

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the Second Report on Regional Evaluation of Health-For-All Strategies;*

Reaffirming resolutions WHA34.36, WHA35.23 and WHA39.7 concerning the Global Strategy for Health for All and the plan of action for its implementation, particularly the required periodic monitoring and evaluation of the Strategies by the governing bodies of the Organization, as well as the related resolutions EM/RC30A/R.5, EM/RC31A/R.7, EM/RC32/R.5, EM/RC35/R.7 and EM/RC36/R.10;

Recognizing that a thorough analysis of the health situation and reporting thereon accurately to other Member States, thereby enhancing mutual trust among them and between them and the Organization, are essential for the effective implementation of national and regional strategies;

Recognizing that monitoring and evaluation are fundamental elements in the managerial process required for the implementation of the Strategies;

Being aware that the report under review represents a point half-way between the adoption of the Global Strategy for Health for All by the Year 2000;

Being aware of the magnitude of the overall task during the remaining period to achieve the goal of health for all;

1. THANKS the Regional Director for the considerable effort that has gone in to carry out the Second Report on Regional Evaluation of Health-for-All Strategies, resulting in a concise and very informative report;
2. NOTES with satisfaction the progress achieved by Member States and by the Organization towards evaluating the effectiveness of the national and regional strategies;
3. APPROVES the Second Report on Regional Evaluation of Health-for-All Strategies;
4. URGES Member States to:
 - 4.1 utilize fully the findings of the Evaluation, update their health-for-all strategies, as necessary;
 - 4.2 continue efforts where tangible progress has been achieved and avoid any setbacks, and to exert additional efforts where progress has been rather slow;
 - 4.3 further strengthen their national health information systems, as a prerequisite to effective management of the health system;
5. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:
 - 5.1 forward the "Second Report on Regional Evaluation of Health-for-All Strategies" to the Director-General for inclusion in his report on the Global Evaluation;
 - 5.2 ensure support to Member States for the implementation and the continuous monitoring and evaluation of their strategies;
 - 5.3 utilize the national and regional evaluation reports as a guide for joint government/WHO action for health development;
 - 5.4 follow up on the formulation of, and updating, national and regional strategies and plans of action, as necessary.