

RESOLUTION WHA20.54 OF THE
TWENTIETH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

**Consideration of Resolution 2162 (XXI) of the General Assembly of the
United Nations : Question of General and Complete Disarmament**

The Twentieth World Health Assembly,

Having considered resolution 2162 (XXI) of the United Nations General Assembly which notes in particular that weapons of mass destruction constitute a danger to all mankind and that strict observance of the rules of international law on the conduct of warfare is in the interest of maintaining the accepted norms of civilization ; and which calls upon all States to accede to the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, signed at Geneva on 17 June 1925, and to observe strictly the principles and aims of the Protocol ;

Guided by the aims and principles of the Constitution of the World Health Organization, and proceeding from the humane nature of both the Organization and the medical profession in general ;

Referring to resolutions WHA11.31 and WHA15.51, in which the World Health Assembly already expressed its thorough interest in the consolidation of peace as an inalienable prerequisite for preservation and improvement of the health of all nations ; and

Deeply convinced that the scientific achievements, and particularly in the field of biology and medicine—that most humane science—should be used only for mankind's benefit, but never to do it any harm,

1. WELCOMES resolution 2162 (XXI) of the United Nations General Assembly ; and
2. CALLS UPON all Member States to exert every effort to implement the above-mentioned resolution.

Twelfth plenary meeting, 25 May 1967.
(Committee on Programme and Budget, ninth report.)