RESOLUTION

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN EM/RC50/R.9
Fiftieth Session October 2003

Agenda item 7

ACCREDITATION OF HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the technical discussions paper on accreditation of hospitals and medical education institutions: challenges and future directions:

Recalling resolution EM/RC42/R.1 on the promotion of quality assurance of health care;

Appreciating the efforts of Member States and the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean in launching quality programmes and accreditation initiatives;

Aware of the importance of ensuring quality of care and medical education to meet the needs and demands of the community in a global competitive environment.

Reaffirming that accreditation of health services and medical education institutions should be integrated into national health policy and strategies.

1. **ENDORSES** the strategic directions outlined in the technical discussions paper;

2. **CALLS** for the establishment of a regional mechanism for accreditation of hospitals and of medical education institutions;

3. **URGES** Member States to:

   3.1 Develop national accreditation systems for health services and for medical education institutions;

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1 Document EM/RC50/Tech.Disc.1
3.2 Establish and strengthen mechanisms to promote partnership between health professions education institutions and health care delivery systems;

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

4.1 Take the necessary steps to establish a regional accreditation body for hospitals and for medical education institutes;

4.2 Support Member States in strengthening their national systems on licensure and relicensure.