

AFR/RC27/R8:

The Regional Committee,

Having carefully studied the report¹ of the Regional Director on pharmaceutical and biological substances and medical supplies;

Recognizing the complexity of the subject;

Noting resolution WHA30.54;

Noting the importance of personnel for all aspects of the pharmaceutical industry,

1. THANKS the Regional Director for his concise report which clearly describes the situation in the Region;
2. NOTES with satisfaction the efforts being made to establish a pharmaceutical industry in the Region;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:
 - (i) follow closely the progress of the feasibility study which is proceeding with the collaboration of the African Development Bank;
 - (ii) set up a multidisciplinary working group to examine in the short term and medium term, mechanisms for obtaining pharmaceutical and biological substances and medical supplies, and, in the long term, all the implications of establishing a pharmaceutical industry in the Region;
 - (iii) pay special attention to the training of all categories of personnel, particularly those concerned with the management, production, preservation, quality control, transport and distribution of pharmaceutical and biological substances and medical supplies;
 - (iv) ask the Director-General to make all necessary approaches to the representatives of major drug producers and distributors, with a view to obtaining a reduction of prices and to keep Member States informed;
 - (v) report thereon to the twenty-eighth session of the Regional Committee.

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¹ Document AFR/RC27/11.