

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the Regional Director's progress report¹ on "Poliomyelitis Eradication in the Eastern Mediterranean Region";

Appreciating the progress being made towards the goal of poliomyelitis eradication in the Region;

Noting with satisfaction that all Member States have set national targets for the eradication of poliomyelitis by the year 2000;

Being fully aware that the goal of the eradication of poliomyelitis from the Region will not be achieved unless there is a continuing acceleration of national immunization programmes;

1. **COMMENDS** the Regional Director for the efforts made to achieve the regional goal of poliomyelitis eradication;
2. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the Regional Director's initiative towards achieving regional self-sufficiency in production and quality control of vaccine;
3. **URGES** Member States:
 - 3.1 to reaffirm their commitment to eradicating poliomyelitis and to make available the staff and resources necessary to implement their national plans;
 - 3.2 to ensure the availability of sufficient quantities of OPV that meets WHO's quality standard for both routine and supplementary immunization;
 - 3.3 to give high priority to the surveillance of acute flaccid paralysis as well as the other EPI diseases;
 - 3.4 to promote effective participation of the different medical sectors and the community in all the activities of the programme;
 - 3.5 to ensure the availability of the necessary resources for strengthening national laboratories for the diagnosis of poliomyelitis;
4. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director:
 - 4.1 to continue his efforts to achieve regional self-sufficiency in vaccine production and quality control, and to support countries in obtaining sufficient quantities of OPV;
 - 4.2 to coordinate with other organizations of the United Nations system, intergovernmental agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations to mobilize sufficient funds to meet all requirements for the eradication of poliomyelitis, in particular, for vaccine supply;
 - 4.3 to continue to monitor progress by various means;
 - 4.4 to keep the Regional Committee regularly informed about progress towards eradication of poliomyelitis from the Region.

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