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RESOLUTIONS OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY OF INTEREST TO THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

The Director-General of the World Health Organization has requested that the resolutions listed below, adopted by the Twenty-fifth World Health Assembly and the Executive Board at its forty-ninth and fiftieth sessions, be brought to the attention of the XXIV Meeting of the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization for the Americas:

Resolution WHA25.26	Organizational Study by the Executive Board on Medical Literature Services to Members
Resolution WHA25.35	Community Water Supply
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TWENTY-FIFTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

WHA25.26

23 May 1972

ORGANIZATIONAL STUDY BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
ON MEDICAL LITERATURE SERVICES TO MEMBERS

The Twenty-fifth World Health Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Executive Board on its organizational study "Medical literature services to Members";

Noting that the study was carried out on the basis of the replies by Member States to a questionnaire.

1. EXPRESSES its belief that the World Health Organization should assume a leading role in the development, coordination, and improvement of biomedical communications, particularly in those fields of major concern to national health services and to international cooperation in the field of health;

2. REQUESTS the Director-General to examine the conclusions that emerged from the study and from the discussions of the Board at its forty-ninth session with particular attention to the following:

(1) the need to give more prominence in the publications programme to the social and behavioural sciences and to the economic aspects of health;

(2) ways and means of improving both the free distribution and the sales of WHO scientific and technical publications;

(3) the need for a feasibility study on whether the Organization should prepare and publish medical textbooks;

(4) the importance of an improvement in medical library services for the effective use of published biomedical information, and particularly the development of regional medical libraries;

(5) the necessity for a study by an international group of experts of the role of WHO in relation to modern problems of biomedical communications; and

3. REQUESTS the Director-General to report thereon to a later session of the Executive Board and a subsequent World Health Assembly.

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
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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

WHA25.39

24 May 1972

NEW ZONE OFFICE BUILDING IN BRASILIA

The Twenty-fifth World Health Assembly,

Noting the proposal of the Director-General that the Organization contribute US\$ 100 000 towards the cost of the new Zone Office building in Brasilia,¹

AUTHORIZES this expenditure, to be financed from the Real Estate Fund in accordance with resolution WHA23.14.²

Thirteenth plenary meeting, 24 May 1972
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¹ Document A25/32.

² Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions, 11th ed., p. 371.



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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.

RESOLUCION DE LA ASAMBLEA MUNDIAL DE LA SALUD
RESOLUTION OF THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

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

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAMMES

The Twenty-fifth World Health Assembly,

Considering the report of the Director-General on the occupational health programme¹ and the discussions which took place at the regional committees on this subject in 1971;

Noting that workers are affected by the health problems of the community as well as those of their occupation;

Recognizing the importance of comprehensive occupational health programmes within the framework of national health services, and the increasing need for such programmes as developing countries become more industrialized;

Aware of the need of both developed and developing countries to promote programmes of preventive occupational health;

Noting particularly the inadequacy of occupational health services in many parts of the world,

1. RECOMMENDS that Member States give appropriate attention to occupational health programmes, in particular:

- (i) the study of the health problems of the working population in industry, agriculture, mining and other trades,
- (ii) the development of occupational health as an integral part of national health programmes, especially in the development of basic health services,
- (iii) the provision of an adequate infrastructure in the national health services, especially in developing countries, to enable them to undertake their responsibilities in occupational health with sufficient trained personnel,
- (iv) the strengthening of coordination among all the agencies, national and private, and trade unions, involved in the health problems of the working population;

2. REQUESTS the Director-General:

- (i) to continue to provide technical assistance to Member States in the development of national occupational health programmes and in the training of the personnel required at the national and local level, including the provision of occupational health courses for public health administrators and planners,

¹ Document A25/11.

- (ii) to develop guidelines in occupational health practice, in relation particularly to the organization of health services for small industries and new industrial enterprises and for vulnerable groups of workers and the provision of preventive services at work-places,
- (iii) to implement the occupational health programme of the Organization in order to meet the increasing needs of developing and developed countries and report to a future World Health Assembly,
- (iv) to promote research in the different fields of occupational health,
- (v) to continue to collaborate with other inter-governmental agencies, particularly ILO, as well as non-governmental organizations, with the aim of coordinating the programme and increasing assistance to governments in this field, within the finances available.

Fifteenth plenary meeting, 26 May 1972
A25/VR/15

EB49.R14 Place of regional committee sessions

The Executive Board,

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

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.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

The celebration of the World Health Organization's twenty-fifth anniversary was considered by the Twenty-fifth World Health Assembly and by the Executive Board at its fiftieth session. The Executive Board adopted Resolution EB50.R18, attached, endorsing the measures for the celebration.

There are three specific recommendations regarding the action at the regional level:

1. Each regional committee should designate at the forthcoming session one or two speakers among the delegations of their members who would address the Twenty-sixth World Health Assembly at the commemorative meeting. Wherever the situation permits, it would be preferable to designate only one speaker.

2. It is desirable to relate regional action to national programs.

3. The anniversary could also be celebrated at the sessions of the regional committees in 1973.

In addition, it is hoped that Member Governments of the World Health Organization will plan national measures for the celebration of the anniversary.



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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.