

**EB31.R25 Headquarters Accommodation: Report by the Director-General**

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the status of the new headquarters building,<sup>1</sup>

1. NOTES the financial implications for the Organization of the constantly rising building costs and that delays in completing the project increase these costs;
2. CONCURS in the view of the Director-General that the authorized financial provision to cover the costs of the building has to be reconsidered to take account of increases which have taken place and those which can reasonably be anticipated;
3. CONCURS in the view of the Director-General that reasonable provision for underground parking should be explored with reference to the construction programme;
4. RECOMMENDS to the Sixteenth World Health Assembly, in consequence, that the financial authorization for the accomplishment of the new headquarters building project be increased to about sixty million Swiss francs, the revised amount to be determined by the Health Assembly in the light of the situation at the time of that Assembly;
5. REQUESTS the Director-General to examine with the authorities of the Swiss Confederation an increase in the amount of the interest-free loan offered to the Organization, with a view to the financing of the additional cost foreseen;
6. REQUESTS the Director-General to report further to the Sixteenth World Health Assembly on the matters to which reference is made in paragraphs 4 and 5 of this resolution, through the Ad Hoc Committee of the Executive Board (which is to meet prior to the Sixteenth World Health Assembly to act on behalf of the Board in carrying out the provisions of Financial Regulation 12.4); and
7. REQUESTS the Director-General in preparing his report to the Assembly to study all the possibilities (including the desirability of an underground garage) with a view to reducing to the utmost possible extent expenditure on the construction and equipment of the headquarters building.