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RESOLUTION

WHO PROGRAMME BUDGET 2008-2009: ORIENTATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN THE AFRICAN REGION (document AFR/RC57/11)

The Regional Committee,

Having examined the World Health Organization Programme Budget for the biennium 2008-2009;

Noting with appreciation the increase of all sources of funds in the approved Programme Budget necessary for strengthening WHO support for national health development;

Noting that an estimated 4% of the global assessed contributions will be withheld (3% by the Director-General and 1% by the Regional Director) as a reserve to address unforeseen expenditures;

Noting that the WHO Programme Budget adopted at the Sixtieth World Health Assembly was prepared by the Director-General with the full participation of all levels of the Organization and followed a results-based management approach;

Further noting the proposed guiding principles for strategic resource allocations;

Welcoming the efforts of the Director-General and the Regional Director in allocating more resources to priority strategic objectives;

Further welcoming the effort of the Regional Director in decentralizing more resources to support countries;

1. NOTES the guiding principles for Programme Budget implementation in the African Region;
2. NOTES the allocations for the Regional Office and approves the allocations for WHO country offices;

3. NOTES the establishment of a contingency fund of 3% of the Regular budget by the Director-General and approves the withholding of 1% by the Regional Director (approximately US\$ 8.5 million in total), to provide for unplanned activities, with any unused balance being reallocated to countries during the second half of the second year of the biennium;
4. ADOPTS document AFR/RC57/11 "WHO Programme Budget 2008-2009: Orientations for implementation in the African Region";
5. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
 - (a) to ensure that operational planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation are undertaken in close collaboration with the national authorities;
 - (b) to continue efforts to mobilize voluntary funds, especially non earmarked funds, to ensure adequate funding for the implementation of workplans for priority strategic objectives;
 - (c) to pursue advocacy with donors and development partners to relax the conditionalities attached to voluntary contributions.