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PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES  
AND OTHER CHRONIC NONCOMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The Forty-second World Health Assembly,

Recalling resolutions WHA30.32 and WHA38.30, which led to the implementation of a long-term programme in the field of cardiovascular diseases with special emphasis on research in the field of prevention, etiology, early detection, treatment and rehabilitation, as well as on international cooperation in the field of community control of cardiovascular diseases and other chronic noncommunicable diseases;

Considering that sufficient information now exists to prevent and control cardiovascular and other noncommunicable diseases from childhood through adulthood;

Emphasizing the crucial importance of the optimal use and cost-effective management of the limited available resources;

Emphasizing, further, the increase in the number of cases of cardiovascular and other chronic noncommunicable diseases in developing countries;

Taking into account the proposals made by the two WHO expert committees - on appropriate diagnostic technology in the management of cardiovascular diseases, and on the prevention in childhood and youth of adult cardiovascular diseases - regarding the need to apply subsequent findings in both the health and various other sectors;

1. APPROVES WHO's increasing efforts to stimulate and coordinate activities for the prevention and control of cardiovascular and other chronic noncommunicable diseases, and notes with appreciation the results achieved;
2. CALLS ON Member States to strengthen their efforts to apply available knowledge on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases by means of integrated, community-based programmes with priorities according to national requirements;
3. REQUESTS the Director-General:
  - (1) to continue to promote intersectoral and integrated approaches for the prevention and control of cardiovascular and other noncommunicable diseases in childhood and youth;
  - (2) to encourage particularly the elaboration of integrated community control programmes for noncommunicable diseases for application in developing countries so that the community can participate actively in the prevention of risk factors that engender these diseases;
  - (3) to intensify the distribution of appropriate information, including success stories and the results of studies;

(4) to increase support for research work aimed at comparative evaluation of different diagnostic, therapeutic and preventive procedures with regard to cost, effectiveness, compliance, side effects, and the elaboration of appropriate recommendations;

(5) to take appropriate action to mobilize further extrabudgetary support for global, interregional, regional and national activities within the programme;

(6) to promote the development of appropriate health information systems, particularly in developing countries, for planning, management and evaluation of cardiovascular and other noncommunicable disease prevention programmes.

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