

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the report of the Regional Director on the tuberculosis situation in the Eastern Mediterranean Region;¹⁰

Recognizing the significant progress made in tuberculosis control in the Region,

Concerned about the various factors that are hindering the successful control of tuberculosis in some countries of the Region;

Recalling earlier resolutions on the subject, namely EM/RC36/R.12 (1989), WHA44.8 (1991) and WHA46.36 (1993);

1. **THANKS** the Regional Director for his report;
2. **APPRECIATES** the continuous collaboration of various partners in tuberculosis control in the Region;
3. **URGES** Member States, particularly those with intermediate or high tuberculosis prevalence:
 - 3.1 to develop national tuberculosis control programmes along the strategies adopted by WHO as an integral part of primary health care;
 - 3.2 to conduct research on prevalence of tuberculosis and the resistance of its bacilli to drugs;
 - 3.3 to ensure effective involvement of the private medical sector in tuberculosis control activities;
 - 3.4 to monitor carefully the incidence of TB/HIV coinfection by screening, where feasible, of newly diagnosed tuberculosis cases for HIV infection, always maintaining strict confidentiality;
 - 3.5 to accord tuberculosis control programmes due priority during joint review missions.

¹⁰ Document EM/RC41/12.