The Third World Health Assembly

1. NOTES the report of the Expert Committee on Rabies on its first session;  

2. REQUESTS the Director-General

   (1) to arrange, as approved by the Executive Board at its fifth session, the undertaking of a field trial using hyper-immune serum-vaccine as a preventive measure for rabies in man, and a field demonstration on the control of rabies in dogs using a new avianized vaccine;  

   (2) to co-ordinate the exchange of virus strains for the production and testing of rabies vaccines;  

   (3) to arrange regional meetings of appropriate authorities from neighbouring and nearby countries where rabies is a problem so that concerted attacks on this disease will be possible;  

   (4) to encourage, wherever possible, research on problems in rabies requiring clarification, as indicated in section 16 of the report of the Expert Committee on Rabies, and  

3. DECIDES to defer a decision on convening an international conference on rabies pending examination of the results of the afore-mentioned field trials at the second session of the Expert Committee on Rabies.

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