

The Regional Committee,

Having discussed the technical paper on health and medical informatics⁵;

Recognizing that health and medical informatics is a very fast growing field which constitutes an essential component in the health information system of the health care services and in medical education;

Recalling EM/RC44/R.4 on health informatics and telematics and recognizing the continuing need to consider health informatics support to health care institutions as a prerequisite for their proper functioning;

1. **CALLS** on Member States to:

- 1.1 Develop plans for the introduction of medical informatics in the health system so as to cover the needs of users;
- 1.2 Allocate financial and human resources to support health informatics plans;
- 1.3 Conduct awareness campaigns to sensitize health care professionals on the importance of medical informatics and their specific role in its use;
- 1.4 Make use of health informatics for development and administration of the health services and technical programmes;
- 1.5 Invest in human resources development in the information technology area;

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

- 2.1 Ensure the development of a regional plan for systematic and institutional implementation of health and medical informatics in health care institutions in the Region;
- 2.2 Initiate a model medical informatics curriculum for medical colleges in the Region, to be introduced during the early years of study;
- 2.3 Initiate a model electronic medical record system format that takes into consideration in its design confidentiality and patient rights and legal aspects.

⁵ Document EM/RC48/6