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105. A member said he hoped that WHO would be prepared to make whatever changes were required to ensure the completion of the smallpox eradication programme. The Director-General replied that the Organization was giving high priority to the last stages of that programme and that he would be prepared to mobilize other funds as required. The Organization was also actively stimulating funds from sources other than the regular budget to help the problem areas. A separate report on this programme was submitted to the Board (Appendix 10 to the present report).

106. In reply to a member who inquired about the additional research being carried out in respect of monkeypox, the Director-General explained that a group of investigators had been convened in December 1973 to discuss this question in depth. A summary of its observations appeared in the report on smallpox eradication submitted to the Board (Appendix 10 to this report). Field studies similar to those carried out in Zaire would be undertaken in the Central African Republic, and further studies were planned in the four other countries in which cases had occurred. More definite studies would be undertaken as soon as improved laboratory techniques could be developed for the identification of poxvirus antibody. That work was now in progress.