The Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Recalling resolution WHA28.56;

Realizing the seriousness of the present situation in regard to leprosy in the world and the danger of its further aggravation;

Recognizing the need for urgent action to control the disease;

Noting the Organization’s activities in this field;

1. **URGES** the Director-General to strengthen the programme for the control of leprosy;

2. **REQUESTS** the Director-General:

   (1) to assist the countries most affected to develop effective programmes for early detection and closely supervised treatment of infectious cases and for health education;

   (2) to intensify coordination with other international organizations and with bilateral and multilateral agencies with a view to mobilizing the necessary resources in support of leprosy control programmes in the countries in urgent need of assistance in this respect;

   (3) to encourage individual countries to conduct operational studies and other research activities on various aspects of leprosy, and particularly on means of immunization against the disease;

   (4) to assist countries, in cooperation with the United Nations Children’s Fund and other organizations, in the production and procurement of antileprosy drugs and in the rehabilitation of leprosy patients;

   (5) to stress the importance of psychosocial factors in leprosy;

   (6) to report to the Thirtieth World Health Assembly on the progress made.

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