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PLANNED AND ONGOING ACTIVITIES RELEVANT TO
WORLD PLAN OF ACTION ON THE OZONE LAYER

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Ozone Layer

During 1981 a project proposal for monitoring of health effects of ultraviolet radiation was prepared and submitted to UNEP for consideration. Under this proposal the following three main activities are envisaged:

1. Collection and processing of retrospective data on the incidence of melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer in relation to ultraviolet radiation levels.
2. Coordination of ongoing national studies on special population groups.
3. Special study on skin cancer incidence in relation to geographical distribution of ultraviolet radiation levels.

In addition to the collection of national data on ultraviolet measurements, provision of unified ultraviolet dosimeters is planned and intercomparison measurements are envisaged, if necessary.

Within the next several years it will be necessary to review the WHO/UNEP Environmental Health Criteria Document on Ultraviolet Radiation, which was prepared in 1977, but issued only in 1979, and if necessary to issue an addendum on the new scientific data, measurements and health risk estimates. This addendum could be prepared by a small group of experts.

A review paper on ultraviolet effects prepared for WHO by the USSR and is presented for the attention of the members of the Coordinating Committee on the Ozone Layer.