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RESEARCH

The following resolution (WHA7.52) on the subject of research was adopted by the Seventh World Health Assembly:

"The Seventh World Health Assembly

Considering the programme for 1955,

Recognizing that public health research and co-ordination of basic health research are an essential function of the World Health Organization;

Confirming the policies on research established by the Second World Health Assembly and by the Executive Board at its eighth session,<sup>1</sup>

Noting that the Executive Board, in its resolution EB13.R78,<sup>2</sup> has requested the Director-General, in preparing his proposed revision of the programme of work for a specific period for consideration by the Executive Board, to emphasize in regard to research those aspects which are particularly international in character;

Realizing the world shortage of highly trained medical research personnel and the high cost of personnel and equipment required in many fields of modern medical research,

Recognizing that basic research is normally most satisfactorily developed in national and local institutions, which may be assisted by grants from WHO for research contributing to WHO programmes;

Recognizing that, exceptionally, WHO may be forced to implement research programmes itself by consequence of its own projects;

/1. REQUESTS the Executive

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<sup>1</sup>Resolutions WHA2.19 and EB8.R34, respectively, Off. Rec. Wld. Hlth. Org. 21 & 36

<sup>2</sup>Off. Rec., Wld. Hlth. Org. 52

1. REQUESTS the Executive Board and the Director-General to take note of previous resolutions in developing programme policies of the Organization;
2. URGES that Member States with suitable research resources should co-operate with WHO in research programmes applicable to the field of international health; and
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to keep in close touch with other specialized agencies interested in research in fields related to health, and to keep the Executive Board and the Health Assembly informed of any developments in this connexion which may be of importance to WHO."

The attention of the Regional Committee is specifically drawn to item 2 of the above resolution. In this connection, the Committee may wish to consider adopting a resolution along the following lines:

The Regional Committee for the Western Pacific,

Having considered resolution WHA7.52 adopted by the Seventh World Health Assembly,

URGES that Member Countries of the WHO Western Pacific Region with suitable research resources should co-operate with the World Health Organization in research programmes applicable to the field of international health.

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