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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

The Regional Committee,

Aware of the adversity due to natural and man-made disasters suffered by the people of the Region;

Noting that the resilience of the nations and communities affected by crises is eroding due to the extreme pressures they must deal with on a daily basis and for a protracted period;

Disturbed by the construction of the separation wall in Palestine which represents a gross violation of human rights and restricts access of communities to basic and essential social services;

Concerned at the unprecedented number of internally displaced persons in Darfur, Sudan, requiring human assistance to ensure survival;

Expressing support for the people affected by the earthquake of 2003 in Bam, Islamic Republic of Iran, who are still living in temporary camps;

Concerned at the behaviour of the occupying forces, on one hand and terrorism on the other hand, plaguing the innocent and vulnerable in Iraq;

Expressing sorrow for the devastation and destruction caused by the tsunami disaster affecting millions of lives, whose impact reached as far as Somalia and Yemen, and showing solidarity with the people affected by the hurricanes Katrina and Rita which ravaged some states of the United States of America, causing major loss of lives and property;

1. **EXPRESSES** its sympathy, support and solidarity for the victims of disasters;
2. **APPRECIATES** the progress made in the Region with regards to emergency preparedness and response;
3. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to further strengthen national emergency preparedness and

response programmes through legislative, technical, financial and logistical measures;

4. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
 - 4.1 Take the necessary steps to create a regional network of trained and equipped health professionals and institutions that are ready to be deployed in times of emergency and crisis;
 - 4.2 Take the necessary steps to establish a regional emergency solidarity fund whose resources can be mobilized in the immediate aftermath in times of emergency and crisis and to which all the countries of the Region will contribute;
 - 4.3 Take the necessary steps to establish a regional hub for logistics and supply management to be used for immediate mobilization of vital supplies in times of emergency and crisis;
 - 4.4 Establish a committee to follow up the action taken;
5. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to report regularly to the Fifty-third Session of the Regional Committee on progress achieved.