

**FORTY-SECOND WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY GENEVA, 8-19 MAY 1989**  
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The Forty-second World Health Assembly,

Recognizing that diabetes mellitus is a chronic, debilitating and costly disease attended by severe complications including blindness and heart and kidney disease;

Noting that diabetes already represents a significant burden on the public health services of Member States, and that the problem is growing, especially in developing countries;

Aware of the support of the International Diabetes Federation and the WHO collaborating centres on diabetes;

1. INVITES Member States:

- (1) to assess the national importance of diabetes;
- (2) to implement population-based measures, appropriate to the local situation, to prevent and control diabetes;
- (3) to share with other Member States opportunities for training and further education in the clinical and public health aspects of diabetes;
- (4) to establish a model for the integrated approach to the prevention and control of diabetes at community level;

2. REQUESTS the Director-General to strengthen WHO activities to prevent and control diabetes, in order:

- (1) to provide support for the activities of Member States with respect to the prevention and community control of diabetes and its complications;
- (2) to foster relations with the International Diabetes Federation and other similar bodies with a view to expanding the scope of joint activities for the prevention and control of diabetes;
- (3) to mobilize the collective resources of the WHO collaborating centres on diabetes.

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