WHA25.62   Drug dependence

The Twenty-fifth World Health Assembly,

Recognizing that the abuse of dependence producing drugs continues to be a worldwide problem involving serious adverse effects on health;

Stressing the need for the coordinated efforts of international, regional, national and local organizations and authorities and of individuals in seeking solutions to the problem;

Considering that the World Health Organization has an obligation to provide medical leadership, guidance and technical assistance in the field of drug dependence with respect to education, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation, and research;

Reaffirming resolutions WHA23.42 and WHA24.57;

Commending the Director-General on the measures so far taken to implement the expanded programme in this field approved by the Twenty fourth World Health Assembly; and

Welcoming the financial assistance for this purpose furnished by the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control,

1. URGES Member States to initiate and/or increase their efforts to promote programmes of education, epidemiological studies, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation, and research; and

2. REQUESTS the Director-General to explore ways and means of increasing financial support to enable him to implement, as speedily as possible, an expanded programme in the field of drug dependence.

(Committee A, fifth report)