

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the progress report\* presented by the Regional Director on Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome, in pursuit of its resolution EM/RC36/R.2;

Noting with satisfaction the steps taken by WHO to respond to national and regional needs and the improvements in information exchange between countries;

Acknowledging the efforts made by national authorities and WHO in finding suitable approaches for the implementation of the major elements of the global strategy, taking full account of regional, cultural and social factors;

Noting the recommendation of the Fifth Intercountry Meeting for National Responsible Officers and the Kuwait Declaration on AIDS Prevention;

Convinced that control of AIDS and overcoming its consequences needs continued support of the people, governments and WHO,

1. THANKS the Regional Director for the valuable and helpful report and for the efforts made in implementing the resolutions of the Regional Committee concerning AIDS;
2. ADOPTS the recommendations of the Fifth Intercountry Meeting for National Responsible Officers and the Kuwait Declaration.
3. URGES Member States to:
  - (1) continue to ensure sustained commitment to AIDS control;
  - (2) regularly exchange information with each other and also with WHO on the epidemiologic situation, particularly as related to the identification of infection among expatriates, taking into account the essential principles of confidentiality and preserving human rights;
  - (3) promote intensive information and education to the public in general and particularly to categories that have a higher risk of infection, and
  - (4) continue to give proper attention to the screening of blood and blood products and to work jointly towards regional sufficiency in the production of blood products, and
4. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:
  - (1) continue to provide the necessary technical and financial support to national programmes for AIDS prevention and control;
  - (2) continue to disseminate available technical information widely in the Region, and
  - (3) continue to keep the status of HIV/AIDS at both the regional and global levels under surveillance and report regularly to the Regional Committee.