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HEALTH PERSONNEL EDUCATION

The Regional Committee,

Realizing the important role of adequately and appropriately trained health personnel in general and physicians in particular in the implementation of national health strategies through primary health care;

Concerned that medical education in particular and health personnel education in general is still being conducted in the traditional hospital environment and does not therefore respond to national community health needs;

Aware that such education and training is being conducted in most countries in a foreign language;

1. EXPRESSES concern about the suitability of such education and training to meet the requirements of achieving the goals of HFA/2000 through Primary Health Care (PHC);
2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:
  - 2.1 Establish a Working Group to examine the state of medical education and the training of other health personnel in countries of the Region with the aim of:

- (a) Identifying the obstacles to change in such education and training and their reorientation to meet the national community needs and to fulfil the requirements of primary health care;
  - (b) Suggesting lines of action for national educational and health authorities to overcome these obstacles and ensure that such education will be reoriented to fulfil national community needs and respond to the requirements of PHC;
- 2.2 Support Member States in the use of local languages in the education and training of health personnel;
- 2.3 Report to the next Regional Committee on the progress in implementation of this Resolution.
- 3. REQUESTS Member States of the Region to:
  - 3.1 Cooperate with the Working Group by providing it with the necessary information related to the education of medical and other health personnel and putting at its disposal any studies or data available and relevant to the objectives of the Group.
  - 3.2 Foster cooperation and consultation between those responsible for the education of health personnel and those responsible for utilization of the services of such personnel for the purpose of attaining their optimal utilization in providing comprehensive and equitable health care to the population in line with the concepts of PHC.
  - 3.3 Examine the possibility of using local languages in medical and other health personnel training and take steps in this direction.