

The Regional Committee,

Recognizing the danger of environmental pollution caused by the burning of Kuwait's oil wells as a result of the Gulf War;

Taking into account the serious health, psychological and social effects suffered by the Kuwaiti people and other peoples of the Region, as a result of environmental pollution;

Emphasizing that the burning of the oil wells in Kuwait is considered the world's first major environmental disaster of such magnitude;

Noting the destruction and sabotage of all environmental monitoring equipment in Kuwait as a result of the war;

Considering the objectives of the World Health Organization stipulated in its Constitution;

1. CALLS UPON the Member States and international organizations and agencies concerned, to assist Kuwait in obtaining the equipment necessary to assess the degree of environment pollution;
2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to exert all possible efforts with a view to assigning to Kuwait the services of environmental specialists of the World Health Organization, to determine the present and future impact of environmental pollution on health in Kuwait and to propose measures and steps to be taken to protect the health of the Kuwaiti people and other peoples in the Region from the effects of this pollution.