

EB37.R16 Smallpox Eradication

The Executive Board,

Recalling resolution WHA18.38 of the Eighteenth World Health Assembly, which “ declares the world-wide eradication of smallpox to be one of the major objectives of the Organization ”;

Having considered the report of the Director-General on smallpox eradication;¹ and

Emphasizing that all countries will make long-term savings after the global eradication of the disease has been achieved,

1. CONSIDERS that the participation of the Organization in the smallpox eradication programme should be financed from the regular budget of the Organization; and
2. RECOMMENDS to the Nineteenth World Health Assembly that it adopt the following resolution:

The Nineteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on smallpox eradication and the recommendation of the Executive Board thereon; and

Noting that particular emphasis has been placed on the need for co-ordination of individual countries' smallpox eradication programmes,

1. DECIDES that the participation of the Organization in the smallpox eradication programme should be financed from the regular budget of the Organization;
2. URGES countries which plan to strengthen or initiate smallpox eradication programmes to take the necessary steps to begin the work as soon as possible;
3. REQUESTS Member States and multilateral and bilateral agencies to provide adequate material support for the realization of the programme;
4. DECIDES that, in the part of the programme financed by the Organization either from the regular budget or from the Special Account for Smallpox Eradication, the following costs may be met:
 - (a) such supplies and equipment as are necessary for the effective implementation of the programme in individual countries;
 - (b) such services as may be required in individual countries and as cannot be made available by the governments of such countries; and
5. REQUESTS the Director-General, in co-operation with all Members, to initiate action to carry out a world-wide smallpox eradication programme and to submit a report to the Executive Board at its thirty-ninth session and to the Twentieth World Health Assembly.