The Twenty-eighth World Health Assembly,

Recognizing the great human suffering and the financial burden caused by blindness and the fact that a large part of such blindness could be prevented or cured;

Taking into account the resolutions on prevention of blindness adopted by previous World Health Assemblies (WHA22.29 and WHA25.55) and the report of the study group(1) convened by WHO in 1972, as well as the adoption of "Foresight prevents blindness" as the theme for World Health Day in 1976; and Recognizing the potential contribution of governmental and nongovernmental organizations,

1. EXPRESSES its appreciation of the work already undertaken in this connexion by WHO, especially with regard to some major causes of blindness, such as onchocerciasis, trachoma and others;

2. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to continue these efforts;

(2) to encourage Member countries to develop national programmes for the prevention of blindness especially aimed at the control of trachoma, xerophthalmia, onchocerciasis and other causes and to introduce adequate measures for the early detection and treatment of other potentially blinding conditions such as cataract and glaucoma;

(3) to encourage national and international nongovernmental organizations to mobilize financial and other resources for the implementation of this programme; and

(4) to report to the World Health Assembly on developments in the control of blindness in general and of onchocerciasis, trachoma and xerophthalmia in particular.
Twelfth plenary meeting, 28 May 1975

(Committee A, first report)
Endnotes

1 (Popup - Popup)