

**R E S O L U T I O N****REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
THE WESTERN PACIFIC****COMITE REGIONAL DU
PACIFIQUE OCCIDENTAL****WPR/RC44.R10
17 September 1993****WHO RESPONSE TO GLOBAL CHANGE**

The Regional Committee,

Recognizing the need for reform of the organization and operations of WHO in response to dynamic global conditions and to ensure WHO's continued leadership in health;

Noting the need for greater accountability and efficiency in the operation and management of WHO's limited resources, as well as the need to more clearly define the impact on health of the resources used;

Having considered the Report of the Executive Board Working Group on the WHO Response to Global Change;¹ the background paper² of the Western Pacific Regional Office Secretariat on the regional implications of the Working Group report; the associated resolution EB92.R2 of the Executive Board and resolution WHA46.16 of the World Health Assembly; and the report of the Programme Committee of the Executive Board in July 1993;³

Having discussed these documents as reflected in the summary record of the forty-fourth session of the Regional Committee;

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¹Document EB92/4.

²Document WPR/RC44/18.

³Document WPR/RC44/18 Add.1.

Noting the need to make a preliminary report to the Executive Board in January 1994 as required by resolution EB92.R2;

Deciding to study the issues further in order to provide a more detailed report to the Executive Board in January 1995;

- 1. ENDORSES the spirit, goals and aims of the Report of the Executive Board Working Group on the WHO Response to Global Change;**
- 2. RE-AFFIRMS the essential role of a strong regional office in working effectively with Member States to fulfil the mandate of the Organization and improve the health status of people;**
- 3. COMMITS itself to reviewing its own methods of work consistent with the issues raised by the Executive Board Working Group regarding the methods of work of the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board;**
- 4. REQUESTS the Sub-Committee of the Regional Committee on Programmes and Technical Cooperation:**
 - (1) to review the method of work of the Regional Committee as it relates to the recommendations of the Report;**
 - (2) to further assess the regional implications of the Report of the Executive Board Working Group;**
 - (3) to make recommendations on establishing priorities for implementation of actions with regional implications; and**

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(4) to prepare a background document to guide discussion of this agenda item by the Regional Committee at its forty-fifth session;

5. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

(1) to implement the applicable recommendations of the Executive Board Working Group report, bearing in mind the discussions by the Regional Committee at its forty-fourth session;

(2) to report on the status of implementation to the Regional Committee at its forty-fifth session;

(3) to support the Sub-Committee in carrying out its work as mandated;

(4) to transmit to the Executive Board, through the Director-General, in response to its resolution EB92.R2, a preliminary report which includes the summary record of its discussions of the implications of the recommendations of the Executive Board Working Group report for regional and country activities.