

The Regional Committee,

Having discussed the technical discussion paper on appropriate health technology;

Noting the significant role of appropriate technology in developing the health services and that the introduction of new technology may have economic, social and ethical consequences;

Recognizing the importance of proper technology evaluation, selection, adaptation and rational use;

1. CALLS UPON Member States to:

- 1.1 Develop national programmes on health technology through designating a national focal point for health technology in the country; developing suitable mechanisms for the assessment and acquisition of health technologies; and developing means of obtaining access to health technology information systems and databases;
- 1.2 Take necessary measures to ensure that donor support in the area of health technology is given where it is most needed and likely to be most cost-effective.
- 1.3 Introduce the subject of appropriate health technology in medical, pharmaceutical and paramedical education;

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:

- 2.1 Consider the development of technical guidelines and technical codes on selection and rational use of modern technology;
- 2.2 Strengthen the role of the WHO collaborating centres in support of transfer of appropriate health technology to Member States in the Region.
- 2.3 Convey to the Director-General the importance attached by Member States to the removal of undue barriers and restrictions on the access of all countries to appropriate health technologies and medical equipment.