

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the proposed Regional Plan for Poliomyelitis Eradication and in pursuit of WHA resolution WHA41.28;

Appreciating the progressive achievements of the Expanded Programme on Immunization in the Region;

Noting with satisfaction that in spite of better reporting systems over the years, the annual morbidity of poliomyelitis reported in the Region shows a significant decreasing trend;

Reaffirming that in the light of the Regional situation of poliomyelitis, the status of immunization coverage accomplished, it is highly feasible to eradicate poliomyelitis in the Region by the year 2000;

Commending the Regional Director for his initiatives in furthering the poliomyelitis eradication efforts and the establishment of a Regional Technical Advisory Group;

2. URGES Member States:

2.1. to develop and strengthen national poliomyelitis eradication activities as an added strength to their EPI and PHC delivery systems;

2.2. to accelerate, sustain and maintain their national EPI activities so that at least 80% full immunization coverage against poliomyelitis is achieved;

2.3. to intensify poliomyelitis surveillance activities and ensure prompt response for poliomyelitis outbreak investigation;

2.4. to ensure that adequate resources are available to accelerate and sustain their national poliomyelitis eradication programmes;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

3.1. to support national programmes for poliomyelitis eradication and to collaborate in the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of such activities;

3.2. to mobilize necessary resources to support the Regional Programme for poliomyelitis eradication;

3.3. to report, regularly, to the Regional Committee on achievements in this regard.