



FORTY-EIGHTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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Reorientation of allocations

The Forty-eighth World Health Assembly,

Aware of the great inequities persisting between developed and developing countries where health status is concerned, and the lack of human, material and financial resources in the developing countries to cope with their urgent health problems and establish national health services;

Noting with deep concern that there has been no real growth in the WHO budget for the last ten years, and that the instability of financial markets is causing unforeseeable cost increases;

Recalling resolution WHA29.48, whereby the Director-General was requested to cut down "all avoidable and non-essential expenditure on establishment and administration", and the effect of that resolution in achieving an orientation of 60% of the regular budget towards technical cooperation,

REQUESTS the Executive Board and the Director-General:

- (1) to initiate, as part of the process of budgetary reform, a process of biennial budgetary transfers from global and interregional activities to priority health programmes at country level, in the context of priorities recommended by the Board, starting with a 2% transfer in the 1998-1999 programme budget, and to regularly review this need in every biennium in order to achieve maximum transfer of resources to priority health programmes at country level;
- (2) to ensure that the respective proposed programme budgets show from which programme areas the transfer has been effected;
- (3) to report to the Forty-ninth World Health Assembly on steps taken in implementing this resolution.

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