RESOLUTION

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Dental health services
The Regional Committee,

Thanking the Regional Director for his report on the strengthening of dental health services in Europe (EUR/RC26/7);

Expressing its satisfaction with the activities developed in this field; and

Considering the rising demand for regular and comprehensive dental services,

1. INVITES Member States to give high priority to methods of prevention and to consider alternative measures, including, in particular, fluoridation of cooking salt, whenever fluoridation of drinking water is not envisaged; and to develop active programmes in dental health education, emphasizing the importance of dental health, and of the latter's preservation through diet and dental hygiene;

2. ASKS Member States to consider more extensive use of dental auxiliary personnel and to promote rational management of dental health services by developing efficient information systems and stimulating research related to practical needs; and

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to continue the programme in dental health services, taking into account suggestions made at the Regional Committee, and to concentrate particularly on management, the role and training of auxiliary dental personnel, research and the information systems involved.