

## **AFR/RC25/R8: Regional expert panels**

The Regional Committee,

After careful study of the report of the Regional Director on new ways of WHO collaboration;<sup>1</sup>

Bearing in mind that technical assistance remains a fundamental element in the functions as defined in article 2 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization;

Referring to resolutions WHA21.47, WHA28.75, WHA28.76 and WHA28.78 concerning the guiding principles and various ways and means of providing assistance to developing countries;

Noting with satisfaction the progress achieved in the development of national health personnel during the 1965-1975 decade;

Considering that the many political, economic, cultural and social changes which have occurred recently in a number of countries imply continual adaption of international cooperation to the needs and priorities of Member States as these are defined in their overall development plans,

1. THANKS the Director-General and the Regional Director for their initiative;
2. APPROVES unreservedly the recommendations and conclusions of the report of the Regional Director;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to take appropriate action in order to:
  - (i) established regional multidisciplinary panels of experts;
  - (ii) mobilize whatever other forms of assistance may be appropriate for responding as rapidly and concretely as possible to the various countries' particular needs, conditions and priorities;
  - (iii) take appropriate measures aimed at the implementation of the various suggestions made by the Director-General at the opening session of this Committee on new ways of making WHO's technical cooperation more effective, in particular those aimed at the recruitment of able staff;
4. INVITES the Member States to:
  - (i) establish or strengthen National Health Councils;
  - (ii) ensure more effective participation by national authorities and communities in international health cooperation;
  - (iii) improve and strengthen the coordinating role of the Regional Committee and its administrative body;

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<sup>1</sup> Document AFR/RC25/12.

5. REQUESTS the Regional Director to convey the present resolution to the Director-General and to report to a later session of the Regional Committee concerning the effectiveness of the action taken in the execution of the regional programme.

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