

The Twenty-seventh World Health Assembly,

Having studied the proposed programme and budget estimates for 1975 <sup>1</sup> and the Director-General's Annual Report for 1973; <sup>2</sup>

Recalling that leprosy is still a widespread and serious disease; and

Considering that the new microbiological techniques, particularly animal inoculation, and immunological methods as well as the development of new epidemiological approaches seem likely to speed up leprosy control and make it more effective,

1. THANKS the Director-General for his report and requests him to pursue the efforts for leprosy control undertaken by WHO;
2. RECOMMENDS that Member States examine the possibility of strengthening leprosy control measures by calling upon all available sources of cooperation;
3. INVITES Member States to have recourse to the Organization's advisory and coordinatory services so that optimum use can be made of these extra resources; and
4. INVITES the Director-General to convene a meeting of the WHO Expert Committee on Leprosy to review the practical introduction of modern methods of leprosy control.