

EM/RC49/R.4 HEALTH AND HUMAN SECURITY

The Regional Committee,

Recalling resolution EM/RC48/R.2 on the Annual Report of the Regional Director for the year 2000 and progress reports;

Having reviewed the paper on health and human security, including the Cairo Statement on Health and Human Security ¹;

Welcoming the collaboration between UN agencies and countries from various regions that led to the development of the concept of health and human security;

Recognizing the importance of justice and equity as essential determinants of human security at national, regional and global levels;

Emphasizing that the value of family security as the basis for community and social security and that the concept of human security, including health security, are both deeply rooted in the culture of the Eastern Mediterranean Region;

Expressing serious concern at the tremendous human cost of all threats to health and human security in the Region;

1. **ENDORSES** the outcome of the Regional Consultation on Health and Human Security;
2. **CALLS** on Member States to:
 - 2.1 Develop national initiatives and programmes to ensure health and human security;
 - 2.2 Promote community-based initiatives, particularly the basic development needs approach, as a model approach for addressing health and human security needs;
 - 2.3 Encourage academic institutions to study and promote the concepts of health and human security based on the cultural and religious values of the Region;
3. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
 - 3.1 Initiate necessary action to implement and follow up the recommendations included in the Cairo Statement;
 - 3.2 Support research studies on various determinants of health and human security;
 - 3.3 Promote national and international solidarity in support of health and human security.

¹ Document EM/RC49/7