

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the technical paper on the role of WHO in emergencies and disasters;¹

Concerned to reduce the potential for all forms of disasters and their impact;

Recognizing the importance of disaster preparedness and management within the context of sustainable development;

1. **CALLS UPON** Member States to:

1.1 Reaffirm their political commitment to reducing national vulnerability to disaster and raise awareness among policy-makers and decision-makers;

1.2 Establish functioning systems for the collection and dissemination of *information relevant to preparedness and response and develop, if they have not yet done so, comprehensive national disaster management plans;*

1.3 Implement programmes aiming at raising the awareness of the public;

2. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to follow up on the implementation of the recommendations and report to the Regional Committee on the progress.

¹ Document EM/RC43/9