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WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION  
REAFFIRMS SUPPORT OF FLUORIDATION

The Executive Board of the World Health Organization on January 22, 1974, reaffirmed its support of fluoridation with the following recommendation:

1. RECOMMENDS that Member States (a) take early steps to ensure the provision of water fluoridation to communities where practicable; and where not practicable to introduce other methods of using fluorides for the prevention of dental caries; (b) report to the Organization the extent of present programmes and nature of planned activities to achieve these objectives; and
2. REQUESTS the Director-General
  - (a) to review the current situation on this matter;
  - (b) to develop a programme within WHO for the promotion of fluoridation of community water supplies and other approved methods for the prevention of dental caries;
  - (c) to provide continuing support for research on the etiology and prevention of dental caries; and
  - (d) to report to the Twenty-eighth World Health Assembly in accordance with resolution WHA22.30 and the above.

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