



THIRD MEETING OF PARTICIPATING PARTIES
FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF AIDS

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Geneva, 27 and 28 April 1987

CONSENSUS STATEMENT

The Third Meeting of Participating Parties for the prevention and control of AIDS, meeting in Geneva on 27 and 28 April 1987,

1. Acknowledges that the AIDS pandemic is an international public health problem of extraordinary scope and urgency, which requires urgent international action;
2. Compliments the Director-General for the World Health Organization's (WHO) dynamic response to the global AIDS emergency and strongly endorses the WHO global strategy for AIDS prevention and control;
3. Strongly recommends that the World Health Organization assume a global leadership role and responsibility for mobilizing and coordinating international initiatives and resources for global AIDS prevention, control and research and acknowledges the WHO Special Programme on AIDS as the focal point for international action in support of these activities;
4. Recommends and endorses strongly that WHO assert the international leadership and coordinating role in support of national AIDS programmes;
5. Recommends strongly that countries establish, strengthen and implement national programmes for the prevention and control of AIDS in accordance with the WHO global strategy; and urges the WHO to strengthen its capacity to support countries in this task;
6. Encouraged by the increasing and substantial financial support to the WHO Special Programme on AIDS from donors, urges prospective multilateral, bilateral and other donors to provide assistance in conformity with these national AIDS programmes;
7. Further urges WHO, in association with the national governments concerned, to disseminate information on these programmes;
8. Recommends that the WHO Special Programme on AIDS immediately support countries in the coordination and implementation of existing national AIDS programmes and give urgent attention to the development of suitable guidelines for further coordination and cooperation; these guidelines should form an integral part of future national AIDS programmes;
9. Requests the WHO Special Programme on AIDS to develop specific proposals for comprehensive coordination of national and global AIDS activities in consultation with interested parties; and to submit a report on this to the next meeting of participating parties;

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10. Recommends that the Special Programme on AIDS organize a meeting as soon as possible of a group of participating parties for the specific purpose of reviewing these proposals for coordination of national and global AIDS activities. In addition, it recommends that the Special Programme on AIDS organize a Meeting of Participating Parties to take place in December 1987;

11. Respectfully requests that this statement be brought to the attention of the Fortieth World Health Assembly for adoption of a resolution of that body.

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