

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the progress report presented by the Regional Director on the "Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)",⁹

Thanking WHO for its prompt and pertinent responses to country needs,

Expressing deep concern that this fatal disease with no specific vaccine or curative measures is becoming of increasing importance in the Region,

Realizing the importance of information for and education of the public on the modes of transmission of the disease, and the importance of using safe blood and blood products and of using sterile syringes and needles,

Convinced that screening of international travellers will not prevent the introduction of the disease,

1. URGES Member States:

1.1. to share with each other and with WHO all relevant and available information on AIDS in their countries;

1.2. to develop and strengthen national control programmes emphasizing the importance of public education about the disease as a tool for preventing the spread of the disease;

1.3. to refrain from adopting measures of no proven value for prevention and control;

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

2.1. to support national programmes for the prevention and control of AIDS, and to collaborate in the planning, implementation and monitoring of such programmes;

2.2. to ensure regular provision to Member States of up-to-date information on AIDS;

2.3. to mobilize the necessary resources to support the Regional programme for prevention and control of the disease;

2.4. to report to the Thirty-fifth Session of the Regional Committee on the status of the disease, at both global and Regional levels.

9. Document EM/RC34/11.