

Resolution

**REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN**

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EM/RC44/R.4 **HEALTH INFORMATICS AND TELEMATICS**

The Regional Committee,

Having discussed the technical paper on health informatics and telematics;

Recognizing that health informatics, telematics and telemedicine constitute a key component of national health information systems and can play a major role in the advancement of health care in general and primary health care in particular;

Acknowledges the need to consider informatics support to health care institutions as a prerequisite for their proper functioning;

CALLS UPON Member States, in collaboration with the Regional Office, to:

1. Conduct a comprehensive situation analysis of the present application and use of health informatics and telematics in Member States and identify national needs;
2. Develop national plans for the development and use of health informatics and telemedicine within the framework of national health information systems;
3. Develop appropriate mechanisms for collaboration in this area at regional and sub-regional levels.