The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the Regional Director's progress report on malaria control in the Region;

Being concerned by the progressive increase in cases of malaria in most of the countries in which it is endemic and the increasing malaria threat to the Region;

Recognizing the need to intensify efforts to control malaria;

- 1. REITERATES its earlier resolution, EM/RC37/R.11, the recommendations of which remain valid and should be pursued;
- 2. URGES Member States:
 - 2.1 to support fully the four technical elements of the Global Malaria Strategy, namely
 - Provision of early diagnosis and prompt treatment;
 - Planning and implementation of selective and sustainable preventive measures;
 - Early detection, containment and prevention of epidemics;
 - Strengthening of local capacities in basic and applied research;
 - 2.2 to strengthen and develop human resources at all levels.
- 3. REQUESTS Member States to involve communities and the various sectors concerned in the prevention and control of malaria;
- 4. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
 - 4.1 to continue to provide the necessary support to Member States in connection with malaria programmes;
 - 4.2 to provide the necessary support to the regional plan for training of national professional staff necessary for national malaria control programmes;
 - 4.3 to promote and support applied research;
 - 4.4 to assist in enhancing cooperation among the Member States.

¹ Document EM/RC40/3.