

## WHA16.37 Smallpox Eradication Programme

The Sixteenth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Director-General on the progress so far achieved in the world-wide programme of smallpox eradication,<sup>1</sup>

### 1. NOTES

(i) that smallpox continues to be a serious health problem in the endemic areas, and exposes the rest of the world to risk of infection;

(ii) that the implementation of many national eradication programmes is making slow progress owing to inadequacy of national resources, particularly in transport, equipment, and the potent and stable vaccine so necessary for tropical and sub-tropical areas;

2. INVITES Member States to make voluntary contributions in cash or in kind to enable the Organization to provide assistance to requesting countries to meet their deficiencies of transport, equipment and vaccine;

3. RECOMMENDS to those countries where the disease is still present

(i) that they intensify their control programmes aiming at eradication and take the necessary steps to ensure the provision of a potent and stable vaccine;

(ii) that neighbouring countries, and particularly contiguous ones, co-ordinate their smallpox control activities and/or eradication campaigns in order to diminish the risk of spread of the disease between their respective territories during their programmes; and

4. REQUESTS the Director-General to submit a further report on the progress of the smallpox eradication programme to the Seventeenth World Health Assembly.