

WHA31.39 Coordination within the United Nations system : General matters

The Thirty-first World Health Assembly,

Having reviewed the report by the Director-General concerning the major resolutions of direct relevance to WHO adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its sixty-second and sixty-third sessions and by the United Nations General Assembly at its thirty-second session;

Having also reviewed the addenda to the report by the Director-General concerning, respectively, the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system; the developments which have occurred regarding the coordination of administrative and budgetary matters; and the results of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat);

Recognizing that the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, as decided by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 32/197, adopted on 20 December 1977, presents a new challenge to the organizations and institutions of the United Nations system regarding ways and means of streamlining their collective machinery for coordinating their work and regarding new approaches to concerted action at the intergovernmental and intersecretariat levels, within countries, regions and globally;

REQUESTS the Director-General:

- (1) to ensure the full collaboration of WHO in the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system, within the framework of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and in other forums, as appropriate; to report to the sixty-third session of the Executive Board and to the Thirty-second World Health Assembly on progress achieved in this respect; and to submit to the Health Assembly through the Executive Board such recommendations as will require decisions by the Health Assembly;
- (2) to continue WHO's support for coordinated approaches within the United Nations system with respect to all socioeconomic development programmes, as well as in the field of human settlements and in administrative and budgetary matters;
- (3) to contribute as extensively as possible within the approved WHO programme budget to the success of the International Year of the Child, the International Year for Disabled Persons, the International Anti-Apartheid Year, and the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development.