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Health report to the National Council 2000:

In December 1989, Austria's Health Minister was approached by the National Council to give every three years an account of the development of Austria's health system. Unlike the "Gesundheitsstatistisches Jahrbuch" published annually by the health sector in co-operation with the Federal Institute "Statistik Österreich" the main concern of the health report to the National Council is to determine the position of Austria's health system by taking its historical development and international comparisons into consideration. The report moreover describes the activities performed by the health sector during the years under report with regard to the health targets fixed by Austria's federal government, the European Union and the World Health Organization and describes the prospects of Austria's health policy. The present report which directly follows the 1997 health report refers back to the years 1996-1998. The developments of the year 1999 were also taken into consideration, provided the corresponding data material was available. Data independent statements, in particular important health policy decisions, have been documented up to the year 2000. The volume is divided into 8 chapters. The introductory chapter is followed by a short summary of health policy statements taken from declarations by the government for the years under report, the EU health policy targets and the "Health for all" targets formulated by the WHO for the European region as well as a short description of the health policy targets set by Austria's ruling government. The third chapter is a condensed summary of the position of Austria's health care system during the years under report, derived from the following more detailed chapters. Chapter 4 contains the condensed description of the health status of Austria's population based on selected figures, statistics and analyses. However, no comprehensive and/or detailed description is given since this is the subject of the "Gesundheitsstatistisches Jahrbuch". Chapter five deals with health care expenditures based on new calculations which allow international comparisons. The next chapter summarizes major health-related legislative achievements starting with the year 1996. The most important part of the report is made up of the following two chapters which provide a comprehensive description of the individual fields of activities in the health care sector. Here chapter 7 looks at the various health care areas (number of physicians, staff, rehabilitation, hospitals, psychosocial care, health promotion and health care, transplantation, oncologic care, stem cell donation, medicinal products, public health care) and chapter 8 deals with education and training and their reforms in the health professions. The report includes numerous tables and illustrations; the individual issues were mostly treated based on the following standardized pattern: a description of what the situation was at the beginning, explanation of the underlying problems and description of the health policy targets, description of the activities performed in the health care sector during the years under report and references to future measures.

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