

WHA23.40 Co-ordination with the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency on Programme Matters

The Twenty-third World Health Assembly,

Noting the rapid developments in human activities which are resulting in the appearance of situations that are a source of concern from the health viewpoint;

Considering that the situations thus created are leading to the setting-up of various bodies, some of which are actively participating in the solution of health problems; and

With the aim of preventing the unwarranted dispersal or overlapping of effort,

1. CONFIRMS that the World Health Organization is the United Nations body specifically competent to deal with health problems;
2. AFFIRMS the importance of the co-ordinating role which the World Health Organization should play; and
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to continue his efforts with a view to preventing the proliferation of uncoordinated health activities and, further, to ensure the leading role of WHO in the field of health.