

Annex B

WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION:  
THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINING AND RESEARCH IN  
TRADITIONAL MEDICINE\*

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The Thirtieth World Health Assembly,

Noting that primary health care in developing countries has not reached the bulk of populations;

Realizing that in developing countries it is important to make use of available health resources;

Recognizing that traditional systems of medicine in developing countries have a heritage of community acceptance and have played and continue to play an important part in providing health care;

Noting that there are institutions of traditional systems of medicine in some developing countries engaged in providing health care, training, and research;

Noting that WHO has already initiated studies on the use of traditional systems of medicine in its efforts to find alternative approaches to meet the basic health needs of the people in developing countries;

Considering that immediate, practical, and effective measures to utilize traditional systems of medicine are fully necessary and highly desirable;

1. Records with appreciation the efforts of WHO to initiate studies on the use of traditional systems of medicine in conjunction with modern medicine;
2. Urges interested governments to give adequate importance to the utilization of their traditional systems of medicine with appropriate regulations, as suited to their national health systems;
3. Requests the Director-General to assist Member States in organizing educational and research activities and to award fellowships for training in research techniques for studies of health care systems and for investigating the technological procedures related to traditional/indigenous systems of medicine; and
4. Further requests the Director-General and the Regional Directors to give high priority to technical cooperation for these activities and to consider the appropriate financing of these activities.

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\*World Health Organization (1977b).