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NATIONAL STRATEGIES AND PLANS OF ACTION

Addendum

The attached resolution, WHA32.30, adopted by the Thirty-second World Health Assembly, is brought to the attention of the Regional Committee for consideration during its review of progress towards development of national strategies and plans of action for the attainment by all of an acceptable level of health by the year 2000.



RESOLUTION OF THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY
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THIRTY-SECOND WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA32.30

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FORMULATING STRATEGIES FOR HEALTH FOR ALL BY THE YEAR 2000

The Thirty-second World Health Assembly,

Recalling resolution WHA30.43 by which the Thirtieth World Health Assembly decided that the main social target of governments and of WHO in the coming decades should be the attainment by all the citizens of the world by the year 2000 of a level of health that will permit them to lead a socially and economically productive life;

Having considered the report of the International Conference on Primary Health Care;

Noting with appreciation the preliminary document of the Executive Board entitled "Formulating strategies for health for all by the year 2000",¹

1. DECIDES that the development of the Organization's programmes and allocations of its resources at global, regional and country levels should reflect the commitment of WHO to the overriding priority of the achievement of Health for all by the year 2000;
2. ENDORSES the report of the International Conference on Primary Health Care including the Declaration of Alma-Ata, which:
 - (1) states that primary health care, forming as it does an integral part both of countries' health systems, of which it is the central function and main focus, and of overall social and economic development, is the key to attaining an acceptable level of health for all;
 - (2) calls upon all governments to formulate national policies, strategies and plans of action to launch and sustain primary health care as part of a comprehensive national health system and in coordination with other sectors;
 - (3) calls for urgent and effective national and international action to develop and implement primary health care throughout the world, and particularly in developing countries, in a spirit of technical cooperation and in keeping with a New International Economic Order;
 - (4) recommends that WHO and the United Nations Children's Fund should continue to encourage and support national strategies and plans for primary health care as part of overall development, and should also formulate as soon as possible appropriate plans of action at the regional and global levels to promote and facilitate the mutual support of countries for accelerated development of primary health care;
3. THANKS the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics once again for its invitation and for the excellent facilities provided for the International Conference on Primary Health Care, which contributed greatly to its success, as well as for the opportunity afforded to participants in the Conference to acquaint themselves with examples of the health care system for the population;

¹ Document A32/8.

4. BELIEVES that the exchange of experience between participants from various countries at the Alma-Ata Conference through the discussions in plenary and in the committees, as well as through national and regional reports, international exhibitions, and visits to health establishments in the course of field trips, should serve as an encouragement, particularly to developing countries, that it is possible to organize effective primary health care as part of the national health system within a period of time that is short in a historical perspective;
5. CONSIDERS that, in accordance with the basic policy of adapting international activities to the real needs of countries, strategies and plans of action for attaining health for all by the year 2000 should be formulated first and foremost by the countries themselves, and that the regional and global strategies formulated on the basis of these national strategies, as well as on the basis of the strategies of regional groups formed by countries for practical reasons, should promote and facilitate accelerated development of primary health care in the Member States of WHO, as well as the attraction of substantial and continuing additional international resources for these purposes;
6. CONSIDERS that the proposals of the Executive Board contained in its preliminary document entitled "Formulating strategies for health for all by the year 2000" concerning guiding principles for the formulation of effective strategies at the national, regional and global levels are a sound basis for the development and refinement of these strategies;
7. PROPOSES to the governments of Member States and to the regional committees and Executive Board of WHO that, in accordance with their constitutional functions, they should study these proposals in the light of the timetable contained in the document and present their further proposals concerning the coordinated development of strategies to the Thirty-third World Health Assembly;
8. INVITES Member States to consider the immediate use of the document entitled "Formulating strategies for health for all by the year 2000", individually as a basis for formulating national policies, strategies and plans of action, and collectively as a basis for formulating regional and global strategies;
9. REQUESTS the Executive Board:
 - (1) to submit proposals for the global strategy to the Thirty-fourth World Health Assembly and to support the Health Assembly in developing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating this strategy;
 - (2) to make sure that the global strategy is taken fully into account in preparing the Seventh General Programme of Work covering a specific period;
 - (3) to ensure that the global strategy is fully reflected in WHO's contribution to the preparation of the new international development strategy of the United Nations;
10. APPEALS to all agencies and organizations within the United Nations system, and in particular the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Development Programme, as well as to all bilateral agencies and nongovernmental organizations concerned, to give full support to the formulation and implementation of national, regional and global strategies for achieving an acceptable level of health for all, and pledges WHO's full cooperation with these bodies in such joint endeavours;
11. RECOGNIZES the necessity of careful planning, management and effective use of available resources, including those from national, bilateral, and international sources, for achievement of Health for All;

12. REQUESTS the Director-General:

- (1) to devote a predominant proportion of the Director-General's and Regional Directors' Development Programme funds to ensuring the development and implementation of strategies for Health for All;
- (2) to develop a preliminary plan to ensure the appropriate allocation of funds for this purpose in the implementation of the approved 1980-1981 budget and in the formulation of the projected 1982-1983 budget, and submit this plan to the sixty-fifth session of the Executive Board;
- (3) to take all the technical and administrative measures required to promote, coordinate, and support the formulation and implementation of national policies, strategies and plans of action and of regional and global strategies;
- (4) to support the establishment of national health development centres of the type proposed in the above-mentioned document, and to consider organizing them in regional and global networks as suggested in this document;
- (5) to facilitate the full exchange of information among Member States concerning the formulation and implementation of strategies and plans of action;
- (6) to foster the intensification of research and training in primary health care at national, regional and global levels, making use in particular of appropriate collaborating centres;
- (7) to propose measures, in agreement with the United Nations and related organizations, such as the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and the World Bank, as well as with other interested international agencies, for joint action to accelerate the development of primary health care in the developing, and especially the least developed, countries;
- (8) to submit a report on the strategies formulated for attaining health for all by the year 2000 to the United Nations Preparatory Committee for inclusion in the New International Development Strategy, which is to be considered by the General Assembly of the United Nations at its thirty-fourth session in 1980;
- (9) to make sure that the Secretariat at all operational levels provides the necessary support to countries, regional committees, the Executive Board and the Health Assembly for the formulation of national, regional and global strategies;
- (10) to ensure that the Secretariat acts as an efficient instrument to give effect to the resolutions and decisions of the regional committees, the Executive Board, and the Health Assembly concerning strategies for health for all by the year 2000 and in carrying out those aspects of the national, regional and global strategies that are assigned to it by these bodies;
- (11) to prepare and present to a future Health Assembly a progress report on the implementation of this resolution.