This document contains a plan of action prepared by the Global Programme Committee1 for implementing the recommendations of resolution WHA33.17, Study of the Organization's Structures in the Light of its Functions. Annotations on the action taken at Western Pacific regional level are attached as Annex 1.

1The Global Programme Committee is composed of the Director-General, the Deputy Director-General, the Regional Directors and the Assistant Directors-General. It meets in Geneva twice a year, in January and May.
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1. The following plan of action aims at implementing resolution WHA33.17, adopted by the thirty-third World Health Assembly in May 1980. The resolution is attached in its entirety; in addition, the relevant operative sub-paragraphs are presented, preceding that part of the plan of action that relates to them.

OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1 : THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

2. Operative sub-paragraphs 1 (1) and 1 (3)

WHA33.17: 1(1) to concentrate the Organization's activities over the coming decades, as far as is possible in the light of all its constitutional obligations, on support to national, regional and global strategies for attaining health for all by the year 2000;

WHA33.17: 1(3) to strengthen the roles of the Organization in promoting action for health in addition to indicating how such action might be carried out, and in developing health technologies that are effective, socially acceptable and economically feasible, and ensuring that they are available to Member States;

Proposed plan of action

The response to these paragraphs will be the development and implementation of regional and global strategies for health for all by the year 2000, including technical cooperation with countries for the development and implementation of national strategies. The plan of action will also include the formulation and implementation of the Seventh General Programme of Work as the first of three General Programmes of Work of WHO in support of national, regional and global strategies for attaining health for all.

Responsibilities

The Regional Directors with respect to the Regional Committees; the Director-General with respect to the Board; and the Board with respect to the World Health Assembly.
3. Operative sub-paragraph 1 (2)

WHA33.17: 1(2) to focus the Organization's cooperative activities within the United Nations system on joint efforts to support health as part of development, to devise the New International Development Strategy and to establish the New International Economic Order;

Proposed plan of action

The Organization's cooperative activities with other organizations in the United Nations system at country, regional and global levels will be reviewed. Particular attention will be paid to the country level, a few countries being taken as case studies.

Responsibilities

The review will be undertaken by a three-person group consisting of a WHO Programme Coordinator, a staff member of the Division of Coordination at Headquarters, and an external consultant with long experience of other UN organizations, e.g. a former resident representative. The group will consult other staff as necessary, particularly WHO or national WHO programme coordinators as part of the country case studies. The group's report will be reviewed by the Global Programme Committee.

4. Operative sub-paragraph 1 (4)

WHA33.17: 1(4) to take all possible measures to maintain the unity of the Organization within its complex structures, to harmonize policy and practice throughout the Organization, and to ensure a proper balance between centralized and decentralized activities;

Proposed plan of action

The correlation of the activities of WHO in countries, in the Regional Committees, the Executive Board, and the Health Assembly will be further improved.

Responsibilities

The Global Programme Committee will continue the work it has begun in this area. The Director-General will submit reports thereon to the Executive Board to permit the Board to implement operative paragraph 4 (3).
5. Operative sub-paragraph 1 (5)

WHA33.17: 1(5) to ensure that the Organization's directing, coordinating and technical cooperation functions are mutually supportive and that the work of the Organization at all levels is properly interrelated;

Proposed plan of action

A document has been prepared on the Meaning of Technical Cooperation in WHO (document DGO/80.3). It analyzes concepts and provides examples to illustrate the mutual support of the Organization's directing, coordinating and technical cooperating functions, and the desired inter-relationships between the work of the Organization at all levels.

Responsibilities

The Director-General's Office has prepared the above-mentioned document. It will be reviewed by the Regional Committees or appropriate sub-committees before being submitted to the Programme Committee of the Executive Board. Subsequently, the document will be reviewed by the Board which will prepare a document for submission to the Health Assembly. The document finally adopted by the Health Assembly will then become the operational basis for implementing this paragraph.

6. Operative sub-paragraphs 1 (6) and 3 (6)

WHA33.17: 1(6) to influence the channelling of all available health resources, including those of other relevant sectors and nongovernmental organizations, into support for national, regional and global strategies for health for all;

WHA33.17: 3(6) (with reference to Regional Committees) to foster the channelling of external funds for health into priority activities in the strategies for health for all of the countries most in need;

Proposed plan of action

WHO's programme budget will be sharpened to this end. Each Region and Headquarters will determine well-defined priorities for external funding, whether through WHO's voluntary funds or by direct bilateral and multilateral transfers.
Responsibilities

The Regional Directors will be responsible for proposing priorities in their Region to the Regional Committees and for involving the Regional Committees in the review of external funding. At the global level, the Health/2000 Resources Group will deal with the mobilization of external resources and the rationalization of their use. The Director-General will submit reports thereon to the Board and to the Assembly. The Director of the Division of Coordination at Headquarters will prepare proposals for ensuring coordination between regional and global efforts. These proposals will be reviewed by the Global Programme Committee.

7. Operative sub-paragraphs 1 (7) and 3 (8)

WHA33.17: 1(7) to maintain to the full the Health Assembly's constitutional authority as the supreme organ for determining WHO's policies as well as the other powers vested in it and to increase its monitoring and control functions with respect to the work of the Organization, including the follow-up and review of the implementation of resolutions adopted by it;

WHA33.17: 3(8) (with reference to Regional Committees) to increase their monitoring, control and evaluation functions so as to ensure the proper reflection of national, regional and global health policies in regional programmes and the proper implementation of those programmes, and to include in their programmes of work the review of WHO's action in individual Member States within the regions;

Proposed plan of action

To permit the Assembly and the Regional Committees to assume their monitoring, evaluation and control functions, the Secretariat will provide them with appropriate information. This information will be generated by the application of the Organization's evaluation process at all levels, using the guidelines that are already available. (Document HPC/DPE/78.1).

Responsibilities

The Regional Directors will ensure the application of the evaluation process within their respective Regions, and will consider how best to use the evaluation results in preparing their reports to the Regional Committees.
They will propose agenda items for the Regional Committees on the review of the implementation of regional programmes and of WHO's action in individual Member States in the Region. At Headquarters, the Assistant Directors-General will ensure the application of the evaluation process. The Deputy Director-General will ensure the inclusion of appropriate agenda items at World Health Assemblies to review the implementation of resolutions adopted by previous Assemblies.

8. Operative sub-paragraph 1 (8)

WHA33.17: 1(8) to improve further the Health Assembly's work methods and in particular to consider carefully the practicability of resolutions and other policies before adopting them, and to promote greater initiative by the regional committees in proposing resolutions to the Health Assembly;

Proposed plan of action

Documentation submitted to the Health Assembly will draw the attention of the Assembly to the practical implications of the proposals contained in them. The possibility will be raised of deferring decisions until the matter under consideration has been studied by the Regional Committees. Whenever the Health Assembly decides to do so, the Director-General will request the Regional Committees to consider the item concerned, in accordance with article 50 (g) of the Constitution.

Responsibilities

The Deputy Director-General will be responsible for the above action with respect to the Health Assembly. The Regional Directors will seize appropriate opportunities of stimulating the Regional Committees to initiate proposals to the Health Assembly.

9. Operative sub-paragraphs 1 (7) and 1 (8)

Proposed plan of action

These operative sub-paragraphs will be brought in particular to the attention of the Thirty-fourth World Health Assembly when it discussed the implementation of resolution WHA33.17 as mentioned in paragraph 32 below.
Responsibilities

The Deputy Director-General will be responsible for ensuring the above.

OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 : MEMBER STATES

Proposed plan of action

10. There are 10 operative sub-paragraphs under this heading. These will be discussed with the representatives of individual Member States. They will also be discussed collectively in Regional Committees. To facilitate implementation by Member States, WHO will support the establishment or strengthening of departments to deal with international health in the Ministries of Health of countries that do not wish to have WHO or national WHO Programme Coordinators.

Responsibilities

The Regional Directors will be responsible for the above action. They will inter alia brief WHO and national WHO Programme Coordinators so that they too can take appropriate action in the countries concerned.

11. Operative sub-paragraphs 2 (1) and 3 (5)

WHA33.17: 2(1) to review the role of their ministries of health, strengthening them as necessary so that they can fully assume the function of directing and coordinating authority on national health work, and to establish or strengthen multisectoral national health councils;

WHA33.17: 3(5) (with reference to Regional Committees) to provide support for the establishment or strengthening of multisectoral national health councils to Member States who so desire;

Proposed plan of action

The role of ministries of health as directing and coordinating authorities on national health work and of related multisectoral national health councils will be proposed as a subject for inclusion in the agenda of the Regional Committees as soon as this is feasible. Regional Committees may take the initiative in proposing that this subject be placed on the agenda of the Health Assembly.
Responsibilities

Each Regional Director will find appropriate ways of leading to the inclusion of this subject in the agenda of his Regional Committee.

12. Operative sub-paragraph 2 (4)

\textit{WHA33.17}: 2(4) to ensure that WHO's action in their countries reflects adequately resolution WHA31.27 concerning the conclusions and recommendations of the Executive Board's organizational study on "WHO's role at the country level, particularly the role of WHO representatives", and in particular the shift from technical assistance to technical cooperation;

Proposed plan of action

The conclusions and recommendations of the Organizational Study will again be brought to the attention of the Regional Committees, and will be discussed with Member States individually as part of a continuing dialogue with respect to their strategies for health for all, the Seventh General Programme of Work, the development of medium-term programmes and the programme budgeting of WHO's resources at the country level. These conclusions and recommendations are to be found in WHO Official Records, No. 244, 1978, Part I, Annex 7.

Responsibilities

The Regional Directors will be responsible for the above. They will ensure that WHO and national WHO Programme Coordinators are fully aware of the conclusions and recommendations of the Organizational Study and that they make use of them in their dialogues with national health administrators.

OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3 : REGIONAL COMMITTEES

Proposed plan of action

13. At their forthcoming sessions the Regional Committees will review the implications for them of this operational paragraph.

Responsibilities

For the above review the Regional Directors will submit to the Regional Committees an analysis of the possible implications of this operative paragraph for the work of the Regional Committees.
14. Operative sub-paragraph 3 (1)

WHA33.17: 3(1) to take a more active part in the work of the Organization and to submit to the Executive Board their recommendations and concrete proposals on matters of regional and global interest;

Proposed plan of action

The Regional Committees will review in particular in which ways they can take a more active part in the work of the Organization, including matters of global as well as regional interest. In view of the additional responsibilities devolving on the Regional Committees, consideration may have to be given to prolonging their sessions.

Responsibilities

For the above, the Regional Directors will submit proposals to the Regional Committees as appropriate to their Region.

15. Operative sub-paragraph 3 (2)

WHA33.17: 3(2) to intensify their efforts to develop regional health policies and programmes in support of national, regional and global strategies for health for all, and to consider establishing or strengthening appropriate subcommittees to this end;

Proposed plan of action

In 1980 the Regional Committees will be defining their regional strategies for health for all. In subsequent years, in addition to up-dating the regional strategies as necessary, they will review the ways in which regional health policies and programmes do in fact support these strategies.

Responsibilities

The Regional Directors will submit appropriate documentation to the Regional Committees and will discuss with these Committees the adequacy of the various sub-committees.
16. Operative sub-paragraph 3 (3)

WHA33.17: 3(3) to promote greater interaction in the regions between the activities of WHO and those of all other bodies concerned, including bodies of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations, in order to stimulate common efforts for attaining health for all by the year 2000;

Proposed plan of action

An annotated inventory will be prepared of regional bodies with which it might be useful to undertake common efforts for attaining health for all or for working together in the context of implementing the New International Development Strategy and establishing the New International Economic Order.

Responsibilities

The Regional Directors will ensure the preparation of such inventories, their constant updating, and the exploration of the possibilities for fruitful joint action with the bodies concerned. They will ensure the involvement of the Regional Committees in these endeavours.

17. Operative sub-paragraph 3 (4)

WHA33.17: 3(4) to support technical cooperation among all Member States, particularly for attaining health for all;

Proposed plan of action

The Regional Committees will review the extent of technical cooperation in health matters among Members States in the Region, their own efforts to support this, and additional practical measures being taken to this end.

Responsibilities

The Programme Development Working Group will propose a concrete strategy for strengthening the Organization's roles at all levels with regard to Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries and Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries. These proposals will then be reviewed by the Global Programme Committee.

1 This is a working group of the Global Programme Committee, consisting of the Directors of Programme Management in the Regional Offices (in AMRO the Operations Manager), the Chairman of the Headquarters Programme Committee, and the Director of Programme Promotion in the Director-General's Office.
18. Operative sub-paragraph 3 (7)

**WHA33.17:** 3(7) to extend and deepen their analysis of the inter-regional, regional and national implications of Health Assembly and Board resolutions, and to provide such analyses to Member States;

Proposed plan of action

The Secretariat will prepare analyses of the implications of Health Assembly and Board resolutions for review by the Regional Committees.

Responsibilities

The Regional Directors will ensure the preparation of these analyses in their respective Regional Offices. In addition, the Assistant Director-General concerned will ensure such analyses, and will transmit them to the Regional Directors by the end of June following the Health Assembly, so that the latter may consider them for possible inclusion in the documents they will submit to the Regional Committees.

OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4 : THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

19. This section of the resolution will be reviewed by the Executive Board at its sixty-seventh session in January 1981. The Deputy Director-General will be responsible for ensuring this.

20. Operative sub-paragraph 4 (1)

**WHA33.17:** 4(1) to strengthen its role in giving effect to the decisions and policies of the Health Assembly and in providing advice to it, particularly with respect to ways of attaining health for all by the year 2000, among other things by ensuring that the Organization's general programmes of work, medium-term programmes, and programme budgets are optimally oriented towards supporting the strategies for health for all of Member States;

Proposed plan of action

Documentation submitted to the Executive Board in connexion with the Organization's General Programmes of Work, medium-term programmes, and programme budgets will indicate in which way the implementation of their contents will provide support to strategies for health for all.
Responsibilities

The Deputy Director-General will be responsible for ensuring the above.

21. Operative sub-paragraph 4 (2)

WHA33.17: 4(2) to become increasingly active in presenting major issues to the Health Assembly and in responding to the comments of delegates;

Proposed plan of action

The process whereby representatives of the Board present major issues to the Assembly and respond to the comments of delegates has already started and is gaining in strength. The process will be further intensified through carefully prepared briefing for Board representatives, as well as discussions with them involving the relevant staff members as necessary.

Responsibilities

The Deputy Director-General will be responsible for providing the necessary support to the Board representatives. In this he will be supported by the Secretaries to the main Committees of the Assembly.

22. Operative sub-paragraph 4 (4)

WHA33.17: 4(4) to monitor on behalf of the Health Assembly the way the regional committees reflect the Assembly's policies in their work, and the manner in which the Secretariat provides support to Member States individually, as well as collectively in the regional committees, Executive Board and Health Assembly;

Proposed plan of action

This aspect of the work of the Regional Committees will be reviewed by the Board when it considers the activities of the Regional Committees in general. The review of the work of the Secretariat will be placed on the agenda of the Board from time to time, in the first instance in January 1982 following the consideration by the Programme Committee of the Board of the report of the ad hoc group set up for this purpose at the sixty-sixth session of the Board in May 1980.
Responsibilities

The Regional Directors will include in their reports on the Regional Committees to the Executive Board the way these Committees reflect the Assembly's policies in their work. The Director-General has appointed Dr Kaprio, RD/EURO, to act as Secretary to the ad hoc working group of the Board established to review the work of the Secretariat.

23. Operative sub-paragraph 4 (5)

WHA33.17: 4(5) to review regularly measures taken by the relevant bodies of the United Nations system in the areas of health and development, and to ensure the coordination of WHO's activities with the activities of those bodies in order to promote an intersectoral approach to health development, thus facilitating the attainment of the goal of health for all by the year 2000;

Proposed plan of action

The implementation of this operative sub-paragraph will depend to some extent on the outcome of the plan of action proposed for operative sub-paragraph 1 (2) (see paragraph 3 of this plan of action). Reviews of coordination within the United Nations system by the Executive Board will concentrate on joint interagency activity for health development, the establishment of the New International Economic Order, and the preparation and implementation of the New International Development Strategy.

Responsibilities

The Deputy Director-General will ensure the reorientation of the above-mentioned reviews by the Board and the submission of appropriate documentation to this end.

OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 5 : THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

WHA33.17: 5. REQUESTS the Director-General and Regional Directors to act on behalf of the collectivity of Member States in responding favourably to government requests only if these are in conformity with the Organization's policies;
Proposed plan of action

24. This is a sensitive issue; it will have to be followed with the greatest of tact. During discussions in the Regional Committees and Health Assembly, illustrations will be given of what this operative paragraph might mean, without mentioning the names of countries. Subsequently, the paragraph of the resolution would be mentioned only if it is necessary to refuse a government request because it does not conform to the Organization's policies.

Responsibilities

The Regional Directors and the Director-General.

OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 6 : THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

25. The content of this operative paragraph was decided upon by the Board at its sixty-fifth session after it had reviewed draft proposals by the Director-General. These proposals contained much greater detail, but the Board reduced the operative paragraph to general principles since it considered that it was the Director-General's prerogative to carry out the detailed activities he had proposed as summarized in these principles. The Thirty-third World Health Assembly subsequently amended the Board's draft without affecting the general principles; the amendments aimed at ensuring that the Director-General would keep the governing bodies fully informed of his intentions and of progress made. The following plan of action is therefore based on the proposals mentioned above that the Director-General had submitted to the Executive Board.

26. Operative sub-paragraph 6 (2)

WHA33.17: 6(2) to ensure the provision of timely, adequate and consistent Secretariat support to the Organization's Member States, individually and collectively, and to this end to take all the measures within his constitutional prerogatives that he considers necessary;
Proposed plan of action

The timeliness, adequacy and consistency of Secretariat support to the Organization's Member States will be reviewed from time to time in the Global Programme Committee.

Responsibilities

The Chairman of the Global Programme Committee will ensure that this matter is placed on the Committee's agenda from time to time. The Director-General will submit reports to the Executive Board from time to time on this matter, in the first instance together with or in addition to the report of the ad hoc group of the Board referred to in paragraph 22 above with respect to operative sub-paragraph 4 (4).

27. Operative sub-paragraph 6 (3)

WHA33.17: 6(3) to expand the engagement of national staff of the country concerned in the execution of collaborative projects, to review the engagement of international WHO field staff, and to take any measures required so that such WHO staff become fully involved with the collaborative national programmes;

Proposed plan of action

In any new field project full consideration will be given to its execution by national staff of the country concerned. Existing field projects will be reviewed to this end. A review will be made of the needs of Member States for WHO Programme Coordinators. Further briefing will be given to field staff, and in particular to WHO and national WHO Programme Coordinators, to ensure that they fulfil the functions ascribed to them in the Executive Board Organizational Study on "WHO's role at the country level, particularly the role of WHO representatives".

Responsibilities

The Regional Directors will ensure the above action.
28. Operative sub-paragraph 6 (4)

WHA33.17: to redefine the functions of the regional offices and of headquarters in such a way as to ensure that they provide adequate and consistent support to Member States in their cooperation with WHO and among themselves, and to adapt accordingly the organizational structures and staffing of the regional offices and of headquarters, reporting to the regional committees, the Executive Board and the Health Assembly as appropriate on his projects and plans in conformity with the constitutional functions of these bodies;

28.1 Regional Offices

Proposed plan of action

The functions of the Regional Offices will be reshaped as necessary to include intensification of dialogues with Member States; ensuring technical cooperation between the Organization and its Member States; supporting technical cooperation among Member States, and in particular among developing countries; providing the right kind of information and other support to Regional Committees, as well as to regional advisory groups and in particular those involved in multisectoral and multidisciplinary action for health; and mobilizing and deploying national expertise for the work of WHO. The organizational structure of each Regional Office will be reviewed and revised as necessary with the aim of fulfilling the above functions in an optimal manner.

Responsibilities

Each Regional Director will be responsible for the above in his own Region.

28.2 Headquarters

Proposed plan of action

The functions of Headquarters will be reviewed and reshaped as necessary to include: global stimulation through the generation, crystallization and promotion of ideas; worldwide coordination on behalf of the Executive Board and Health Assembly; collation, analysis, synthesis and dissemination of valid information on health matters; central organization of global programmes; support to Regional Offices; and provision of the right kind of information
and other support to the Executive Board, Health Assembly and to global advisory groups, particularly those involved in multisectoral and multidisciplinary action for health and in the international transfer of resources for health.

The organizational structure at Headquarters will be reviewed and revised as necessary with the aim of fulfilling the above functions in an optimal manner.

Responsibilities

The Headquarters Programme Committee will carry out the above reviews.

28.3 **Staffing of the Regional Offices and of Headquarters**

Proposed plan of action

The staff profile and complement in each of the Regional Offices will be reviewed to ensure their ability to cope with their additional functions, taking into account as far as possible the development and implementation of activities by countries themselves in the spirit of TCDC, and the employment of nationals as consultants or on short-term assignments.

The staff profile and complement of Headquarters will be reassessed with a view to maintaining a proper balance between it and the staff complement of the Regional Offices, in keeping with their respective work loads.

The Staff Associations will be consulted in the course of the above reviews.

Responsibilities

Each Regional Director will review the staffing in his Regional Office. The Headquarters Programme Committee will review staffing at Headquarters.

In addition, the Director-General has decided to set up an independent review group consisting of Dr Gunaratne, RD/SEARO, and Dr Kaprio, RD/EURO. The Regional Directors and the Headquarters Programme Committee will submit their proposals to the Gunaratne/Kaprio group, who will also be empowered to make independent studies. Since staffing is closely linked to function and organizational structure, the Gunaratne/Kaprio group will also have to consider
the recommendations of the Regional Directors and of the Headquarters Programme Committee mentioned in paragraphs 28.1 and 28.2 above. Their report will be reviewed by the Global Programme Committee before being submitted to the Director-General.

28.4 **Staff rotation**

**Proposed plan of action**

A study will be made of the possibility of interchanging the functions of certain WHO staff and of establishing the rotation of national staff between employment in their own country and in WHO.

**Responsibilities**

Mr Furth, ADG, will be responsible for the above study, which will be reviewed by the Global Programme Committee in May 1981.

28.5 **Duration of office of staff**

**Proposed plan of action**

Factual information, as well as the options open, concerning the duration of office of different categories of staff will be presented to the Executive Board at its sixty-seventh session in January 1981 as part of the Director-General's report on the recruitment of international staff. This material will be sent to all members of the Global Programme Committee for their comments before being finalized.

**Responsibilities**

Mr Furth, ADG, will be responsible for preparing the above documentation. Any subsequent decision will be left to the Board.
28.6 Relationships between regional and Headquarters staff

Proposed plan of action

A series of formal and informal measures will be taken to foster the mutual respect of regional and Headquarters staff, based on reciprocal understanding of their respective roles.

Responsibilities

The Regional Directors will ensure that the respective roles of regional and Headquarters staff is understood by Regional Office staff, for example by holding a meeting of their staff to which Headquarters staff will be invited. Similarly, Assistant Directors-General will hold meetings with their staff to which appropriate Regional Office staff will be invited. The above meetings could be held on an ad hoc basis as the occasion arises, that is when relevant Headquarters staff are visiting the Regions or regional staff visiting Headquarters. The Headquarters Programme Committee will continue to use appropriate opportunities, such as the review of programme budget proposals, to discuss matters jointly with senior Regional Office staff.

28.7 Coordination between regional and Headquarters activities

Proposed plan of action

An additional measure to promote coordination of the Secretariat's activities will be to make the Regional, Headquarters and Global Programme Committees permanent features of the Secretariat in order to foster coordinated and consistent action throughout the Secretariat and support such action throughout the whole Organization.

Responsibilities

Each Regional Director will review the activities of his Regional Programme Committee with respect to the above aim. Similar action will be taken by the Chairman of the Headquarters Programme Committee. The Global Programme Committee will review from time to time the ways in which interaction between the different Regions and Headquarters does foster coordinated and consistent action throughout the Secretariat.
28.8 **Reports to Regional Committees, the Board and the Health Assembly**

**Plan of action**

Information on the plan of action concerning the functions, organizational structures, and staffing of the Regional Offices and Headquarters will be included in the reports mentioned in paragraph 32 below to be submitted to the Regional Committees at their sessions in 1980, to the sixty-seventh session of the Board in January 1981 and to the Thirty-fourth World Health Assembly in May 1981. Further information will be included in the reports to be submitted to the 1981 sessions of the Regional Committees and to the Board and the Assembly in 1982.

**Responsibilities**

The Regional Directors with respect to the Regional Committees, and the Director-General with respect to the Board and the Assembly.

**Documentation**

29. The improvement of the usefulness of documents constitutes an important part of the plan of action.

30. **Documentation for the Regional Committees, the Executive Board and the Health Assembly**

**Proposed plan of action**

As soon as it is known that a paper has to be prepared for one of the above bodies, its content and mode of presentation will be discussed with the staff concerned. The purpose of the paper will be defined, for example to obtain policy guidance or decisions, which may be expressed in the form of resolutions; to obtain approval for specific action; to gain acceptance of concepts and principles; to monitor implementation; to report on progress; to provide information in general for the sake of clarifying issues or to
facilitate discussion. The paper should contain a clear statement of its purpose, and should indicate what is expected of the body to whom it is submitted. Options should be presented wherever possible rather than single proposals, when decisions have to be taken in the light of the material presented in the paper. The practical implications of each option should be made clear. The information should be presented in such a way as to facilitate the fulfilment of the purpose of the paper; this might include, in addition to text, diagrams, tables, or even photographs. Essential issues and important recommendations should be highlighted. Finally, the summary on the cover page should be succinct, should state clearly the purpose of the document, and should indicate what decisions, if any, are required.

Regulations for the spacing of text will be reviewed with a view to making them flexible, so that documents are presented in an attractive way, depending on their purpose. The application of these regulations would be influenced by the degree of succinctness of the paper.

One way of improving documentation and ensuring that it is prepared along the lines mentioned above is to discuss with the staff concerned previous documents on the same or similar subjects, to consider the way these documents were dealt with by the bodies concerned, and to review different ways in which they might have been prepared in the light of this experience.

Responsibilities

The Regional Directors, or a senior staff member in their Office appointed by them, will be responsible for discussing papers with staff as soon as it is known that they have to be written, as well as for following up the preparation of the paper until its finalization. At Headquarters, the Assistant Director-General concerned will be responsible for initiating and following up the preparation of documents as soon as it is known that they have to be prepared.
31. Documentation for use by countries

Proposed plan of action

To improve the relevance and quality of documents prepared for use by countries, and to avoid overloading Member States with documentation and ensuring that only essential documents are distributed to them, the need for any document will be carefully considered before it is prepared, its specific purpose defined, and its readership identified. This will imply Regional Offices consulting countries before starting to prepare any documents proposed for distribution to them, explaining their precise purpose in order to ascertain the potential need, the types of reader, and the consequent purpose and nature of the document, and bringing to their attention previous documents on the same subject issued by WHO. Headquarters will hold similar consultations with Regional Offices before deciding to proceed with the preparation of a document for use by countries. After an appropriate lapse of time from the date of distribution of a document, an assessment will be made of its actual use and of its ultimate usefulness, particularly in relation to its initial purpose.

With a view to ensuring uniformity in the use of terms, a glossary of commonly used terms will be prepared. This glossary will be used for all types of documents, whether for the governing bodies or for use by countries individually.

Responsibilities

It is realized that the above could create its own bureaucracy. To avoid this, no separate mechanism will be created, but the Regional Directors will ensure compliance with the above procedure in their respective Regional Offices, and at Headquarters the Assistant Directors-General will assume a similar responsibility with respect to staff reporting to them. To identify the magnitude of the problem, and to prepare guidelines for implementing the above plan of action, a three-person ad-hoc working group will be established, composed of an experienced WHO or National WHO Programme Coordinator, a senior staff member from a Regional Office, and a senior staff member from the Programme of Health and Biomedical Information at Headquarters. The recommendations of the group will be reviewed by the Global Programme Committee before becoming operational. The same group will make firm proposals for the establishment of the glossary of common terms.
32. **Operative sub-paragraph 6 (5)**

_WHA33.17:_ 6(5) to monitor the implementation of the decisions in this resolution and to keep the regional committees, the Executive Board and the Health Assembly fully informed on progress.

Proposed plan of action

A first progress report on the formulation and implementation of this plan of action will be submitted to the Regional Committees at their 1980 sessions, to the sixty-seventh session of the Executive Board in January 1981, and to the Thirty-fourth World Health Assembly in May 1981. An item entitled "Study of WHO's structures in the light of its functions - implementation of resolution WHA33.17" will be added to the agenda of the sixty-seventh session of the Board and Thirty-fourth World Health Assembly. Subsequent reports will be submitted to the Regional Committees in 1981 and to the Board and the Assembly in January and May 1982 respectively.

Responsibilities

The Regional Directors will be responsible for preparing these reports with respect to the Regional Committees and the Director-General with respect to the Board and the Assembly. The Global Programme Committee will review progress and will update the plan of action as necessary at its sessions in January and May 1981 and 1982.

PERIODICITY OF HEALTH ASSEMBLIES

33. The Assembly adopted a resolution on the periodicity of Health Assemblies (WHA33.19) which has implications for the plan of action. The operative paragraphs mentioned below refer to this resolution, a copy of which is attached.

34. **Operative paragraph 3**

_WHA33.19:_ 3. REQUESTS the regional committees to consider the implications for their work of biennial Health Assemblies and report these to the Executive Board at its sixty-seventh session;
Proposed plan of action

The implications of biennial Health Assemblies for the work of the Regional Committees will be considered by these Committees in the course of their review of the implications for them of resolution WHA33.17. (See in particular paragraph 13 above).

Responsibilities

The Regional Directors will bring resolution WHA33.19 to the attention of the Regional Committees at their 1980 sessions.

35. Operative paragraphs 4 and 6

WHA33.19: 4. REQUESTS the Executive Board to examine the consequences of the introduction of biennial Health Assemblies for the work and functioning of all bodies of the Organization, in particular the Executive Board and the regional committees, with the aim of strengthening these, and to make appropriate recommendations to the Thirty-fourth World Health Assembly.

WHA33.19: 6. BELIEVES that, as soon as possible, in the meantime Assemblies in the even years (when there is not a full Programme Budget to consider) should be limited to not more than two weeks' duration;

Proposed plan of action

The consequences of introducing biennial Health Assemblies for the work and functioning of all bodies of the Organization will be included in the agenda of the sixty-seventh session of the Board, and a report of the Director-General containing an analysis of the possible consequences will be prepared. This analysis will include relevant cross-references to the implementation of resolution WHA33.17. It will also include proposals for types of agenda and methods of work of the Health Assembly for odd years when there is a full programme budget review and for even years if the duration of the Assembly is limited to not more than two weeks.

Responsibilities

Mr W. W. Furth, ADG, with the support of Director, Legal Division.
36. Operative paragraph 5

WHA33.19: 5. RECOMMENDS that the Thirty-fourth World Health Assembly in 1981, under Articles 73 and 60 of the Constitution, and on the basis of recommendations and conclusions of the Executive Board consider amending the texts of Articles 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the Constitution in order to permit the change from annual to biennial Health Assemblies, and at the same time consider taking other decisions relating to the structure;

Proposed plan of action

The periodicity of Health Assemblies will be added to the agenda of the Thirty-fourth World Health Assembly. The Assembly will have before it the report of the Board.

Responsibilities

Director, Legal Division, will prepare the material concerning the possible amendments to the Constitution.
THIRTY-THIRD WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

STUDY OF THE ORGANIZATION'S STRUCTURES IN THE LIGHT OF ITS FUNCTIONS

The Thirty-third World Health Assembly,

Recalling that the main social target of governments and WHO in the coming decades is the attainment by all the people of the world by the year 2000 of a level of health that will permit them to lead a socially and economically productive life;

Guided by the Declaration and recommendations of the International Conference on Primary Health Care held in Alma-Ata, and by resolution WHA32.30 concerning the formulation of strategies for health for all by the year 2000;

Noting with satisfaction the United Nations General Assembly resolution 34/58 on health as an integral part of development, which reinforces the responsibilities entrusted to WHO in connexion with the attainment of health for all by the year 2000;

Recalling that, in accordance with its Constitution WHO is an organization of Member States cooperating among themselves and with others to promote the health of all people, and that this cooperative action embodies the truly international nature of the Organization;

Mindful of WHO's constitutional functions of acting as the directing and coordinating authority on international health work and of entering into technical cooperation with its Member States and facilitating technical cooperation among them;

Convinced that through its international health work the Organization can be a powerful instrument in helping to reduce international tension, to overcome racial and social discrimination, and to promote peace;

Realizing that, in consequence of the above, unprecedented efforts will be required in the health and related socioeconomic sectors throughout the world;

1. DECIDES:

(1) to concentrate the Organization's activities over the coming decades, as far as is possible in the light of all its constitutional obligations, on support to national, regional and global strategies for attaining health for all by the year 2000;

(2) to focus the Organization's cooperative activities within the United Nations system on joint efforts to support health as part of development, to devise the New International Development Strategy and to establish the New International Economic Order;

(3) to strengthen the roles of the Organization in promoting action for health in addition to indicating how such action might be carried out, and in developing health technologies that are effective, socially acceptable and economically feasible, and ensuring that they are available to Member States;

(4) to take all possible measures to maintain the unity of the Organization within its complex structures, to harmonize policy and practice throughout the Organization, and to ensure a proper balance between centralized and decentralized activities;
(5) to ensure that the Organization's directing, coordinating and technical cooperation functions are mutually supportive and that the work of the Organization at all levels is properly interrelated;

(6) to influence the channelling of all available health resources, including those of other relevant sectors and nongovernmental organizations, into support for national, regional and global strategies for health for all;

(7) to maintain to the full the Health Assembly's constitutional authority as the supreme organ for determining WHO's policies as well as the other powers vested in it and to increase its monitoring and control functions with respect to the work of the Organization, including the follow-up and review of the implementation of resolutions adopted by it;

(8) to improve further the Health Assembly's work methods and in particular to consider carefully the practicability of resolutions and other policies before adopting them, and to promote greater initiative by the regional committees in proposing resolutions to the Health Assembly;

2. URGES Member States, in the spirit of the policies, principles and programmes they have adopted collectively in WHO:

(1) to review the role of their ministries of health, strengthening them as necessary so that they can fully assume the function of directing and coordinating authority on national health work, and to establish or strengthen multisectoral national health councils;

(2) to mobilize all possible resources in their countries that can contribute to health development, including those of other relevant sectors and nongovernmental organizations;

(3) to tighten their coordinating mechanisms so as to ensure the mutual relevance and support of their own health development strategy on the one hand and their technical cooperation with WHO and with other Member States of WHO on the other;

(4) to ensure that WHO's action in their countries reflects adequately resolution WHA31.27 concerning the conclusions and recommendations of the Executive Board's organizational study on "WHO's role at the country level, particularly the role of WHO representatives", and in particular the shift from technical assistance to technical cooperation;

(5) to consider the possibility of increasing the use of their Organization as an effective agent to facilitate cooperation among them;

(6) to establish or strengthen mechanisms for ensuring continuing dialogue and cooperation with their Organization with a view to making sure that national and international health programmes are well coordinated;

(7) to coordinate their representation at regional committees and the Health Assembly, and to designate representatives to the regional committees and delegates to the Health Assembly who will later be in a position to influence national health policy so as to make it consistent with collective health policy adopted in WHO;

(8) to take into account as far as possible the multidisciplinary nature of health activities when establishing their delegations to the Health Assembly and the regional committees;

(9) to bring their national health policies to the attention of the regional committees;
(10) to coordinate their representation in WHO and in the United Nations and the specialized agencies on all matters relating to health, and particularly the role of health in development;

3. URGES the regional committees:

(1) to take a more active part in the work of the Organization and to submit to the Executive Board their recommendations and concrete proposals on matters of regional and global interest;

(2) to intensify their efforts to develop regional health policies and programmes in support of national, regional and global strategies for health for all, and to consider establishing or strengthening appropriate subcommittees to this end;

(3) to promote greater interaction in the regions between the activities of WHO and those of all other bodies concerned, including bodies of the United Nations system and nongovernmental organizations, in order to stimulate common efforts for attaining health for all by the year 2000;

(4) to support technical cooperation among all Member States, particularly for attaining health for all;

(5) to provide support for the establishment or strengthening of multisectoral national health councils to Member States who so desire;

(6) to foster the channelling of external funds for health into priority activities in the strategies for health for all of the countries most in need;

(7) to extend and deepen their analysis of the interregional, regional and national implications of Health Assembly and Board resolutions, and to provide such analyses to Member States;

(8) to increase their monitoring, control and evaluation functions so as to ensure the proper reflection of national, regional and global health policies in regional programmes and the proper implementation of these programmes, and to include in their programmes of work the review of WHO's action in individual Member States within the regions;

4. REQUESTS the Executive Board:

(1) to strengthen its role in giving effect to the decisions and policies of the Health Assembly and in providing advice to it, particularly with respect to ways of attaining health for all by the year 2000, among other things by ensuring that the Organization's general programmes of work, medium-term programmes, and programme budgets are optimally oriented towards supporting the strategies for health for all of Member States;

(2) to become increasingly active in presenting major issues to the Health Assembly and in responding to the comments of delegates;

(3) to foster the correlation of its work with that of the regional committees and the Health Assembly, among other things by reviewing carefully and drawing conclusions from the policy proposals of the regional committees in matters of worldwide interest, particularly in preparation for the ensuing Health Assembly;

(4) to monitor on behalf of the Health Assembly the way the regional committees reflect the Assembly's policies in their work, and the manner in which the Secretariat provides support to Member States individually, as well as collectively in the regional committees, Executive Board and Health Assembly;
(5) to review regularly measures taken by the relevant bodies of the United Nations system in the areas of health and development, and to ensure the coordination of WHO’s activities with the activities of those bodies in order to promote an intersectoral approach to health development, thus facilitating the attainment of the goal of health for all by the year 2000;

5. REQUESTS the Director-General and Regional Directors to act on behalf of the collectivity of Member States in responding favourably to government requests only if these are in conformity with the Organization’s policies;

6. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to continue to exercise to the full all the powers entrusted to him by the Constitution in his capacity as chief technical and administrative officer of the Organization, subject to the authority of the Board and the Health Assembly;

(2) to ensure the provision of timely, adequate and consistent Secretariat support to the Organization’s Member States, individually and collectively, and to this end to take all the measures within his constitutional prerogatives that he considers necessary;

(3) to expand the engagement of national staff of the country concerned in the execution of collaborative projects, to review the engagement of international WHO field staff, and to take any measures required so that such WHO staff become fully involved with the collaborative national programmes;

(4) to redefine the functions of the regional offices and of headquarters in such a way as to ensure that they provide adequate and consistent support to Member States in their cooperation with WHO and among themselves, and to adapt accordingly the organizational structures and staffing of the regional offices and of headquarters, reporting to the regional committees, the Executive Board and the Health Assembly as appropriate on his projects and plans in conformity with the constitutional functions of these bodies;

(5) to monitor the implementation of the decisions in this resolution and to keep the regional committees, the Executive Board and the Health Assembly fully informed on progress.

Sixteenth plenary meeting, 21 May 1980
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THIRTY-THIRD WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

PERIODICITY OF HEALTH ASSEMBLIES

The Thirty-third World Health Assembly,

Having considered the Director-General's report on the study of WHO's structures in the light of its functions, prepared in response to resolution WHA31.27, and in particular the Director-General's report on the periodicity of Health Assemblies, and resolution EB65.R12;

Having also considered the Executive Board's review of the periodicity of Health Assemblies, in response to resolution WHA32.26;

Having in mind the need to preserve and strengthen the influence of the Member States in the Organization;

Recognizing that the principle of biennial programming and budgeting has been implemented in WHO;

Understanding that a change from annual to biennial Health Assemblies would necessitate changing the text of Articles 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the Constitution as set out in the Director-General's report;

Considering that action by the Health Assembly to amend the Constitution under Article 73 is not possible until the Members have had at least six months in advance of the Health Assembly to consider the text of any proposed amendment to the Constitution;

Appreciating that many advantages could be obtained by shortening the Assemblies in alternate years;

1. REQUESTS the Director-General, within the provisions of Article 73 of the Constitution, to transmit this resolution, as well as the text of the proposed constitutional amendments, to Member States for their consideration.

2. URGES Member States to give careful attention over the coming year to the necessary constitutional changes as set out in the Director-General's report;

3. REQUESTS the regional committees to consider the implications for their work of biennial Health Assemblies and report these to the Executive Board at its sixty-seventh session;

4. REQUESTS the Executive Board to examine the consequences of the introduction of biennial Health Assemblies for the work and functioning of all bodies of the Organization in particular, the Executive Board and the regional committees, with the aim of strengthening these, and to make appropriate recommendations to the Thirty-fourth World Health Assembly;

5. RECOMMENDS that the Thirty-fourth World Health Assembly in 1981, under Articles 73 and 60 of the Constitution, and on the basis of recommendations and conclusions of the Executive Board consider amending the texts of Articles 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the Constitution in order to permit the change from annual to biennial Health Assemblies, and at the same time consider taking other decisions relating to the structure.

6. BELIEVES that, as soon as possible, in the meantime Assemblies in the even years (when there is not a full Programme Budget to consider) should be limited to not more than two weeks' duration.

1 Documents A33/2 and EB65/1980/REC/1, Annexes 8-10.
ACTION IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION

OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 1: THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

1. Operative sub-paragraphs 1(1) and 1(3)

The proposed regional strategy for health/2000 and formulation of the Seventh General Programme of Work are being discussed at the current session of the Regional Committee: Provisional agenda items 16 and 19 (documents WPR/RC31/15 and WPR/RC31/18).

2. Operative sub-paragraph 1(2)

Pending completion of the review on the Organization's cooperative activities with other organizations in the United Nations system at country, regional and global levels, no specific action is required in the Western Pacific Region at present.

3. Operative sub-paragraphs 1(4) and 4(3)

The Western Pacific Region is taking part in efforts to correlate the work of the World Health Assembly, the Executive Board and the regional committees. The Regional Committee is being provided with an illustration of how the draft provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh session of the Executive Board and the draft provisional agenda of the Thirty-fourth World Health Assembly reflect the provisional agenda of its current session so that discussions will contribute to the deliberations of the two other organs: Provisional agenda item 20.1 (document WPR/RC31/20).

4. Operative sub-paragraphs 1(5)

The document (DGO/80.3) entitled the Meaning of Technical Cooperation was reviewed by the Sub-Committee on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries at its meeting in June 1980 and appears as Annex 1 to the Report of the Sub-Committee: Provisional agenda item 14.1 (document WPR/RC31/13).

5. Operative paragraphs 1(6) and 3(6)

In Chapter 7 of the report of the Sub-Committee on the General Programme of Work on regional policies and strategies for health/2000 (document WPR/RC31/15), collaborative mechanisms for implementing these two operative sub-paragraphs are envisaged. Proposals for submission to UNDP for support from its regional programme for Asia and the Pacific during the period 1982-86 will be reviewed by the Regional Committee at the current session: Provisional agenda item 7.3 (document WPR/RC31/7). The Regional
Committee is also expected to select a Member State to send a representative to meetings of the Health/2000 Resources Group: Provisional agenda item 18 (document WPR/RC31/17). It is proposed to establish within the Regional Office for the Western Pacific a committee on extrabudgetary resources which will review the overall programme of the Region with a view to identifying the needs for extrabudgetary resources and initiating approaches to funding agencies.

6. Operative sub-paragraphs 1(7) and 3(8)

Suitable items will be proposed for inclusion on the agenda of future sessions of the Regional Committee. Any suggestions the Committee may have will be welcome. Review of WHO's action in individual Member States is already being undertaken by the Sub-Committee on the General Programme of Work. Its report on this year's review will be discussed under provisional agenda item 15.1 (document WPR/RC31/14).

7. Operative sub-paragraph 1(8)

Action will be taken to implement this operative sub-paragraph as appears appropriate in the future. Suggestions from the Regional Committee will be welcome.

OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2: MEMBER STATES

8. The Sub-Committee on the General Programme of Work reviewed this operative paragraph of the resolution and made recommendations to the Regional Committee (document WPR/RC31/16, paragraph 1.1).

9. Operative sub-paragraphs 2(1) and 3(5)

The Sub-Committee recommended that the role of ministries of health as directing and coordinating authorities on national health work should be considered as an item on the agenda of a future session of the Regional Committee.

10. Operative sub-paragraph 2(4)

The Sub-Committee felt that its own role and functions adequately addressed implementation of this operative sub-paragraph.
OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 3: REGIONAL COMMITTEES

11. The Sub-Committee on the General Programme of Work reviewed this operative paragraph of the resolution and made recommendations to the Regional Committee (document WPR/RC31/16, paragraph 1.2).

12. Operative sub-paragraphs 3(1) and 3(2)

Recommendations for implementation of these two operative sub-paragraphs are contained in the report of the Sub-Committee (document WPR/RC31/16, paragraph 1.2).

13. Operative sub-paragraph 3(3)

In anticipation of the Regional Committee's acceptance of the Sub-Committee's recommendation on this subject, steps are being taken to prepare an inventory of regional bodies with which common efforts might be undertaken to achieve health/2000.

14. Operative sub-paragraph 3(4)

At its meeting in July 1980 the Programme Development Working Group (PDWG)\(^1\) agreed that each regional office would simulate at least three proposals for use as illustrations of TCDC/ECDC which would be reviewed at its meeting in March 1981. Subsequently PDWG would attempt to define a detailed strategy for the role of WHO. The Regional Committee Sub-Committee on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries is expected to continue to play its part in facilitating the development of TCDC among Member States.

15. Operative sub-paragraph 3(7)

Due to time constraints it has not been possible to include a written analysis of the regional implications of resolutions of the Thirty-third World Health Assembly in the Regional Committee documentation this year. The Regional Director will however state some of the implications in his verbal introductions to the resolutions considered under provisional agenda item 20.2 (document WPR/RC31/20).

\(^1\)The Programme Development Working Group is composed of the Directors, Programme Management of the WHO Regional Offices for Africa, the Eastern Mediterranean, Europe, South-East Asia and the Western Pacific and the Operations Manager, Regional Office for the Americas, the Chairman of the Headquarters Programme Committee, and the Director, Programme Promotion in the Director-General's Office.
OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

16. **Operative sub-paragraphs 4(1) and 4(2)**
   
   No specific action indicated for the Western Pacific Region.

17. **Operative sub-paragraphs 4(4)**

   The report of the Regional Director to the Executive Board on the thirty-first session will show how the Regional Committee reflects the Health Assembly's policies in its work.

18. **Operative sub-paragraph 4(5)**

   No specific action indicated for the Western Pacific Region.

OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 5: THE REGIONAL DIRECTORS AND THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

19. Action will be taken as necessary to implement this operative paragraph. The Regional Committee's comments will be welcome.

OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 6: THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

20. **Operative sub-paragraph 6(2)**

   No specific action indicated for the Western Pacific Region.

21. **Operative sub-paragraph 6(3)**

   Steps will be taken to ensure the proposed action, though mechanisms for implementation will have to be carefully studied. Suggestions from the Regional Committee will be welcome. The plan of action will be discussed at the next meeting of WHO Programme Coordinators in November 1980.

22. **Operative sub-paragraph 6(4)**

   Steps will be taken to ensure the proposed action.
23. **Operative sub-paragraph 6(5)**

The Regional Director will monitor progress in implementing the plan of action in the Western Pacific Region. Subject to agreement by the Regional Committee that the Sub-Committee on the General Programme of Work should continue to include the study of WHO's structures in the light of its functions within its terms of reference (document WPR/RC31/14, paragraph 2(2), the Sub-Committee will review the progress made in 1981 and make recommendations to the Regional Committee at its thirty-second session.

**PERIODICITY OF HEALTH ASSEMBLIES**

24. **Operative paragraph 3**

The Sub-Committee on the General Programme of Work will consider the implications for the Regional Committee of biennial Health Assemblies at its meeting on 8 September 1980 and will report thereon to the Regional Committee.

25. **Operative paragraphs 4, 5 and 6**

No specific action indicated for the Western Pacific Region.