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The Federation Dentaire Internationale is interested, as you are aware, in improving dental health conditions throughout the world and has the whole-hearted support of its member organizations, one of which in this jurisdiction is the American Dental Association. Much progress has been made in this part of the world, primarily due to the activities of the American Dental Association, and while emphasis has been placed on the education of parents and children in the best methods of caries prevention, and in research, it is felt that emphasis on some of these problems by the World Health Organization would have a most stimulating effect. Therefore, I have the honor to suggest a few broad principles in the hope that this great organization will put emphasis on these areas to the end that the dental health of the people of this section of the world and of the entire world may be improved.

1. An expanded program of dental health education in the schools, as a part of the general program of health education in order to develop a better appreciation of the benefits of total health.

2. An extension of the present program of dental research in order that the nature of dental disease may be better understood and effective preventive dental public health measures developed and applied.

3. The expansion of the program of fluoridation of communal water supplies, an effective public health measure which has been demonstrated as a safe method for reducing the incidence of dental decay by 60 per cent.

4. An expansion of the program for the use of safety devices designed to protect the face and teeth and other oral structures of youth engaged in such sports as football, hockey, baseball, boxing, etc.