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EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Agenda item 15



HUMAN REPRODUCTION RESEARCH

(Draft resolution proposed by the Rapporteurs)

The Executive Board,

Having considered the Director-General's progress report on the Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction;¹

1. THANKS the Director-General for his report;
2. NOTES with satisfaction the progress made by the Special Programme;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to submit to the Executive Board in 1990, through its Programme Committee, the report on the third external evaluation of the Programme;
4. RECOMMENDS to the Forty-first World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Forty-first World Health Assembly,

Having considered the progress report submitted by the Director-General on the Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction;¹

1. ENDORSES the policy guidelines outlined by the Director-General, with particular attention to the role of the Programme in:
 - (a) the continued assessment of existing technologies and the acceleration of the development of new technologies in fertility regulation;
 - (b) the building-up of national self-reliance in research on all aspects of human reproduction in developing countries to meet their specific needs in primary health care;
 - (c) promoting scientific and technical cooperation between developed and developing countries, and between developing countries;
 - (d) coordination of the global research effort in the field of human reproduction;
 - (e) promoting ethical practices in the field of human reproduction research to protect the health and rights of individuals in different social and cultural settings;
2. REAFFIRMS the close relationship between family planning, health and development;
3. EMPHASIZES the importance of ensuring the rapid and widespread application of the results of research supported by the Programme in the national health strategies and programmes of countries;
4. APPROVES the co-sponsorship of the Programme by the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, as outlined in the report of the Director-General;
5. URGES Member States to contribute, or to increase their contributions to the Programme in order to accelerate the achievement of its objectives at the approved level.

¹ Document EB81/22.