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Collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations: Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance

The Forty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Recalling resolution WHA48.2 which adopted a new WHO strategy for emergency and humanitarian action,¹ referring also to United Nations General Assembly resolutions 46/182, 48/57 and 49/22 on this subject,

1. WELCOMES resolution 1995/56 of the United Nations Economic and Social Council on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance;
2. REQUESTS the Director-General, in response to paragraph 2(b) of that resolution, to draw the attention of the Council to the relevant measures proposed to the Health Assembly and endorsed in resolution WHA48.2 in the areas of emergency preparedness and disaster reduction, emergency response and humanitarian action, and humanitarian advocacy;
3. FURTHER REQUESTS the Director-General, in response to paragraph 2(c) of the resolution, to emphasize in his contribution to the Council's report further progress made by the Organization in defining (1) its role and operational responsibilities in the field of emergency humanitarian action; and (2) its operative and financial capacities to discharge them.

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¹ See document WHA48/1995/REC/1, Annex 1.