

**EB57.R18    Disability prevention and rehabilitation**

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on disability prevention and rehabilitation,<sup>2</sup>

1. REQUESTS the Director-General to report further to the Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly, taking into account the discussions in the Executive Board; and
  2. RECOMMENDS to the Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:
    - “ The Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly,
    - “ Recalling resolution WHA19.37;
    - “ Having considered the report of the Director-General on disability prevention and rehabilitation;
    - “ Having considered the great medical, economic, social and psychological impact caused by disability to millions of people throughout the world; and
    - “ Recognizing that the existing services are costly and the coverage inadequate, and that an extension of the present pattern of services is unlikely to meet the needs of most countries,
- “ 1. THANKS the Director-General for his report;
- “ 2. RECOMMENDS that the WHO policy on disability prevention and rehabilitation be oriented to:
- (1) the promotion of effective measures for the prevention of disability;
  - (2) the encouragement of the application of effective approaches and appropriate technologies to prevent disability while integrating disability prevention and rehabilitation into health programmes at all levels including into primary health care;

- (3) emphasis on those problems of disability that can be solved most efficiently and effectively and in a manner acceptable to the populations; and
- (4) the inclusion of the appropriate disability prevention and rehabilitation methods into the training of all relevant health manpower;

“ 3. DRAWS THE ATTENTION of Member States to the importance of disability prevention and rehabilitation as an integral part of health and social services and to the need for collaboration between all agencies concerned with health promotion, including social welfare services; and

“ 4. REQUESTS the Director-General:

- (a) to encourage the application of these new policies; and
- (b) to seek the cooperation of other organizations of the United Nations system and of nongovernmental organizations in their implementation. ”