



RESOLUTION

OF THE

WHO REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA

SEA/RC50/R4 EVALUATION AND RENEWAL OF HEALTH-FOR-ALL STRATEGIES

The Regional Committee,

Recalling World Health Assembly resolution WHA34.36 and its own resolution SEA/RC43/R2 on the monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of strategies for Health for All by the Year 2000,

Recalling also World Health Assembly resolutions WHA48.16 and WHA50.28 and its own resolutions SEA/RC48/R1 and SEA/RC49/R1 relating to WHO reforms and response to global change, which called for renewing the HFA strategy and development of a global health policy,

Appreciating the unanimous response of Member States in completing the third evaluation of the implementation of HFA strategies,

Acknowledging and appreciating further the consultations undertaken by Member States to reaffirm their commitment to Health for All as a valid and timeless aspirational goal to raise the awareness of all partners concerned with social and economic development in order to place health at the centre of development, and to address serious health challenges in the coming decades,

Recognizing that the "Declaration on Health Development in the South-East Asia Region in the 21st Century", adopted at the Fifteenth Meeting of Ministers of Health of South-East Asia Region, is a statement of political intent to reaffirm their commitment and responsibility to take up the challenges of health development in the next century, and

Noting that the Region accounts for one-fourth of the world's population and carries a growing and heavy burden of communicable and noncommunicable diseases,

1. ENDORSES:

- (a) the "Declaration on Health Development in the South-East Asia Region in the 21st Century", adopted at the Fifteenth Meeting of Ministers of Health of South-East Asia Region, and
- (b) the regional report on the third evaluation of the implementation of the strategies for Health for All;

2. URGES Member States:

- (a) to continue their efforts to develop national health plans and programmes based on renewed Health-for-All strategies and in the light of the results of the third evaluation;

- (b) to improve their health management information systems, with particular reference to strengthening the research, monitoring and evaluation processes, and
 - (c) to take necessary steps to further adapt and integrate the policy guidance laid down in the "Declaration on Health Development in the South-East Asia Region in the 21st Century" into their national health policies and plans, and
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
- (a) to continue to support Member States in their efforts to improve the monitoring and evaluation of Health-for-All strategies;
 - (b) to further strengthen collaboration with Member States to achieve the targets set for Health-for-All by the year 2000 and beyond;
 - (c) to provide all possible support to Member States in their efforts to develop health policies and plans in accordance with the "Declaration on Health Development in the South-East Asia Region in the 21st Century", and
 - (d) to submit the report of the third evaluation to WHO headquarters as the regional contribution for the preparation of the World Health Report 1998.