The Forty-eighth World Health Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Director-General on the global strategy for prevention and control of AIDS,

Expressing the exemplary role of WHO, and on implementation of the joint and cosponsored United Nations programme on HIV/AIDS;

Mindful that, among its objectives, the programme must not only obtain and facilitate a worldwide consensus on policies and programmes, but must also strengthen the capacity of the United Nations system to follow up trends and to ensure that appropriate and effective policies and strategies are implemented at national level;

Having in mind the seven initiatives contained in the declaration of the AIDS Summit adopted in Paris on 1 December 1994 with regard to involvement of people living with HIV/AIDS; global collaboration for HIV/AIDS research; international collaboration for blood transfusion safety; care of affected persons; mobilization in favour of children, young people and orphans; reduction of the vulnerability of women; and respect for human rights and ethics related to HIV/AIDS;

Emphasizing that improved coordination of the activities conducted by governments, multilateral and intergovernmental organizations, and community-based organizations, including people living with HIV/AIDS, will make possible more effective control of the pandemic,

1. WELCOMES the declaration of the AIDS Summit adopted by the Heads of Government or representatives of the 42 States meeting in Paris on 1 December 1994;

2. INVITES governments which have not signed the declaration to do so;

3. INVITES governments which have not signed the declaration to do so;

4. REQUESTS the Director-General, within the framework of the joint and cosponsored United Nations programme on HIV/AIDS, and in close cooperation with its Director, to contribute to implementation of the priority initiatives set out in the declaration of the Paris Summit.