

**EB39.R20 Smallpox Eradication Programme**

The Executive Board,

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

1. THANKS the Director-General for this report and invites him, in conformity with resolution WHA19.16, to bring it up to date for presentation to the Twentieth World Health Assembly; and
2. RECOMMENDS to the Twentieth World Health Assembly the adoption of the following resolution:

The Twentieth World Health Assembly,

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

Noting that smallpox continues to represent a serious world health problem notwithstanding the progress being made in the global eradication programme,

1. INVITES countries where the disease is still present to initiate or intensify their programmes leading to the eradication of smallpox as soon as possible;
2. REQUESTS Member States and multilateral and bilateral agencies to provide technical, financial and other support for programmes in endemic countries, particularly in the form of freeze-dried vaccine, transport, and equipment; and
3. REQUESTS the Director-General:
  - (a) to continue to elaborate and implement the detailed plan, including the co-ordination of all international, bilateral and national efforts, with the objective of achieving global smallpox eradication in a predetermined time, and
  - (b) to report further to the Executive Board and the World Health Assembly.