

EB61.R10 Smallpox eradication programme

The Executive Board,

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

Noting resolution WHA30.52;

1. EXPRESSES appreciation for the intensive efforts being made by the World Health Organization and the countries concerned to interrupt smallpox transmission and verify this achievement;
2. ENDORSES the recommendations of the Consultation on Worldwide Certification of Smallpox Eradication,¹ as annexed to the report of the Director-General;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General to establish as soon as possible an International Commission for the Global Certification of Smallpox Eradication (Global Commission);
4. URGES all governments to continue full support and cooperation to this final phase of the programme, so that global eradication of smallpox can be certified by the end of 1979.