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RESOLUTION

CD44.R5

EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT OF RESOLUTION WHA51.31 ON REGULAR BUDGET ALLOCATION TO REGIONS

THE 44th DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having examined Document CD44/7 on the Evaluation of the Impact of Resolution WHA51.31 on Regular Budget Allocations to Regions;

Noting the efforts of the Director General of WHO and the Director of PASB to provide Member States with a better appreciation of the impact of Resolution WHA51.31 in the allocation of resources among Regions;

Noting with concern the significant reduction in the WHO share of the PAHO/AMR regular budget over the last three biennia as a result of the application of Resolution WHA51.31; and

Further recognizing that the Region of the Americas was also negatively affected by a low level of extrabudgetary resources made available to the Region in relation to the total level received by WHO during the last three biennia,

RESOLVES:

- 1. To request the members of the WHO Executive Board from the Region of the Americas:
- to convey to the 113th Session of the Executive Board, and through the Executive Board to the World Health Assembly, the view of the Regional Committee that the reduction in the regional allocation resulting from Resolution WHA51.31 should be implemented over only three bienniums, namely 2000-2001,

2002-2003, and 2004-2005 and that Resolution WHA51.31 should be discontinued by the 57th World Health Assembly.

- (b) to coordinate with members of the Executive Board from other Regions similarly affected, a common position taking into account the view of their Regional Committees.
- 2. To request the Director to transmit to the Director-General the views of the Regional Committee on the reallocation of resources among regions, particularly with regard to the desire for more transparent criteria for determining the allocation of extrabudgetary resources among the Regions and WHO Headquarters, and the concern over reductions in some program activities caused by the lower regional allocation.

(Eighth meeting, 25 September 2003)