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FORTY-THIRD WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

Agenda item 18

STRENGTHENING TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT TO COUNTRIES FACING SERIOUS  
ECONOMIC CONSTRAINTS

Revised draft of the resolution contained in resolution EB85.R15,  
proposed by the drafting group

The Forty-third World Health Assembly,

Noting the report of the Director-General on strengthening technical and economic support to countries facing serious economic constraints - intensified collaboration with countries;

Aware of the effects of the structural adjustment programmes of these countries on their social sectors, particularly health;

Recalling resolutions WHA42.3 and WHA42.4;

Conscious of the need to support the efforts of these countries to attain the objectives of the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000, as adopted by WHO, and to adapt the structures of their health systems to that end in a manner consistent with the social, cultural and economic context of the country;

Emphasizing that financing of the health sector should be considered as an investment in the future productive potential of countries, and that national and international resources should be used optimally for maximum impact on the health of populations;

1. URGES Member States that have not done so:

(1) to appraise their health structures - both governmental and nongovernmental - and the way they are financed, and to identify realistic options for the most efficient and equitable deployment of available resources within the context of national development priorities;

(2) to develop their capabilities to analyse the linkages between the various sectors related to health, and their influence on the health sector, so as to be able to recommend appropriate strategies in the face of rapid changes;

(3) to strengthen their capabilities to analyse, plan and implement structural adjustments in the health sector, where necessary, bearing in mind the availability of internal and external resources and taking into account national priorities;

(4) to strengthen appropriate training activities in order to increase the national capabilities mentioned above;

2. CALLS ON the international community:

(1) to intensify support to countries and people in greatest need;

