

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the report on the progress of WHO-sponsored research activities during the period 1985-1987,<sup>11</sup>

Recalling resolution EM/RC32/R.6, in which Member States were urged to focus the content and scope of research activities on problems related to the national strategies for HFA/2000,

Reiterating the vital role of health research in sound decision-making,

1. COMMENDS the Regional Director and the Eastern Mediterranean Advisory Committee on Health Research for their efforts in furthering the implementation of the Regional health research strategy in countries of the Region,

2. URGES Member States:

2.1. to develop and/or strengthen a mechanism within the health system for coordinating health research in addition to continuing to support national health research councils;

2.2. to provide a just career structure for research workers within and outside the ministry of health;

2.3. to allocate research funds, manpower and other resources within the health service system to support active involvement of health services personnel in health research;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

3.1. to continue to further the implementation of the Regional health research strategy at country level;

3.2. to continue to support activities aimed at promoting and upgrading health research, such as training in research methodology and research management, and at disseminating the results of research by publication in a Regional journal or by any other appropriate method;

3.3. to report on the progress of health research activities to the Thirty-sixth Session of the Regional Committee.

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11. Document EM/RC34/8.