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## ABBREVIATIONS

ACABQ	– Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
ACAST	– Advisory Committee on the Application of Science and Technology to Development
ACC	– Administrative Committee on Coordination
ACMR	– Advisory Committee on Medical Research
AGFUND	– Arab Gulf Programme for United Nations Development Organizations
ASEAN	– Association of South-East Asian Nations
CIDA	– Canadian International Development Agency
CIOMS	– Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences
DANIDA	– Danish International Development Agency
ECA	– Economic Commission for Africa
ECE	– Economic Commission for Europe
ECLAC	– Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
ECWA	– Economic Commission for Western Asia
ESCAP	– Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
FAO	– Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GTZ	– Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (Agency for Technical Cooperation, Federal Republic of Germany)
IAEA	– International Atomic Energy Agency
IARC	– International Agency for Research on Cancer
IBRD	– International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank)
ICAO	– International Civil Aviation Organization
IFAD	– International Fund for Agricultural Development
ILO	– International Labour Organisation (Office)
IMO	– International Maritime Organization
ITU	– International Telecommunication Union
NORAD	– Norwegian Agency for International Development
OAU	– Organization for African Unity
OECD	– Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
PAHO	– Pan American Health Organization
PASB	– Pan American Sanitary Bureau
SIDA	– Swedish International Development Authority
TCDC	– Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries
UNCTAD	– United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	– United Nations Development Programme
UNDRO	– Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator
UNEP	– United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCO	– United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFDAC	– United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control
UNFPA	– United Nations Fund for Population Activities
UNHCR	– Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	– United Nations Children's Fund
UNIDO	– United Nations Industrial Development Organization
UNITAR	– United Nations Institute for Training and Research
UNRWA	– United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East
UNSCEAR	– United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation
USAID	– United States Agency for International Development
WFP	– World Food Programme
WHO	– World Health Organization
WIPO	– World Intellectual Property Organization
WMO	– World Meteorological Organization

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## PREFACE

A cumulative handbook of the resolutions and decisions of the Health Assembly and the Executive Board has been published at intervals since 1952. The first definitive edition – Volume I of this *Handbook of Resolutions and Decisions*, published in 1973 – covered the years 1948-1972. This sixth edition of Volume II is planned as the second definitive edition, covering the years 1973-1984; like its predecessors, it brings up to date the material published in the previous fifth edition, published in 1983, which it supersedes. A system of cross-references links the various sections, as appropriate, to the corresponding sections of Volume I.

Since many of the resolutions deal with more than one subject, or more than one aspect of a subject, difficulties of classification have been encountered. An attempt has been made to meet these by means of cross-references and footnotes; further information can be obtained from the indexes to the two volumes. The subject index is supplemented, in each case, by a numerical index listing the page, or pages, on which the full text, or substance, of each resolution is to be found.

Resolutions and decisions of an ephemeral nature (including purely procedural decisions) have been omitted, as have certain resolutions whose provisions have been superseded; where appropriate, the numbers and dates of such resolutions and decisions have been listed or their contents paraphrased.

The serial number preceding each resolution and decision shows the session at which it was adopted. For example, "WHA37.21" indicates a resolution of the Thirty-seventh World Health Assembly; "EB74.R1" a resolution of the seventy-fourth session of the Executive Board; and "WHA37(9)" and "EB74(3)" decisions of the Thirty-seventh World Health Assembly and seventy-fourth session of the Executive Board respectively. (The full list of these serial numbers, along with the dates of the session and an indication of the relevant *Official Records* volume or document, will be found on page XIII). Each resolution and decision is followed by the date of adoption and by a page reference to the *Official Records* volume or document in which the text was originally printed. For example, "249,5" indicates *Official Records* No. 249, page 5.

As from January 1979, by decision of the World Health Assembly, the *Official Records* series was discontinued. The proceedings of the World Health Assembly and of the Executive Board are now being issued as individual volumes, in which the resolutions continue to be cross-referenced to Volume I or the current edition of Volume II of the *Handbook*, pending the issue of the first edition of Volume III.



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