

The Regional Committee,

Having discussed the document on adolescence, health and social development;¹¹

Recognizing the existing and potential contribution of adolescents to national development in general and to national health development in particular;

Mindful of the many constraints which hinder adolescents in realizing their full potential;

Appreciating the wide range of health and health-related needs of this age group;

Noting that the access of this population group to health services is limited;

1. URGES Member States:

1.1. to develop a national policy and strategy for the health and well-being of adolescents within the framework of their health strategies for Health for All;

1.2. to improve the quality and coverage of the existing data on adolescents and their health needs;

1.3. to coordinate the efforts of various agencies serving youth;

1.4. to strengthen school and university health services, especially their capacity to handle the psychosocial problems of adolescents;

1.5. to review existing legislation and, if necessary, draw up new legislation to safeguard the health of adolescents, in particular to protect them from the hazards of smoking and addiction;

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

2.1. to provide the necessary technical support to Member States in undertaking the above tasks;

2.2. to establish a multidisciplinary Regional advisory panel for promoting and guiding Regional activities concerned with the health and social development of adolescents.

11. Document EM/RC33/Tech.Disc.1.