The Regional Committee,

Being aware of the malaria situation in the countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region;

Concerned by the progressive increase of malaria cases in most of the endemic countries, and by the malaria threat to the Region;

1. ADOPTS the Regional Plan for Malaria Control developed by the Regional Technical Consultation on Malaria Control and Primary Health Care held in Amman, Jordan, from 27 June to 2 July 1987;

2. URGES Member States to benefit from the implementation of the recommendations included in the document* on malaria presented to the Regional Committee, which are:

   (1) to give malaria control the priority it deserves and allocate sufficient human and financial resources for effective malaria control programmes;

   (2) to establish a malaria training centre in each country for technicians and primary health care workers to train them in malaria control, and

   (3) to encourage building up of a national core of expertise in malaria control at central, and provincial/regional levels.

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:

   (1) continue to monitor the malaria situation in the Region;

   (2) reinforce technical support provided to Member States through the establishment of two regional centres for malaria training;

   (3) try to increase funds allocated to malaria control at country and regional levels, and

   (4) report to the Regional Committee, by 1993, the progress achieved in malaria control in the Region.

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