



EXECUTIVE BOARD

Eighty-seventh Session

Provisional agenda item 6

SPECIAL PROGRAMME OF RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT
AND RESEARCH TRAINING IN HUMAN REPRODUCTION

Report by the Programme Committee of the Executive Board

In accordance with resolution EB81.R6, the Programme Committee of the Executive Board, at its fifteenth session, reviewed the report¹ of the third external impact evaluation of the Special Programme of Research, Development, and Research Training in Human Reproduction, which is now submitted to the Executive Board.

The Committee noted with satisfaction the high quality of the report, as well as the very positive appraisal of the work of the Programme and its major impact in developing countries.

The Committee endorsed the role played by the Programme in this area of major global concern, and emphasized in particular the importance of ensuring the safety of contraceptives, encouraging the development of new and improved methods for fertility regulation, promoting operational activities in the introduction and transfer of new technologies, and tailoring research training activities to the requirements of individual institutions and countries.

The Committee stressed the ethical component of the Programme's activities, and noted the steps taken to maintain the highest attainable ethical standards in the work supported by the Programme, to promote ethical practices in the field of human reproduction research and, in collaboration with CIOMS, to stimulate an intercultural dialogue on ethics and human values in family planning.

The Committee endorsed the close collaboration established between the Programme and the Division of Family Health with a view to ensuring the rapid and widespread application of the results of research in countries' national health strategies and services.

¹ The report of the external impact evaluation and the summary will be distributed only to members of the Executive Board.