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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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Agenda item 4 (c)

ERADICATION OF POLIOMYELITIS

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the Regional Director's progress report on poliomyelitis eradication in the Eastern Mediterranean Region¹;

Exressing its appreciation for the progress made in the implementation of the regional plan and strategies for poliomyelitis eradication;

Endorsing the regional plan for poliomyelitis eradication 2004–2005;

Reaffirming its resolutions EM/RC44/R.11 and EM/RC49/R.1 on the importance of ensuring availability of financial resources needed for the programme;

- 1. **ENDORSES** the recommendations of the Global Polio EradicationTechnical Consultative Group and the Regional Technical Advisory Group concerning post-eradication immunization strategies;
- 2. **URGES** Member States that are still endemic to accelerate national eradication efforts;
- 3. **CALLS** on all Member States to continue to implement relevant strategies for poliomyelitis eradication until global certification is achieved;
- 4. **REQUESTS** Member States to abide by the global and regional recommendations on post-eradication immunization policies;

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¹ Document EM/RC50/INF.DOC.3

- 5. **CALLS** on Member States to provide necessary resources in support of the regional plan;
- 6. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
 - 6.1 Continue his efforts to mobilize resources to support the regional plan;
 - 6.2 Report regularly to the Regional Committee on progress in poliomyelitis eradication.