

## **WHA29.39 Aid to the Sudano-Sahelian populations**

The Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Noting the annual report of the Director-General on the work of WHO in 1975;<sup>1</sup>

Recalling:

(1) resolution 1797 (LV) adopted by the United Nations Economic and Social Council under the title “Aid to the Sudano-Sahelian populations threatened with famine”, at its fifty-fifth session;

(2) resolution 1918 (LVIII) adopted by the United Nations Economic and Social Council under the title “Measures to be taken for recovery and rehabilitation of the Sudano-Sahelian region stricken by drought” at its fifty-eighth session;

(3) resolution 3253 (XXIX) adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 4 December 1974 under the title “Consideration of the economic and social situation in the Sudano-Sahelian region stricken by drought and measures to be taken for the benefit of that region”;

(4) resolution WHA28.48 entitled “Drought in the Sahelian zone” and adopted by the Twenty-eighth World Health Assembly at its twelfth plenary meeting on 28 May 1975;

Noting with satisfaction the constitution of the “Friends of the Sahel Club”, which testifies to a common will to give the countries of the Sahel important aid to enable them to make the best of their potentialities;

Noting also the decision to set up a working group, which, under the auspices of the Coordinator of the Permanent Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel, is going to contribute to the drawing up of a medium- and long-term economic and social development strategy by the member countries of the Permanent Inter-State Committee;

Realizing that, despite the efforts made by governments and international organizations, the Sahel subregion is still confronted with serious health care problems due to shortage of human, material and financial resources;

1. INVITES WHO, in addition to what it is doing at present, to prepare a short- and medium-term plan with a view to participating in correcting the effects of the drought in the countries of the Sahel;

2. REQUESTS the Director-General to direct this participation by WHO into the fields of nutrition, communicable disease control and the strengthening of infrastructures by the improvement of health care services;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to present a report to the Thirtieth World Health Assembly on all the measures taken for the promotion of health in the countries of the Sahel.

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