffirmed in resolution WHA39.22 on intersectoral cooperation in national strategies for health;

Further aware that the goal of health for all by the year 2000 cannot be attained without due emphasis being given to the provision of adequate shelter;

Appreciative of WHO's proposed programme of activities to coincide with the designation of the year 1987 as the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless and future activities pertinent to health and habitat contained in the proposed Eighth General Programme of Work;¹

RECOMMENDS to the Fortieth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

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Taking into consideration resolution 37/221 adopted in December 1982 by the United Nations General Assembly at its 37th session, proclaiming the year 1987 International Year of Shelter for the Homeless;

Bearing in mind WHO's fundamental commitment to attaining the goal of health for all by the year 2000;

Noting the positive influence that adequate shelter has on the health of individuals;

Aware that homelessness is a problem affecting many nations, especially the developing countries, and that, despite the efforts of governments and international organizations at national and local level to improve the living conditions of people living in slums, squat areas and rural settlements in many countries, the situation continues to deteriorate in both absolute and relative terms;

1. URGES Member States:

- (1) to promote human health through the improvement of living conditions (habitat);
- (2) to initiate the establishment of regional research groups to undertake studies on the improvements in health conditions that result from adequate housing;

¹ Document EB79/24.

