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Preface

This publication represents the report of the Scenario Committee on Ageing. The draft report was discussed with a wide range of experts, inter alia during the symposium 'Growing Old in the Future' held on October 27th, 1984. In addition to the scenario report, a background report containing the basic analysis employed in the scenarios on ageing has been prepared. The scenario report has been written in such a way that it can be read independently of the background study.

Scenarios are a relatively new phenomenon in health care and related policy. For this reason it might be useful to furnish the reader with a few suggestions.

As a first step, perusing the summary will provide the reader with an overall picture of this application of the scenario method in policy preparation and policy implementation in the sector health of the elderly.

As a second step, we would recommend that the scenario report be read in its totality. It might be useful to note down points on which the reader would like to make additions or variations.

Subsequently, it might prove beneficial to study both the scenario report and the background report in order to consolidate one's own ideas with respect to additions and variations, and to set down on paper in greater detail what might be the possible influences of contexts on patterns of care in order to be able to weigh the various effects. In this third stage, the as yet unpublished Policy Memorandum on Health in 2000 will no doubt also play a role. The reader will probably desire to study the policy memorandum in the light of the scenarios. In this stage, many readers will also want to take account of the reports of the other scenario committees. One thing that will be realized is that the four scenario reports only deal with a limited number of the aspects dealt with in the Policy Memorandum on Health in 2000. It is consequently the intention of the Steering Committee on Future Health scenarios also to devote scenarios studies to various other subjects.

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