

**WHA13.53      Smallpox Eradication**

The Thirteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the progress of smallpox eradication programmes in the countries where the disease is still present,

Noting

(1) that progress is being made towards smallpox eradication in certain countries where effective steps have been taken;

- (2) that eradication campaigns have, however, not yet started in other countries with endemic foci of the disease, owing to local administrative and financial difficulties; and
  - (3) that technical assistance for the planning and organization of eradication campaigns is being offered by the Organization to all countries concerned,
1. EMPHASIZES the urgency of achieving world-wide eradication;
  2. URGES the health administrations of those countries which have not yet started eradication campaigns to make all efforts necessary to surmount the administrative and financial difficulties that may exist and to give the smallpox eradication programme the high priority it deserves;
  3. REQUESTS the Director-General:
    - (1) to continue to provide under the programme and budget of future years for the assistance requested by national health administrations in organizing and developing smallpox eradication programmes and for all necessary activities to further this end;
    - (2) to report to the Fourteenth World Health Assembly on the progress of eradication programmes in all countries concerned.