

The Twenty-second World Health Assembly,

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

Noting that, while very significant progress is being made in the eradication effort, not all endemic countries are proceeding at the pace necessary to assure the success of the eradication programme; and

Recognizing the need for full and active participation by all endemic countries, for the maximum of co-ordination, and for more complete and prompt reporting and improved surveillance techniques,

1. REITERATES the need for all countries to give the highest possible priority to the provision of funds and personnel to achieve eradication;
2. EXPRESSES appreciation to Member States for continuing support to the programme, including the supply of vaccine and bilateral aid to the endemic countries;
3. REQUESTS
  - (1) all countries with endemic smallpox, particularly those having nomadic and mobile populations, to strengthen their programmes, surveillance, case investigations, active containment measures in each outbreak, and assessment activities; and
  - (2) all countries, especially those neighbouring endemic countries, to continue their vaccination programmes and surveillance, especially along their common borders; and
4. REQUESTS the Director-General:
  - (1) to continue to take all necessary steps to assure the maximum co-ordination of national efforts, as well as of support provided through international and bilateral agencies, with the objective of achieving smallpox eradication as quickly as possible; and
  - (2) to report further on the progress of the smallpox eradication programme to the forty-fifth session of the Executive Board and to the Twenty-third World Health Assembly.