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**Draft resolution proposed by the delegations of
Botswana, Burundi, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho,
Malawi, Mauritius, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles,
Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Togo, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania,
Zambia and Zimbabwe**

The Forty-seventh World Health Assembly,

Noting with the gravest concern the wanton massacre of innocent civilians in Rwanda following the tragic deaths of Mr Juvenal Habyarimana, President of Rwanda and Mr Cyprien Ntaryamira, President of Burundi;

Noting the very heavy flow of refugees into neighbouring countries and the burden placed on those countries,

1. **EXPRESSES** its concern at the continuing massacre which constitutes a tragedy in terms of human suffering and loss of life and health;
2. **EXPRESSES** its solidarity with the people of Rwanda and neighbouring countries;
3. **THANKS** all governments for the assistance provided and, in particular, the governments of the neighbouring countries of Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and Zaire for the assistance that they have provided for the refugees;
4. **THANKS** the World Health Organization and other United Nations agencies for their concern as well as health and humanitarian assistance, including the support provided to the refugees;
5. **CALLS** on Member States, national and international organizations and agencies to provide urgent financial, material and technical support to the neighbouring states in their efforts to provide emergency help to the refugee populations;
6. **URGES** the Director-General of the World Health Organization to bring to the attention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations the short- and long-term health effects of this tragedy and to request him, through the appropriate organs, to determine and implement effective measures to stop the killing and to protect the civilian populations;
7. **REQUESTS** the Director-General to mobilize all efforts and resources to succour the civilian populations affected and to assist the neighbouring countries in their efforts to provide emergency assistance to the refugees;

8. REQUESTS the Director-General to determine programmes and resources that will assist in the re-establishment of health services in Rwanda once peace has been restored;
9. URGES all parties concerned to bring all efforts to bear in order to ensure an immediate cessation to the killing of innocent men, women and children.

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