

The Regional Committee,

Considering the basic principles embodied in the Constitution of the World Health Organization, emphasizing that the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being;

Reaffirming the Security Council Resolutions N<sup>o</sup>s 660, 661 and 662;

Noting that the military occupation of the State of Kuwait on 2 August 1990 has substantially affected the state of health care available to residents in Kuwait, and has led to the deterioration of the health situation in Kuwait which represents a flagrant breach of the Constitution of the World Health Organization;

Emphasizing the need to safeguard the inviolable integrity of hospitals and their staff as well as the security of patients' lives, in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention, in particular Article 56;

Deeply concerned by the rapid deterioration of the health situation in Kuwait resulting from aggressive action by the occupational forces;

Affirming the right of the State of Kuwait to obtain the restoration of the health situation that prevailed before the Iraqi invasion;

Taking note of the report presented by the delegation of the State of Kuwait regarding the health situation in Kuwait;

1. DECIDES to disregard any decisions made by the Iraqi occupation forces in connection with health matters in Kuwait, and

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director, in consultation with the Director-General,

(1) To seek the necessary resources to meet the health care requirements to the Kuwaiti population in Kuwait in coordination with the State of Kuwait;

(2) To appoint a resident WHO Representative in Kuwait, to supervise the health services provided to the people;

(3) To establish a committee of experts to undertake the following tasks:

(a) To study the overall health situation in Kuwait, assessing the health care services available to the people and identifying the requirements;

(b) To take note of all medicaments, equipment and medical supplies available, assess their usability and provide for their maintenance;

(c) To report its findings to the Regional Director and the Director-General within one month of adopting the resolution, and

(4) To submit a report on the health situation in Kuwait to the Executive Board for its consideration and submission subsequently to the World Health Assembly.