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RESOLUTIONS OF REGIONAL INTEREST ADOPTED BY THE
TWENTY-FIFTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY AND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
AT ITS FORTY-NINTH AND FIFTIETH SESSIONS

The following resolutions of the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board are submitted for action to the Committee:

1. Community Water Supply (resolution WHA25.35)

Attention is drawn to operative paragraph three of this resolution.

2. Training of National Health Personnel (resolution WHA25.42)

Attention is drawn to operative paragraph three. The Regional Director will be happy to meet any request for assistance from Member States in connexion with sub-paragraph (3).

3. Smallpox Eradication (resolution WHA25.45)

Attention is drawn to operative paragraphs two and four.

4. Occupational Health Programmes (resolution WHA25.63)

A separate document (WPR/RC23/5) has been prepared on this subject which will be discussed under item 12 of the agenda.

5. Review of the Proposed Programme and Budget Estimates for 1973: Sessions of Regional Committees (resolution EB49.R14)

Attention is drawn to operative paragraphs one and two.

6. Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the World Health Organization (resolution EB50.R18)

The Committee will note that the World Health Assembly approved the plan for the celebration as outlined in the Director-General's report (see attached document EB50/14). Attention is drawn to

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paragraph 2.1 of the Director-General's report in which it is suggested that the programme should include, inter alia, addresses by one or two speakers chosen in 1972 by each regional committee among the delegations of their Members. The attention of the Committee is also drawn to paragraphs 5 and 6, in which it is suggested that (i) the anniversary might also be celebrated at the sessions of the regional committees in 1973; (ii) Member States might organize national programmes according to their possibilities and conditions, with the main objective to make health problems better understood and efforts for their solution intensified.

During the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the World Health Organization, representatives of the Governments of Australia and Japan were selected by the Regional Committee to present addresses at the Twenty-first World Health Assembly.



RESOLUTION OF THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
RÉSOLUTION DE L'ASSEMBLÉE MONDIALE DE LA SANTÉ
РЕЗОЛЮЦИЯ ВСЕМИРНОЙ АССАМБЛЕИ ЗДРАВООХРАНЕНИЯ
RESOLUCION DE LA ASAMBLEA MUNDIAL DE LA SALUD

TWENTY-FIFTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA25.35

24 May 1972

COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY

The Twenty-fifth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the community water supply programme;¹

Noting that the report provides new information on the status of community water supplies and the progress achieved in 90 developing countries;

Conscious that the problem of community water supplies is inextricably linked with the problem of waste water disposal;

Recognizing the need to accelerate the rate of progress in view of the continuing high prevalence of water-borne diseases,

1. ENDORSES the revised global targets proposed by the Director-General for community water supplies in the developing countries to be attained in the United Nations Second Development Decade;
2. DRAWS ATTENTION to the special needs of the rural sector;
3. RECOMMENDS that Member States:
 - (i) adopt specific national targets for the United Nations Second Development Decade for both urban and rural water supplies;
 - (ii) institute the systematic collection of information relating to community water supplies;
 - (iii) establish the appropriate policies and infrastructure and allocate the financial and manpower resources necessary to achieve these targets;
 - (iv) take such steps as would lead to increased allocation of resources to rural water supplies;
 - (v) provide for the effective surveillance of drinking-water quality, by competent health authorities and for their association with the other tasks in this field, including planning, set out in resolution WHA21.36;
 - (vi) give priority to the collection and disposal of waste water, in satisfactory hygienic conditions, whenever community water supply programmes are instituted;

¹ Document A25/29.

4. REQUESTS the Director-General to continue to accord high priority to technical assistance to Member States in achieving the targets proposed for the United Nations Second Development Decade, and to:

- (i) prepare guidelines, manuals and codes of practice on the planning, design and management of community water supply and sanitation services, with emphasis on the public health aspects and particular attention to rural areas;
- (ii) intensify the research and development efforts of the Organization in the light of the needs and possibilities of developing countries;
- (iii) continue cooperation with other international and bilateral bodies, including UNICEF, UNDP, IBRD and the regional development banks, with a view to increasing assistance to national community water supply and waste-water disposal programmes, particularly in the areas of greatest need, and helping governments to make effective use of such assistance;
- (iv) give consideration to the related problem of waste-water disposal,
- (v) keep the progress made under periodic review; and
- (vi) furnish the World Health Assembly with a mid-decade progress report covering both community water supply and waste-water disposal.

Thirteenth plenary meeting, 24 May 1972
A25/VR/13



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TWENTY-FIFTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA25.42

25 May 1972

TRAINING OF NATIONAL HEALTH PERSONNEL

The Twenty-fifth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the progress report by the Director-General on training of national health personnel;¹

Recalling resolutions WHA21.35, WHA22.42, WHA22.51 and WHA24.59;

Considering that the complexity and magnitude of the problem of international migration of national health personnel calls for a comprehensive study to determine its causes and to find appropriate solutions;

Considering the need for long-term planning of the training of national health personnel;

Considering that in countries where the need exists priority should be given to the training of health auxiliaries required to provide nationwide coverage of basic health services,

1. NOTES with satisfaction the Director-General's report on training of national health personnel,

2. NOTES the definition of a physician given by the Executive Board in its resolution EB49.R13;²

3. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to continue and intensify the preparation and implementation of a detailed study on international migration of health personnel if necessary seeking additional resources to finance that study outside the regular budget;

(2) to submit concrete proposals for the future activities of the World Health Organization in the field of training of health personnel for a number of years, taking into account the measures which are being implemented or planned at the national, regional, inter-regional and international levels; and

(3) to invite and assist the Member States to intensify their efforts to promote the training and utilization of health auxiliaries as far as their present facilities permit with a view to improving the efficacy of the health services and extending the health coverage of the population.

Fourteenth plenary meeting, 25 May 1972
A25/VR/14

¹ Document A25/7 and 8.

² Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org., No. 198, p. 14.



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TWENTY-FIFTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA25.45

25 May 1972

SMALLPOX ERADICATION

The Twenty-fifth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the Director-General's report on the smallpox eradication programme;¹

Appreciating the significant progress made to date in programmes throughout the world, and congratulating those countries which have succeeded in eradicating the disease;

Noting with concern, however, that endemic smallpox still exists in parts of Africa and Asia and that smallpox has recently reappeared in several countries which were free from the disease;

1. REQUESTS all Member States to continue to give priority attention to the eradication of smallpox, to intensify their efforts to interrupt transmission of the disease in the remaining endemic areas as soon as possible, and to prevent smallpox from re-establishing itself in countries from which it has been eliminated;
2. URGES all governments concerned:
 - (a) to report immediately to the Organization as already required all cases of smallpox, and in particular to use the most rapid means for any case which occurs in a non-endemic area;
 - (b) to establish or strengthen national surveillance systems with a view to the identification of sources of infection, the rapid containment of out-breaks, and the elimination of endemic foci;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to arrange to transmit promptly to all Member States whom it may concern information provided under 2.(a);
4. RECOMMENDS further that countries normally free of smallpox where cases occur or are suspected inform WHO fully of their epidemiological investigations and give such opportunity of WHO participation as would best facilitate international coordination of the measures taken;
5. REQUESTS the Director-General:
 - (a) to provide assessment teams on request to countries which have recently interrupted smallpox transmission;
 - (b) to continue to extend every possible assistance to countries to facilitate progress in the programme, including the development, to the extent possible, of audiovisual materials such as illustrated books and films;

¹ Document A25/9.

6. THANKS those countries that are generously contributing vaccine to the programme, either under bilateral agreements or through the WHO Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion;
7. RECOMMENDS the intensification of research on all aspects of the problem, including the laboratory diagnosis of smallpox, the treatment of smallpox cases, immunizing mechanisms in pox virus infections and the effects of simultaneous application of several different antigens; and
8. REQUESTS the Director-General to report to the Twenty-sixth World Health Assembly on the progress of the eradication programme.

Fourteenth plenary meeting, 25 May 1972
A25/VR/14



Forty-ninth Session

EB49.R14

21 January 1972

REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAMME AND BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1973
Sessions of Regional Committees

The Executive Board,

Recalling resolution WHA9.20 of the Ninth World Health Assembly;¹

Having considered the question of the additional costs entailed in holding sessions of regional committees elsewhere than at the site of the regional office,

1. RECOMMENDS that, in deciding on the place of their sessions, regional committees should consider holding them at the site of the regional office or away therefrom, taking into account the additional costs involved for the Organization and the Member States concerned; and
2. URGES each host government to provide the local facilities and to pay as much as possible of the additional expenses of meetings of the regional committee on its territory.

Eighth meeting, 21 January 1972
EB49/SR/8

¹ Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 11th ed., p. 314.



世界衛生組織執行委員會決議

RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WHO
RÉSOLUTION DU CONSEIL EXÉCUTIF DE L'OMS
РЕЗОЛЮЦИЯ ИСПОЛНИТЕЛЬНОГО КОМИТЕТА ВОЗ
RESOLUCION DEL CONSEJO EJECUTIVO DE LA OMS

Fiftieth Session

EB50.R18

30 May 1972

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

The Executive Board,

Having considered resolution WHA25.36 on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the World Health Organization;

Having studied the proposed measures for the celebration of this anniversary;

CONCURS with the plan for the celebration, as outlined in the Director-General's report;¹
and

REQUESTS the Director-General to take all the necessary measures to implement the plan and to report to the fifty-first session of the Executive Board.

Third meeting, 30 May 1972
EB50/SR/3

¹ Document EB50/14.



EXECUTIVE BOARD

Fiftieth Session

Supplementary agenda item 1

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF WHO

Report by the Director-General

1. Introduction

1.1 The Twenty-fifth World Health Assembly adopted resolution WHA25.36, which reads as follows:

"The Twenty-fifth World Health Assembly,

Noting that in 1973 twenty-five years will have elapsed since the foundation of the World Health Organization;

Convinced that the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary provides an opportunity for making the objectives and work of the Organization better known;

Appreciating the suggestions of the Director-General to mark that anniversary in such a way as not to entail additional expenditure for WHO,

1. DECIDES that the twenty-fifth anniversary be commemorated as outlined by the Director-General;

2. EXPRESSES the desire that the United Nations and other specialized agencies, the inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations in official relations with WHO will contribute to the marking of the anniversary;

3. EXPRESSES the hope that Members will celebrate the event in their own countries; and

4. REQUESTS the Director-General to present detailed proposals to the Executive Board at its fiftieth session."

1.2 In compliance with the above resolution the Director-General submits below for the Board's consideration detailed proposals for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of WHO.

2. Celebration at the Twenty-sixth World Health Assembly

2.1 The Twenty-sixth World Health Assembly could devote its first day to the celebration of this anniversary, in which case it is suggested that that Assembly opens on Monday, May 1973. The programme would include, inter alia, addresses by special guests, by the President of the World Health Assembly, by one or two speakers chosen in 1972 by each regional committee among the delegations of their Members, by the Chairman of the Executive Board and by the Director-General.

3. Theme for the twenty-fifth anniversary

3.1 The theme for World Health Day 1973 could also be the theme for the whole anniversary year and the observance of World Health Day given added importance. The theme for World Health Day 1973 has already been announced in a circular letter (C.L.44.1971) sent by the Director-General to all Members and Associate Members on 20 December 1971 and is "Health begins at Home".

4. Other measures at headquarters

4.1 Within the available resources various public information materials could be prepared, including one or two issues of World Health in 1973 devoted to the anniversary.

4.2 Throughout the year all mail emanating from WHO could be franked by a special cancellation. Members and Associate Members have already been invited to consider the issue of commemorative postage stamps by the Director-General in his circular letter (C.L.8.1972) of 16 March 1972.

5. Action at regional level

5.1 The Regional Offices could consider measures to mark the anniversary at the regional level and it might be desirable to relate them to national programmes. The anniversary could also be celebrated at the sessions of the regional committees in 1973.

6. Action at national level

6.1 Action at the national level should be given primary importance. All Member States could be invited to organize national programmes according to their possibilities and conditions, with the main objective to make health problems better understood and efforts for their solution intensified.

7. United Nations and specialized agencies

7.1 The United Nations and the specialized agencies could be informed of the twenty-fifth anniversary of WHO and they would no doubt publicise it in their magazines and other publications.

8. Inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations in official relations with WHO

8.1 Inter-governmental and non-governmental organizations in official relations with WHO could also be informed of the twenty-fifth anniversary of WHO. To the non-governmental organizations it could be suggested that they encourage the participation of their national branches in the celebration.