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## Intensified cooperation with countries in greatest need

The Executive Board

RECOMMENDS to the Forty-eighth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Forty-eighth World Health Assembly,

Concerned at the evidence in the Director-General's report<sup>1</sup> of deteriorating health status in the least developed countries and in certain countries undergoing far-reaching political and economic changes;

Recognizing that poverty is the most fundamental obstacle to health and overall development and a permanent menace to world peace;

Emphasizing that an effective response is dependent on country-specific approaches;

Recalling resolutions WHA42.3, WHA43.17 and WHA46.30 on strengthening technical and economic support to countries facing serious economic constraints;

Recognizing the essential role of coordinated technical support from all levels of the Organization in intensified cooperation with countries in greatest need,

1. URGES Member States:

- (1) to consider measures to alleviate poverty and its health effects as essential to progress towards health for all and development;
- (2) to give much greater attention to strengthening their capacities for health development, setting time-limits and targets for achievement;
- (3) to establish integrated strategies for health development and coordinate all efforts and resources, internal and external, mobilized for their implementation, and develop more effective management tools in order to maximize its efficiency;

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<sup>1</sup> Document EB95/25.

