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THIRTY-NINTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

Agenda item 39.1

COLLABORATION WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM - GENERAL MATTERS

Implementation requirements of the Nairobi Forward-Looking
Strategies for the advancement of women in the health sector

(Draft resolution sponsored by the following delegations: Australia, Canada,
Denmark, Finland, Iceland, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway
and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)



The Thirty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the Director-General's report on "Collaboration within the United Nations System - General matters";¹

Noting resolution 40/108 adopted by the General Assembly at its Fortieth session in particular paragraph 10 urging all specialized agencies to take the necessary measures to ensure a concerted and sustained effort for the implementation of the provisions of the Forward-Looking Strategies (FLS) with a view to achieving a substantial improvement in the status of women by the year 2000;

Recalling resolution WHA38.27 requesting the Director-General to ensure the Organization's active participation in the Nairobi World Conference;

Taking account of ECOSOC resolution 1985/46 and noting the contribution which the system-wide, medium-term plan for women and development in particular the proposed subprogramme entitled "Health, nutrition and family planning" could make to the comprehensive implementation of the Nairobi FLS;

Recalling resolution WHA38.12 raising to 30% the target set for the proportion of all professional and higher-graded posts in established offices to be occupied by women in the Organization;

Aware that the Nairobi FLS, in particular paragraphs 148 to 162, have considerable implications for the work of the Organization;

1. TAKES NOTE with satisfaction of the report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace and ENDORSES the Nairobi Forward-Looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women as providing a comprehensive policy framework for advancing the status of women to the year 2000;
2. DECIDES that WHO will take all appropriate measures to ensure cooperation with other organizations of the United Nations system in the implementation of the Nairobi FLS;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General:
 - (1) to ensure the participation of the Organization, on an intersectoral and interdisciplinary basis, in the follow-up to the Conference;
 - (2) to take account of the programme implications of the Nairobi FLS in preparing the proposed programme budget 1988-1989 and the Eighth General Programme of Work of the Organization;
 - (3) to submit to the Fortieth World Health Assembly a report on activities undertaken and proposed by the Organization to implement the Nairobi Forward-Looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women.

¹ Document A39/25.