

The Regional Committee,

Recalling previous resolutions of the Health Assembly on health and medical assistance to Lebanon;

Taking note of United Nations General Assembly resolutions on international assistance for the reconstruction and development of Lebanon, calling on the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to expand and intensify programmes of assistance to respond to the needs of Lebanon;

Aware of the situation arising from the increase in the numbers of wounded, handicapped and displaced persons and the paralysis of economic activities and government organizations;

Aware also of the considerable serious consequences of events in Lebanon in terms of damage to, and destruction of, the environment and institutions, as well as homelessness, and harm to individuals and their health;

Aware that the increased financial burden upon the State, coinciding with the alarming drop in budgetary revenue, requires assistance to the health services that are the responsibility of the State;

1. CONSIDERS that the growing health and medical problems in Lebanon, which have recently reached a critical level, constitute a source of great concern and necessitate a continuation and substantial expansion of programmes of health and medical assistance to Lebanon;
2. REQUESTS the Director-General to continue, and expand substantially, the Organization's programmes of health, medical and relief assistance in Lebanon;
3. CALLS UPON the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, and all governmental and nongovernmental organizations, to intensify their cooperation with WHO in this field, and in particular to put into operation the recommendations of the report on the reconstruction of the health services of Lebanon;
4. CALLS UPON Member States to increase their technical and financial support for relief operations and the reconstruction of the health services of Lebanon in cooperation with the Ministry of Health in Lebanon;
5. CALLS UPON donors to direct their assistance in cash or in kind to the Ministry of Health, which has responsibility for the health centres, hospitals and public health services, to ensure that the country joins others in the process aimed at the attainment of health for all by the year 2000; or to the Trust Fund for Lebanon, established by the Director-General on the request of the Government of Lebanon;
6. REQUESTS the Regional Director to coordinate with specialized agencies in mobilizing funds and resources required;
7. THANKS the Director-General and the Regional Director and all agencies that provided assistance to Lebanon in this regard, and calls upon them to supply further assistance.