

EM/RC44/R.11 ERADICATION OF POLIOMYELITIS

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the Regional Director's report on global and regional poliomyelitis eradication activities;

Expressing its appreciation for the progress derived so far in the implementation of the strategies aimed at poliomyelitis eradication;

Recognizing the increasing importance of cross-border transmission of poliomyelitis from areas where it is still endemic;

1. **EMPHASIZES** the necessity of:

1.1 Continuing national efforts aimed at maintaining high levels of routine immunization;

1.2 Continuing to implement supplementary immunization activities, particularly national immunization days;

1.3 Supporting epidemiological surveillance for cases of acute flaccid paralysis;

1.4 Giving increased attention to cross-border transmission;

2. **CALLS ON** Member States to:

2.1 Continue to implement all the poliomyelitis eradication strategies;

2.2 Coordinate their efforts for poliomyelitis eradication, particularly in border areas;

2.3 Rapidly exchange information concerning cases of cross-border transmission of poliomyelitis and collaborate and coordinate with each other with regard to the measures necessary to deal with them;

3. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:

3.1 Continue support activities aimed at eradication of poliomyelitis from all countries of the Region;

3.2 Support efforts aimed at limiting cross-border transmission and make use of the facilities and resources available to WHO and in its collaborating centres to support these efforts.

- 3.3 Work towards establishing a team comprising members of the Regional Committee to undertake the task of soliciting the necessary extrabudgetary financial support to ensure continuation of the efforts for eradication of poliomyelitis from the Region.