

EB61.R36 Development and coordination of biomedical and health services research

The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the activities of the global Advisory Committee on Medical Research, the Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction, and the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases;

Noting that pursuant to resolution WHA30.40 the Director-General, in consultation with the global and regional advisory committees on medical research, is further elaborating a comprehensive long-term programme in the field of development and coordination of biomedical and health services research;

1. THANKS the Director-General for his report;
2. ENDORSES the steps taken to implement the relevant resolutions of the Health Assembly, notably with respect to:
 - (1) the emphasis on greater involvement of the global and regional advisory committees on medical research in the formulation and review of WHO's research activities;

(2) the concept of special programmes for research and training in major action-oriented programmes of the Organization;

(3) the promotion of health services research in the context of national and regional priorities;

3. REQUESTS the Director-General to transmit his report to the Thirty-first World Health Assembly together with comments made during its consideration at the Board's sixty-first session.¹