

RESOLUTIONS  
OF THE  
REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH EAST ASIA

SEA/RC23/R3

ADVERSE EFFECTS OF TOBACCO SMOKING

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the resolutions on this matter adopted by the World Health Assembly, the Executive Board and the Regional Committees for the Americas and for Europe,

Understanding the dangers to health arising from smoking tobacco especially in relation to pulmonary and cardiac disease, including ischaemic heart disease, carcinoma of the lung and chronic bronchitis,

Acknowledging that individuals have the right to decide whether to indulge in the habit, but

Remembering the effect of example on others,

Believing that agencies associated with the promotion of health should set an example in regard to this subject, and

Considering that the smoking of tobacco during meetings may constitute a nuisance to non-smokers,

1. REQUESTS persons attending meetings of the Regional Committee, and of all meetings sponsored by the Regional Office, to refrain from smoking in future in the Conference Hall and the Committee Room of the Regional Office building, and
2. URGES the Regional Director to draw to the attention of the Member Governments:
  - (a) the report of the Director-General to the World Health Assembly on the "Limitation of Smoking" (document A23/P&B/6), and
  - (b) possible methods of educating the public with regard to the inherent dangers of the smoking of tobacco.