

**EM/RC44/R.10 MOBILIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY IN SUPPORT OF
HEALTH FOR ALL**

The Regional Committee,

Having discussed the technical paper on mobilization of the community in support of health for all;

Recognizing the importance of mobilizing the community to support health for all;

Noting that the Region is particularly rich in social traditions and inherent value systems that can contribute constructively towards reinforcing community mobilization initiatives and ensuring their sustainability;

Convinced that lessons learnt from past experiences in the implementation of various approaches to community mobilization in Member States can provide valuable guidance to future action in this area;

1. **ENDORSES** the steps already taken by the Regional Director to cooperate with Member States in support of the various initiatives for community mobilization, in particular the basic development needs approach;
2. **CALLS UPON** Member States to:
 - 2.1 Translate the policy of community mobilization into clear plans of action which recognize the role of the community in health and development and sustain community action;
 - 2.2 Create a database on nongovernmental development bodies and institutions actually, or potentially, involved in community mobilization;
 - 2.3 Develop and implement training programmes for health personnel in communicating with communities and developing partnership with them;
 - 2.4 Conduct research on the different aspects of community mobilization and its role in ensuring health for all.
3. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to establish a task force of experts, including social scientists, to develop methodologies and guidelines for mobilizing the community in support of health for all.