

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 1997<sup>1</sup> and having noted his statement thereon;

1. **THANKS** the Regional Director for his comprehensive report, which highlights the close cooperation between the Regional Office and the Member States and reflects the significant achievements made through WHO collaborative efforts with Member States in the Region;
2. **ADOPTS** the Annual Report of the Regional Director;
3. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the community-based health development initiatives taken by the Regional Office;
4. **CALLS FOR** the provision of all possible support to the Mediterranean Centre for Vulnerability Reduction;
5. **EMPHASIZES** the necessity of private medical schools meeting the required criteria and of their establishment being in accordance with the national human resources development plan;
6. **ENDORSES** the decision of the Regional Director to cease deducting from country budgets the percentage allocated for the health leadership development programme as from the next biennium;
7. **AGREES** to transfer a part of the percentage allocated to the Regional Centre for Environmental Health Activities (CEHA) to health economics;
8. **REAFFIRMS** the need for continued national commitment to timely eradication of poliomyelitis, including continued conduct of national immunization days and strengthening of acute flaccid paralysis surveillance systems.

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<sup>1</sup> Document EM/RC45/2