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**MANAGEMENT OF WHO'S RESOURCES AND
REVIEW OF THE ORGANIZATION'S STRUCTURE**

The Thirty-fourth Session of the Regional Committee (RC34) asked the Regional Consultative Committee (RCC) to review in depth issues related to the optimal utilization of WHO's resources and the Organization's structure and to report back thereon. Developments in the global bodies since RC34 and the review conducted by the RCC are presented.

BACKGROUND

The Fortieth World Health Assembly (May 1987) had requested the regional committees to review the Director-General's Introduction to the Global Proposed Programme Budget for the Financial Period 1988-1989, and the Executive Board's comments thereon, with a view to ensuring the best use of WHO's limited resources, and to report to the Eighty-first Session of the Executive Board in January 1988.

The Executive Board, at its Seventy-ninth Session (January 1987) asked its Programme Committee to review the issues in depth; it met in June/July 1987.

The Thirty-fourth Session of the Regional Committee (October 1987) discussed the proposals of the Programme Committee of the Executive Board (EB81/PC/WP/2 and EB81/Conf. Paper No.1 Rev.1) and passed resolution EM/RC34/R.4 in which it recommended that the Regional Consultative Committee undertake a careful analysis of issues relating to the programme budget and management of WHO's resources, including country allocations, technical cooperation activities, training and fellowships, supplies and equipment, use of manpower, method of financing and related managerial processes, reporting back to the Regional Committee thereon.

REVIEW BY THE REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (RCC)

The Eighth Meeting of the Regional Consultative Committee (RCC), 7-8 January 1988, in response to resolution EM/RC34/R.4, considered the subject in depth, giving particular attention to issues related to country allocations, technical cooperation activities, training, fellowships and use of manpower, supplies and equipment, WHO publications and documents, the managerial system, monitoring and evaluation, appointment of WHO Representatives and of Regional Directors. The observations of the RCC, together with its recommendations, are presented in the Report of the Eighth Meeting of the Regional Consultative Committee (EM/RCC8/2), which is submitted to the Regional Committee as Annex I to Doc. No. EM/RC35/6 (agenda item 8).

The attention of the Regional Committee is invited to pages 3-9 of this report containing the comments and recommendations of the RCC. The Regional Committee is requested to review the recommendations with a view to indicating their appropriateness as guidance for programme implementation, complementary to the Regional Programme Budget Policy.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE GLOBAL BODIES SINCE THE THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

The Eighty-first Session of the Executive Board (January 1988) reviewed the reports of the discussions of the 1987 regional committees, as well as the report of its Programme Committee, and decided to endorse the well-defined value system of the Organization, urging the faithful implementation of resolutions WHA33.17 and WHA34.24, dealing respectively with the responsibility and accountability of all levels of the Organization. It also stressed the importance of carrying out the new managerial arrangements inherent in the regional programme budget policies as well as the financial audits in policy and programme terms. The Board requested its Programme Committee and the regional committees to continue to monitor and make optimal use of WHO's resources for the attainment of the goal of Health for All.

The Board, in a second decision, requested the Director-General to work out the details of the criteria and procedures envisaged in the unified approach to the selection and rotation of WHO Representatives and to make the system operational on an experimental basis. The Director-General is to evaluate the effectiveness of the new system and in due course report thereon to the Board. If considered successful, the system may be extended to other staff.

The Forty-first World Health Assembly has endorsed the decisions taken by the Eighty-first Session of the Executive Board and noted that the subject would continue to be reviewed by the Programme Committee in October 1988 and again by the Executive Board in January 1989.

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SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To decide the appropriateness of the recommendations made by the Regional Consultative Committee (RCC) as general policy guidance to the Regional Director, complementary to the Regional Programme Budget Policy.
2. To request the Regional Director to transmit the views of the Regional Committee to the appropriate bodies which may be considering further the same issue(s).