

EB51.R26 Smallpox eradication programme

The Executive Board,

Noting with gratification the progress of the smallpox eradication programme,

1. EXPRESSES

(1) its deep gratitude to those countries which have been able to complete the eradication of endemic smallpox, to those still engaged in the effort to do so, and to the WHO staff concerned; and

(2) the expectation that every country will maintain that combination of strict surveillance and vaccination appropriate to its circumstances;

2. RECOMMENDS that the maximum effort should be developed by the Organization and those countries where the disease is still endemic in order to complete eradication at the earliest possible time.