

The Regional Committee,

Recalling World Health Assembly resolution WHA27.59 on accident prevention,

Having considered the report on prevention of accidents<sup>13</sup> called for in Regional Committee resolution EM/RC33/R.13,

Noting the gravity of the impact of accidents on socio-economic development and on the rational utilization of health service resources in Member States of the Region,

1. URGES Member States:

1.1. to establish an authoritative national multisectoral body for safety promotion and accidental injury prevention and control that incorporates active involvement of health authorities;

1.2. to draw up national plans for safety promotion and accidental injury prevention and control that are integrated with existing community service programmes;

1.3. to establish a well-defined functional unit at the ministry of health that is concerned with safety promotion and accidental injury prevention and control;

1.4. to initiate community safety promotion and accidental injury prevention and control programmes, especially in high-risk areas, with active community participation;

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to develop further the Regional accident prevention programme to focus on safety promotion and accidental injury prevention and control, seeking appropriate financial resources, in particular making it possible:

2.1. to develop one or more pilot projects for safety promotion and accidental injury prevention and control at the community level, to be replicated in other locations in Member States after evaluation;

2.2. to promote training opportunities in safety promotion and accidental injury prevention and control at different levels of the health care services, including provision of support to national and Regional meetings;

2.3. to develop simple, effective, accident and injury surveillance systems;

2.4. to provide learning materials on safety promotion and accidental injury prevention and control, and to disseminate these and related information;

2.5. to designate a collaborative centre for research and training in safety promotion and accidental injury prevention and control in the Region, and to facilitate cooperation between institutions in countries of the Region and between them and appropriate institutions elsewhere.