

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the Annual Report of the Regional Director on the Work of WHO in the Eastern Mediterranean Region for the year 1995¹, and having noted his statement thereon:

1. **THANKS** the Regional Director for his comprehensive report, which reflects the close cooperation between the Regional Office and the Member States;
2. **ADOPTS** the Annual Report of the Regional Director;
3. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the significant achievements in poliomyelitis eradication and calls on all Member States that are in a position to do so, to support those countries where poliomyelitis is still endemic, and calls upon all Member States to continue implementing the strategy of eradication;
4. **EXPRESSES** concern about the significant reduction in the amount of funds allocated from UNAIDS compared with allocations from the former Global Programme on AIDS, and endorses the proposal that further consultation should be conducted on mechanisms for future elections of Member States to the Programme Coordinating Board of UNAIDS;
5. **ADOPTS** the Regional Plan for Tobacco Control and calls upon Member States to expedite its implementation;
6. **ENCOURAGES** Member States to take the necessary steps to strengthen national health information systems;
7. **URGES** Member States to establish, in every governorate that has a faculty of medicine, a joint council composed of decision-makers in both the education institution and the health authority, to utilize their joint financial and human resources in medical education and health services;
8. **CALLS UPON** Member States to consider funding, whenever possible, the participation of their representatives in intercountry meetings from country allocations;
9. **REQUESTS** the Director-General to return the amounts cut from the budget of the current biennium (1996–1997).

¹ Document EM/RC43/2 and corrigendum