

## STUDY GROUPS

The Executive Board took note of the Director-General's reports on study group meetings in the following resolutions and decisions:

Resolution or decision	Technical Report Series No.	Subject
EB51.R3(1973)	508 516	Education and training for family planning in health services Youth and drugs
EB52.R4(1973)	518 521 -	The prevention of blindness Training and preparation of teachers for schools of medicine and of allied health sciences Classification of Diseases: 1973 meeting
EB53.R4(1974)	538	The selection of teaching/learning materials in health sciences education
EB54.R3(1974)	543 -	Food-borne disease: methods of sampling and examination in surveillance programmes Public health aspects of community noise (Environmental health criteria for noise)
EB56.R7(1975)	566	The planning of schools of medicine
EB57.R4(1976)	571 586 587 -	Early detection of health impairment in occupational exposure to health hazards Health hazards from new environmental pollutants Statistical indices of family health Review of the WHO programme in educational technology and communications
EB58.R6(1976)	588 -	Cerebrospinal meningitis control Epidemiological methods applied to the establishment of environmental health criteria
EB61(4)(1978)	608	Criteria for the evaluation of learning objectives in the education of health personnel

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EB63(5)(1979)	625 627 629	Financing of health services Research in human reproduction: strengthening of resources in developing countries The application of advances in neurosciences for the control of neurological disorders
EB67(3)(1981)	647 652	Recommended health-based limits in occupational exposure to heavy metals BCG vaccination policies
EB69(2)(1982)	654 664	Peripheral neuropathies Recommended health-based limits in occupational exposure to selected organic solvents
EB70(1)(1982)	671 665 675	Tuberculosis control (IUAT/WHO) Neuronal aging and its implications in human neurological pathology Chemotherapy of leprosy for control programmes
EB71(2)(1983)	677	Recommended health-based limits in occupational exposure to pesticides
EB72(1)(1983)	684	Recommended health-based occupational exposure limits for selected vegetable dusts
*EB73(3)(1984)	694	Research for the reorientation of national health systems
**EB74(1)(1984)	698	Mental health care in developing countries: a critical appraisal of research findings

\* The Executive Board also took note, in decision EB73(3), of the Director-General's report on the meeting of a Scientific Group on the Indications for and Limitations of Major X-Ray Diagnostic Investigations (A rational approach to radiodiagnostic investigations), the report of which was published in *Technical Report Series*, No. 689.

\*\* Reproduced above.

## 1.6 HEALTH SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

## 1.6.1 HEALTH SITUATION AND TREND ASSESSMENT

For resolutions concerning the epidemiological surveillance of communicable diseases, see Volume I, page 53.

## 1. Annual Reports from Member States

For resolutions on this subject, see Volume I, page 18.

## 2. Reports on the World Health Situation

For previous resolutions, see Volume I, page 20.

## WHA27.60 The Twenty-seventh World Health Assembly,

Noting the fifth report on the world health situation prepared by the Director-General in pursuance of resolution WHA23.24;

Noting that the report contains summarized data on the health status of the population and trends in the development of public health throughout the world;

Recalling resolution WHA23.59,<sup>1</sup> in which, among the Organization's important functions, special attention was drawn to the analysis and evaluation of information on the state of health of the world population and on environmental health with a view to identifying general trends in the world health situation and to evolving a strategy in regard to the most promising ways of developing health services and medical science;

Emphasizing the importance of carrying out periodic evaluations of the world health situation with a view to promoting its improvement;

Noting the considerable amount of time and effort required within Member States and Associate Members and within the WHO secretariat to collect and study the information and prepare the reports;

Considering it necessary, therefore, to rationalize the collection and presentation of information on the health situation in the world as a whole and in individual countries,

1. THANKS the Member States and Associate Members for their assistance in providing material for the fifth report and requests

them to submit, before 15 July 1974, any further information or amendments they wish to include in the text of the fifth report;

2. REQUESTS the Executive Board at its fifty-fifth session to consider the question of rationalizing the collection and summarizing of information on the health situation in the various countries, including the intervals at which the information should be published, provision for its continuous revision in the light of the data obtained and its relations to other statistical information published by WHO;

3. REQUESTS the Director-General to continue, pending the recommendations of the Executive Board, his preliminary work on preparation of a sixth report on the world health situation and to present a progress report to one of the forthcoming World Health Assemblies; and

4. URGES Member States to take an active part in the preparation of the next report by providing WHO with the required information to the extent possible.

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<sup>1</sup> See Vol. I, p. 3.

#### EB55.R18 The Executive Board,

Having noted resolution WHA27.60 concerning the fifth report on the world health situation, which requested the Director-General to continue his preliminary work on the preparation of the sixth report on the world health situation pending the Board's consideration of the rationalization of the collection of country health information;

Stressing the need for the Organization to publish, in conformity with resolution WHA23.59,<sup>1</sup> the analysis and evaluation of information on the state of health of the world population and on environmental health; and

Noting the report of the Director-General on the report on the world health situation and the suggestions contained therein,

1. CONCURS with the Director-General's suggestions;

2. REQUESTS the Director-General to study ways of applying these suggestions in the preparation of the sixth report on the world health situation, taking also into consideration the discussions on this subject during the fifty-fifth session of the Executive Board; and

3. REQUESTS the Director-General to present his proposals to the fifty-seventh session of the Executive Board.

Jan. 1975 223, 11

<sup>1</sup> See Vol. I, p. 3.

#### EB57.R46 The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the report on the world health situation;

Reiterating the need for the Organization to publish, in conformity with resolution WHA23.59,<sup>1</sup> the analysis and evaluation of information on the state of health of the world population and on environmental health;

Stressing the value of appropriate information on the world health situation for the planning and evaluation of health programmes as well as for general reference; and

Recognizing the need for improving the analytical presentations, coverage and timeliness of the report on the world health situation,<sup>2</sup>

3. REQUESTS the Director-General to submit to the Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly a report on this subject reflecting the discussions at the fifty-seventh session of the Board and suggesting that the Sixth Report on the World Health Situation be prepared accordingly.

Jan. 1976 231, 33

<sup>1</sup> See Vol. I, p. 3.

<sup>2</sup> The text of the paragraphs that followed was the same as that of paragraphs 1 (1), (2) and (3) and paragraph 2 of the operative part of resolution WHA29.22.

#### WHA29.22 The Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the report on the world health situation;

Reiterating the need for the Organization to publish, in conformity with resolution WHA23.59,<sup>1</sup> an analysis and evaluation of information on the state of health of the world population and on environmental health;

Recalling resolution WHA27.60, in which mention was made of the need to rationalize the collection and presentation of information on the health situation in the world and in individual countries;

Recognizing the need to improve the analytical content, coverage and timeliness of the report on the world health situation;

Mindful of the importance of discussion of the world health situation among Member States;

Concurring in the Executive Board's recommendations as contained in resolution EB57.R46;

1. RECOMMENDS that the future reports on the world health situation:

(1) should comprise a global analysis along with country reviews, published by headquarters, as in the previous reports;

(2) should be published every six years, in accordance with the major programme cycle of the Organization, namely the General Programme of Work, with the exception of the sixth report which should cover the five years 1973-1977, corresponding to the Fifth General Programme of Work;

(3) should be published in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish, without prior review by the World Health Assembly;

(4) should, at a subsequent Health Assembly, be the subject of discussion bearing particularly on their methodology and content;

2. RECOMMENDS further that the other proposals contained in the report of the Director-General be implemented, particularly with respect to the mechanism for the preparation of the report on the world health situation;

3. INVITES the Director-General to consider every possible means of assisting Member States in improving the quality and accuracy of the answers to the questionnaire addressed to them for the preparation of the report;

4. REQUESTS the Director-General to prepare the future reports on the world health situation accordingly and taking into account the discussions at the Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly.

<sup>1</sup> See Vol. I, p. 3.

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#### WHA36.35 The Thirty-sixth World Health Assembly,

Noting the discussion<sup>1</sup> of the Executive Board at its seventy-first session on the methodology and content of the Seventh Report on the World Health Situation in relation to the monitoring and evaluation of the Global Strategy for Health for All;

Having considered the report<sup>2</sup> of the Director-General on this subject;

Recalling resolutions WHA23.59<sup>3</sup> and WHA29.22, which reiterated the need for the Organization to publish an analysis and evaluation of the information on the state of health of the world population and on environmental health;

Appreciating the opportunity to improve the relevance of the Seventh Report by building it on the basis of reports on monitoring and evaluation of the Global Strategy for Health for All which Member States are preparing in 1983 and 1985 in accordance with the plan of action adopted in resolution WHA35.23;<sup>4</sup>

Recognizing the need to associate WHO's governing bodies as closely as possible with the monitoring and evaluation of the Global Strategy as well as with the preparation of the Seventh Report on the World Health Situation;

1. DECIDES that:

(1) the Seventh Report on the World Health Situation should be prepared on the basis of the first global report on the evaluation of the Strategy for Health for All, which will be reviewed by the Health Assembly in May 1986;

(2) one global report together with six regional health situation reports, based on the first reports on the evaluation of the regional strategies for health for all, including country reviews, should be published in the six official languages in the second half of 1986, and entitled "Evaluation of the Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000—Seventh Report on the World Health Situation";

(3) the other proposals contained in the report of the Director-General be implemented, particularly with respect to the content of the Seventh Report;

2. URGES Member States to develop or improve mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating their strategies for health for all, collecting relevant information and using it to assess their health system, analysing the health situation and trends, and thus providing a sound basis for epidemiological surveillance and for decision-making for health development;

3. INVITES the WHO regional committees to evaluate the action undertaken at national and regional levels for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the strategies for health for all by the year 2000 at these levels so as to use these processes as a tool for:

(1) improving these strategies;

(2) improving the national and regional capability in the field of monitoring and evaluation, assessing the health situation and trends, and generating the information required for national health management and WHO programme development;

(3) guiding the WHO Secretariat in the preparation of the regional components of the Seventh Report on the World Health Situation;

4. RECOMMENDS that the Executive Board, through its Programme Committee, guide the Director-General in the preparation of the Seventh Report;

5. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to ensure the preparation of the Seventh Report on the World Health Situation in accordance with this resolution;

(2) to ensure that the provisional results of the Seventh Report on the World Health Situation are taken into consideration in the preparation and discussion of the proposed programme budget for 1986-1987;

(3) to support Member States in their endeavours at monitoring and evaluating their strategies for health for all, assessing their health situation and trends, and generating and using essential information to these ends.

May 1983 WHA36/1983/REC/1, 31

<sup>1</sup> Document EB71/1983/REC/2, p. 267.

<sup>2</sup> Document WHA36/1983/REC/1, p. 64.

<sup>3</sup> See Vol. I, p. 3.

<sup>4</sup> See p. 6.

### 3. International Health Regulations (1969)\*

For previous resolutions, see Volume I, page 59.

#### AMENDMENTS

#### WHA26.55<sup>1</sup> The Twenty-sixth World Health Assembly,

Considering the need for amendment of certain of the provisions of the International Health Regulations (1969); and

Having regard to Articles 2 (k), 21 (a) and 22 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization.

ADOPTS, this 23 May 1973, the following Additional Regulations:<sup>2</sup>

May 1973 209, 29

<sup>1</sup> See WHO Official Records, No. 209, 1973, pp. 99 and 103.

<sup>2</sup> The Additional Regulations amended the definition of "airport" (Article 1); concerning Health Organization (Part III), deleted the requirement that health administrations should send to WHO lists of airports and sanitary airports and of the airports provided with direct transit areas (Article 21, paragraph 1, subparagraphs (b) and (c)); concerning Cholera (Part V, Chapter II), deleted Articles 63 and 65 to 69 inclusive and amended Articles 64 and 70; made consequential deletions, concerning Health Documents (Part VI), in Article 92, paragraphs 1 and 5, and deleted Appendix 2 (International certificate of vaccination or revaccination against cholera); and amended Article 92, paragraph 3, on the signature of international certificates of vaccination.

#### EB67.R13 The Executive Board,

Recalling the debates of the Thirty-third World Health Assembly on smallpox eradication and the wish expressed for

\* See World Health Organization, *International Health Regulations (1969): Third Annotated Edition*, Geneva, 1983.

**EB53.R27** The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the quality of food on international flights, following resolution WPR/RC24.R6 adopted by the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific in 1973;<sup>1</sup>

2. NOTES that the Committee on International Surveillance of Communicable Diseases will include in its eighteenth report recommendations on this subject which will be submitted to the Twenty-seventh World Health Assembly.<sup>2</sup>

Jan. 1974 215, 22

<sup>1</sup> For the full text of the present resolution and for the resolution of the Regional Committee, see p. 125.

<sup>2</sup> WHO Official Records, No. 217, 1974, p. 65.

**WHA27.45** The Twenty-seventh World Health Assembly,

Having considered the eighteenth report of the Committee on International Surveillance of Communicable Diseases,<sup>1</sup>

1. THANKS the members of the Committee for their work; and

2. APPROVES the recommendations in the eighteenth report of the Committee on International Surveillance of Communicable Diseases subject to the comments and modifications contained in the report of the Working Group of Committee B.<sup>2</sup>

May 1974 217, 21

<sup>1</sup> WHO Official Records, No. 217, 1974, p. 52.

<sup>2</sup> WHO Official Records, No. 217, 1974, p. 75.

**WHA30.19** The Thirtieth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the nineteenth report of the Committee on International Surveillance of Communicable Diseases,<sup>1</sup>

1. THANKS the members of the Committee for their work;

2. APPROVES the recommendations and views expressed by the Committee on International Surveillance of Communicable Diseases in its nineteenth report.

May 1977 240, 9

<sup>1</sup> WHO Official Records, No. 240, 1977, p. 41.

#### 4. Health Statistics

For previous resolutions,  
see Volume I, page 171.

See also resolution WHA27.60 on the fifth report on the world health situation, page 55 of this volume; and resolution WHA28.81 on health statistics related to alcohol, page 102.

#### INTERNATIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES

For previous resolutions,  
see Volume I, page 174.

**WHA27.55** The Twenty-seventh World Health Assembly,

Recognizing the vital contribution of the International Classification of Diseases to international cooperation in the field of health statistics;

Noting that the data currently provided have greatly assisted the development of preventive services;

Recognizing additional needs for appropriate data created by expanding activities of planning and monitoring of health care delivery systems;

Noting also the increasing demand for relevant data for the evaluation of clinical activities; and

Concerned with the danger that these additional needs may be met by the development of a diversity of systems in different countries, with a consequent lack of international communication,

REQUESTS the Director-General to ensure that the next Revision of the International Classification of Diseases includes the means of meeting these needs, without prejudice to the continuing use of the Classification for its traditional purposes.

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**EB57.R34** The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of the International Conference for the Ninth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases, held in Geneva from 30 September to 6 October 1975,

1. NOTES with appreciation the work accomplished by the Conference;

2. TRANSMITS the report to the Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly;

3. DRAWS THE ATTENTION of the Assembly to the recommendations of the Conference in respect of:

(a) the Ninth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases, to come into effect as from 1 January 1979;

(b) the classifications of Procedures in Medicine and of Impairments and Handicaps, to be published as supplements to, but not as integral parts of, the International Classification of Diseases;

(c) maternal and perinatal mortality, including a form of medical certificate of cause of perinatal death;

(d) selection of a single cause in morbidity statistics;

(e) assistance to countries in the collection of morbidity and mortality data through lay or paramedical personnel;

(f) future activities in the classification of health information;

4. REQUESTS the Director-General to investigate the possibility of preparing an International Nomenclature of Diseases as a complement to the International Classification of Diseases.

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**WHA29.34** The Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the International Conference for the Ninth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases,

1. ADOPTS the detailed list of three-digit categories and optional four-digit subcategories recommended by the Conference as the Ninth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases, to come into effect as from 1 January 1979;

2. ADOPTS the rules recommended by the Conference for the selection of a single cause in morbidity statistics;

3. ADOPTS the recommendations of the Conference regarding statistics of perinatal and maternal mortality, including a special certificate of cause of perinatal death for use where practicable;

4. REQUESTS the Director-General to issue a new edition of the *Manual of the International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries, and Causes of Death*.

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#### WHA29.35 The Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Noting the recommendations of the International Conference for the Ninth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases in respect of activities related to the Classification,

1. APPROVES the publication, for trial purposes, of supplementary classifications of Impairments and Handicaps and of Procedures in Medicine as supplements to, but not as integral parts of, the International Classification of Diseases;

2. ENDORSES the recommendation of the Conference concerning assistance to developing countries in their endeavour to establish or expand the system of collection of morbidity and mortality statistics through lay or paramedical personnel;

3. ENDORSES the request made by the Executive Board in resolution EB57.R34 to the Director-General that he investigate the possibility of preparing an International Nomenclature of Diseases as an improvement to the Tenth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases.

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#### WHA29.56 The Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Considering the interest of the countries of Portuguese language in the existence of an international centre of the Portuguese language for the International Classification of Diseases, such as those already in existence for the working languages of WHO;

Taking into consideration the establishment, in the near future, of a Brazilian centre for the translation and application of the International Classification of Diseases in Portuguese in the University of São Paulo, Brazil;

##### RECOMMENDS:

(1) that the Brazilian centre for the translation and application of the International Classification of Diseases in Portuguese, in the University of São Paulo, Brazil, be recognized by WHO as the centre for the International Classification of Diseases in Portuguese;

(2) that the indispensable liaison and cooperation be established between this centre and the Portuguese-speaking nations;

(3) that WHO give all the necessary technical support to this centre and the Portuguese-speaking countries for the translation into Portuguese of the Ninth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases and of its supplementary classifications so that they can be used with

equal effectiveness by all the countries of Portuguese language.

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#### BIRTH DEFECT SURVEILLANCE

#### WHA29.50 The Twenty-ninth World Health Assembly,

Noting that:

(a) birth defects are a significant cause of morbidity and mortality in the perinatal period and of handicap for the rest of life, and also create psychological and socioeconomic problems, in all countries and in some countries surpass that caused by infectious disease;

(b) epidemics of birth defects have occurred caused by infectious agents, toxic substances and drugs not previously recognized as hazardous;

(c) although epidemiological surveillance of birth defects is being undertaken in some countries, there is need for coordination of information, standardization of terminology and techniques, and provision of technical assistance;

Recognizing that the Organization has developed networks of collaborating centres in other disease areas that very effectively serve the purposes mentioned above at minimal expense to the Organization;

REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to examine the feasibility of:

(a) assisting in the standardization of methods of detecting and recording birth defects;

(b) designating certain relevant organizations as collaborating centres for birth defect surveillance;

(c) coordinating information from these centres;

(2) to report his findings to a subsequent Health Assembly.

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#### REPORTS OF EXPERT COMMITTEES AND STUDY GROUPS

	Published in <i>Technical Report Series No.</i>	Relevant resolution or decision
Expert committees:		
Health statistics:		
Fifteenth report (Statistical principles in public health field studies)	510	EB51.R2 (1973)
Ninth revision of the International Classification of Diseases	-	EB55.R2 (1975)
Cancer statistics (WHO/IARC)	632	EB65(1) (1980)
Study groups:		
Classification of diseases: 1973 meeting	-	EB52.R4 (1973)
Statistical indices of family health	587	EB57.R4 (1976)

#### 1.6.2 MANAGERIAL PROCESS FOR NATIONAL HEALTH DEVELOPMENT

#### EB61.R25 The Executive Board,

Having considered the report of its Programme Committee on country health programming concerning the progress report