



FORTIETH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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COLLABORATION WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM: GENERAL MATTERS

International Year of Shelter for the Homeless

The Fortieth World Health Assembly,

Taking into consideration resolution 37/221 adopted in December 1982 by the United Nations General Assembly at its thirty-seventh 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 increase their support to the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT), the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Bank, and other agencies and nongovernmental organizations involved with shelter and health issues;

2. REQUESTS the regional committees to initiate the establishment of regional research groups to undertake studies on the improvements in health conditions that result from adequate housing;

3. REQUESTS the Director-General to maintain and strengthen collaboration between WHO and the relevant organizations and agencies mentioned in paragraph 1(2).

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