

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the Regional Director's report on health systems management¹,

Recalling the recommendations of the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board on WHO's Response to Global Change,

Recognizing the importance of developing health systems and securing adequate financing for them,

1. **COMMENDS** the steps already taken by the Regional Director to support Member States in improving the management of national health systems,
2. **URGES** Member States to:
 - 2.1 continue developing the managerial capabilities of their national health systems;
 - 2.2 reinforce the role of the Ministry of Health in coordinating health services between the various sectors that provide those services, paying particular attention to the role of the private sector;
 - 2.3 carry out an accurate assessment of the costs of implementing health plans, and seek various sources for financing them;
 - 2.4 enhance the efficiency of hospital management systems so as to ensure the rational use of hospital services without negatively affecting their quality, emphasizing quality assurance in all aspects of medical practice;
 - 2.5 increase the support allocated for the development of health systems management and provide adequate resources to primary health care services;
 - 2.6 develop appropriate national health legislation to respond to national, regional and global changes, particularly in the fields of health care technology, health economics and health ethics;
 - 2.7 involve the beneficiaries of health services in the management and financing of these services;
3. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to continue supporting and collaborating with Member States in the development of their health systems.

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