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STRENGTHENING SUPPORT TO COUNTRIES IN RATIONALIZING  
THE FINANCING OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES

(Draft resolution proposed by Dr K. J. Bart)

The Executive Board,

Noting the report<sup>1</sup> of the Director-General on the strengthening of primary health care;

Recalling resolution WHA40.30 on economic support for national health-for-all strategies;

Convinced of the need to improve economic and financial analytical capabilities as a means of strengthening management of the health sector;

Concerned about the continuing inappropriate allocation of limited resources in the health sector;

Recognizing that countries need support to enable them to identify and sustain improvements in the management of health resources;

1. URGES Member States:

(1) to review their priorities and plans of action for achieving health for all, in order to ensure that the resources available to national health systems are utilized for the goals of health for all through primary health care;

(2) to strengthen their capabilities at all levels for planning, analysing and managing the resources available;

2. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to undertake, in view of the increasing problems posed by the growing international burden of debt, economic analyses in support of improved resource allocation, with a view to proposing action that will alleviate the adverse effects of austerity measures on health and allow sustainable and equitable health development; where appropriate, such analyses should be undertaken in cooperation with other relevant organizations of the United Nations system;

(2) to strengthen economic and financial analytical capabilities in the work of WHO at all levels through training, appropriate policy analysis and sustained information support, in order to enable countries to rationalize the appropriate use of their limited resources and to search, where appropriate, for alternative mechanisms for financing health sector activities, for example, nongovernmental organizations, the private sector, insurance agencies and user fees;

(3) to report to the Executive Board at its eighty-fifth session on the action taken.

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<sup>1</sup> Document EB83/12.