

9.1.7 EM/RC40/R.7 LEISHMANIASIS

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the Regional Directors Report (Document EM/RC40/7 on "Leishmaniasis")

Commending the initiatives and activities undertaken by the Regional Office and some Member States in controlling the disease;

Commending also the initiative taken by the Regional Director to promote and support research on the epidemiology and control of leishmaniasis,

1- URGES Member States concerned :

- 1.1 to undertake an epidemiological assessment of leishmaniasis in their countries;
- 1.2 to prepare national programmes for the prevention and control of leishmaniasis, using a multisectoral approach that involves all national authorities concerned;
- 1.3 to encourage and promote community involvement in preventive and control activities, particularly at the foci of leishmaniasis;
- 1.4 to ensure continued availability of diagnostic facilities and drugs in areas where leishmaniasis is endemic, and support the introduction of control measures against vectors and reservoir hosts;
- 1.5 to strengthen and develop the technical capabilities in the diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control of leishmaniasis;

2- REQUESTS the Regional Director :

- 2.1 to continue to support Member States in the planning and implementation of national programmes for the control of leishmaniasis;
- 2.2 to facilitate and support intercountry cooperation on the control of the disease.