

The Regional Committee,

Bearing in mind resolution WHA21.49<sup>1</sup> of the Twenty-first World Health Assembly which recommended all regional committees to give particular attention, at their 1968 sessions, to long-term health planning;

Recalling that during the discussions at the forty-second session of the Executive Board it was suggested that regional committees should consider the desirability of including in future annual programme and budget estimates a proposed programme for the year thereafter;

Endorsing the concept of a proposed plan of biennial programming drawn up on a base that is as fully costed as possible;

Having considered the information on this subject submitted by the Regional Director,

1. BELIEVES that the inclusion in the annual programme and budget

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<sup>1</sup>Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org., 168, 24

estimates of the Director-General of a programme projection for a further year ahead would be advantageous to both Member governments and the Organization in developing longer-term plans for health programmes;

2. BELIEVES also that budgetary data for the current year, i.e., the year in which the programme and budget proposals are prepared, should be retained so that a four-year cycle will be presented;

3. RECOMMENDS that the Director-General, in accordance with operative paragraph 4 of resolution WHA21.49, include in his report to the forty-third session of the Executive Board the recommendation and the views expressed in this Committee.