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OFFICE FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

1. It will be recalled that resolution WHA35.13, adopted on 12 May 1982 by the Thirty-fifth World Health Assembly on the question of the "Transfer of the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean", in its operative paragraph 1, requested "...the Director-General and the Government of Egypt to continue, in compliance with resolution WHA34.11 and EB69.R15, their consultations in accordance with the whole of paragraph 51 of the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice of 20 December 1980;..." In addition, operative paragraph 2 requested the Director-General to prepare "... a comprehensive study on all the implications and consequences of relocating the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean from its present site in Alexandria to another site in the region, including, inter alia a description of the advantages and disadvantages of any such decision, and of all related financial, legal, technical and institutional implications for the World Health Organization and its Member States;..."

2. To comply with these requirements, the Director-General submitted a report to the Thirty-sixth World Health Assembly, (document A36/11 dated 31 March 1983 and Corr.1 dated 27 April 1983) in which he provided the Assembly with the requested comprehensive study along with a note of his further discussions with the Government of Egypt.

3. The Thirty-sixth World Health Assembly considered document A36/11 prepared by the Director-General and adopted the following resolution WHA36.18 on 13 May 1983:

"The Thirty-sixth World Health Assembly,

Having considered resolution WHA35.13 and other resolutions on this subject and the report of the Director-General (document A36/11);

Believing that all states should enjoy services rendered by the World Health Organization so as to attain the social objective of health for all by the year 2000;

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1. THANKS the Director-General for his report;
2. REQUESTS the Director-General to continue the implementation of resolution WHA35.13 and to report to the Thirty-seventh World Health Assembly on the action he has taken in this respect."
4. It will be noted that operative paragraph 2 of resolution WHA36.18 above requests the Director-General to continue the implementation of resolution WHA35.13, and apart from matters already referred to, resolution WHA35.13, in its operative paragraph 4, also requests the Director-General "... to continue to take whatever action he considers necessary to ensure the smooth operation of the technical, administrative and managerial programmes of the Region, including the setting up of any operational facilities he deems necessary,...". In furtherance of the Director-General's responsibilities arising from this paragraph of resolution WHA35.13, the Director-General wrote to the Minister of Health of Jordan on 3 June 1983 suggesting, on a provisional basis, the establishment in Jordan of an extension of the Eastern Mediterranean Special Programme which was set up in Geneva under the Director-General's direct responsibility in June 1980. This matter is still under negotiation between the Government of Jordan and the Director-General.