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**WHO PROGRAMME BUDGET 2006-2007: ORIENTATIONS FOR
IMPLEMENTATION IN THE AFRICAN REGION** (document AFR/RC55/7)

The Regional Committee,

Having examined the World Health Organization Programme Budget for the biennium 2006–2007;

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 3% of the global regular budget will be withheld by the Director-General against the possibility that there may be some non-payments of assessments by Member States;

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

Further noting the proposed guiding principles for strategic resource allocations;

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

Further welcoming the efforts of the Director-General and the Regional Director in allocating more resources to priority areas of work;

1. APPROVES the guiding principles for Programme Budget implementation in the African Region;

2. ADOPTS document AFR/RC55/7, "WHO Programme Budget 2006–2007: Orientations for implementation in the African Region";
3. APPROVES the allocations for the Regional Office and countries;
4. APPROVES the establishment of a contingency fund of 3% of the Regular Budget, approximately US\$ 6.1 million, to provide for unplanned activities, with any unused balance being reallocated to countries during the second half of the second year of the biennium;
5. URGES countries to use their Country Cooperation Strategy as a basis for planning;
6. 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 to ensure adequate funding for the implementation of workplans for priority areas of work;
 - (c) to encourage donors and development partners to relax the conditionalities attached to voluntary contributions.

Eighth meeting, 25 August 2005