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Ninth General Programme of Work

(covering the period 1996-2001)

Amendments proposed to Resolution E393.R8 contained

in document E393/1994/REC/1

The Forty-seventh World Health Assembly,

Having considered the draft Ninth General Programme of Work covering a specific period (1996-2001), submitted to it by the Executive Board, in accordance With Article 28(g) of the Constitution;

Recognizing that the Ninth General Programme of Work provides the policy framework for world

health action by all partners in health development and for WHO programme development in the context

of overall reform of the work of the Organization;

Emphasizing that the goals and targets set in the Ninth General Programme of Work reiterate the

commitment of the world health community to' tackling existing and emerging health problems and thus to

achieving greater equity in health status everywhere;

Aware that at regional, national and even subnational levels targets will be set in the light of the most

prevalent or otherwise important health problems and priorities taking into account the policy framework

of the Ninth General Programme of Work; _

Stressing that the targets of the Ninth General Programme of Work are the minimum to be attained

by the end of the period, but that the pace of and capacity for achievement will vary in different situations;

Emphasizing therefore that expertise, resources and efforts will have to be focused on those countries

and population groups in which the targets are furthest from being reached;

Aware that detailed planning of WHO's work will be undertaken through the proposed programme

budgets closer to the time of implementation in order to ensure flexibility in responding to emerging health

problems and opportunities, taking into account ongoing reform activities within WHO;

Recognizing the need for the Ninth General Programme of Work to be accessible to a wide audience

such as decision-makers and health professionals, as well as to the public at large,

1. APPROVES the Ninth General Programme of Work;

2. CALLS ON the world health community to continue working together in a concerted way in order

to mobilize the commitment, resources and expertise needed to reach the targets set in the Ninth General

Programme of Work, recognizing that this is the minimum to be achieved in accelerating progress towards

health for all;

3. CALLS ON Member States:

(1) to set targets which address specific problems at national and/ or subnational levels
While also
ensuring efforts to strengthen the infrastructure for the delivery and maintenance of health services,
taking account of affordable technology, skill, knowledge and resources that can be applied in a
sustainable way;

(2) to use the priorities in the "WHO programme framework " of the Ninth General Programme of Work as the basis for their cooperative activities with WHO;

4. REQUESTS the Executive Board:

(1) to continue to review the progress made and difficulties encountered in improving the health
situation, since such information is the basis for establishing and updating health policy;

(2) to continue to monitor and evaluate the implementation of WHO's own work, especially on the
basis of results achieved in countries, and to use the results of such evaluation to improve planning .

of WHO's work for each successive programme budget;

Finland proposes to add the following sub-paragraph:

(3) to periodically review the implementation of the Ninth General Programme of Work and to
adapt it as necessary to take into account emerging issues and the progress made in the reform
process in WHO;

process in WHO;

5. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to ensure that the Organization's programme budgets reflect the ways in which WHO can
best

support countries and the international health community in reaching the targets set by the Ninth
General Programme of Work;

General Programme of Work;

Netherlands proposes to add two sub-paragraphs:

(2) to establish clear priorities and strengthen the integration of programmes, starting
from the

programme budget for the financial biennium 1996-1997;

(3) to ensure that the programme budgets are properly monitored and evaluated and that the
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results are used to adapt activities already being implemented and to plan the following
programme
budget;

(4) to ensure that WHO's information systems are adapted best to meet evolving needs for
information on health and programme management;

(5) to strengthen interagency coordination in all relevant programmes involving appropriate
agencies in the process;

(6) to continue to implement the recommendations of the Executive Board Working Group on
the

WHO Response to Global Change in order to improve WHO's capacity to reflect fully the vision of
the Ninth General Programme of Work in carrying out the Organization's activities.