



FORTY-FIFTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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**COLLABORATION WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM
GENERAL MATTERS****MULTISECTORAL COLLABORATION ON WHO'S PROGRAMME ON
TOBACCO OR HEALTH**

The Forty-fifth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the Director-General's report on collaboration within the United Nations system and noting the relevance of that collaboration in approaching issues such as "tobacco or health";

Recalling resolutions WHA42.19 and WHA43.16 regarding the socioeconomic and development implications of tobacco in the countries that depend on tobacco production as a major source of income;

Reaffirming the need for multisectoral strategies, including the involvement of other members of the United Nations system in dealing with the complexities and difficulties of the subject of "tobacco or health";

Recalling the Executive Board's decision at its eighty-ninth session (EB89(16)) on the action taken by the Director-General in reporting to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, and the reaffirmation of the orientation given to WHO's programme on "tobacco or health";

Concerned about the lack of appropriate follow-up activities to the Director-General's report on the need for multisectoral collaboration within the United Nations system for the problem of "tobacco or health" at the session of the Economic and Social Council in July 1991;

Concerned about the economic effects of the reduction of tobacco production in the tobacco-producing countries which are still unable to develop a viable economic alternative to tobacco,

1. THANKS the Director-General for his report, and for bringing to the attention of the Economic and Social Council the need for collaboration within the United Nations system on the complex issue of "tobacco or health";
2. REQUESTS the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations to put the subject of "tobacco or health" on the agenda of its next session so that the subject is officially discussed with an appropriate follow-up in the United Nations General Assembly and organizations of the United Nations system;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General:
 - (1) to continue to seek and to facilitate multisectoral collaboration on WHO's "tobacco or health" programme within the United Nations system;

