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## PREVENTION OF MENTAL, NEUROLOGICAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL DISORDERS

The Thirty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Aware of the severity, magnitude and major public health importance of mental, neurological and psychosocial problems;

Noting the existence of measures which can prevent the occurrence of a significant proportion of these problems, and thus reduce their negative social impact and human suffering;

Convinced that health for all can only be achieved if action to reduce such problems and promote mental health is given high priority and undertaken urgently;

Recalling resolutions WHA28.84 and EB61.R28 on the promotion of mental health, resolution WHA29.21 on psychosocial factors and health, resolutions WHA32.40, WHA33.27 and EB69.R9 on drug- and alcohol-related problems, and resolution WHA30.38 on mental retardation;

1. CALLS on Member States to apply the preventive measures identified in the report of the Director-General on the prevention of mental, neurological and psychosocial disorders,<sup>1</sup> and to include these activities in their strategies to achieve health for all by the year 2000;

2. REQUESTS Regional Committees to discuss ways in which the activities described in the Director-General's report on this subject, and directed towards the prevention of mental, neurological and psychosocial disorders, could best be implemented at regional and national levels;

3. REQUESTS the Director-General to take appropriate action to enhance the Organization's collaboration with Member States in the conduct of activities to prevent these disorders, including:

(1) the development and dissemination of materials and technical guidance on the application of measures to prevent mental and neurological disorders and psychosocial problems;

(2) the organization of training programmes that will help to ensure that available knowledge and experience reaches all those concerned, both professional and non-professional health workers;

(3) the stimulation, coordination and conduct of research to develop further methods of prevention and explore ways in which these can be most effectively used;

4. FURTHER REQUESTS the Director-General to report on the progress made to the Forty-second World Health Assembly.

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<sup>1</sup> Document A39/9.