

**ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS)  
IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION**

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the progress report on acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) in the Eastern Mediterranean Region<sup>1</sup>;

Considering the increasing spread of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection in the Region;

Noting the developments in treatment of AIDS and in prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV;

Recognizing the role of sexually transmitted diseases (STD) in transmission of HIV infection;

Appreciating the efforts made by national authorities in prevention and control of AIDS and STD;

1. **THANKS** the Regional Director for his report and for his continued technical and financial support provided to the Member States;
2. **URGES** Member States to:
  - 2.1 Continue to provide strong political commitment to the fight against AIDS and to allocate adequate resources for strengthening prevention efforts and to encourage the active involvement of all sectors and nongovernmental organizations concerned;
  - 2.2 Continue to fight denial and complacency and avoid any form of stigmatization and discrimination against HIV-infected persons;
  - 2.3 Take effective steps to prevent and treat STD;
  - 2.4 Continue to monitor HIV/AIDS and STD prevalence and to provide the Regional Office with complete and regular reports on them;
3. **CALLS UPON** UNAIDS to further strengthen its collaborative efforts in the Region in preventing the spread of infection and in other control areas;
4. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
  - 4.1 Provide technical and financial support to the Member States in planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating national programmes for the control of AIDS;
  - 4.2 Inform the Regional Committee about the status of the AIDS epidemic and of progress in the efforts to fight it.

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<sup>1</sup> Document EM/RC45/12