

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the report of the Regional Director on the Joint Government/WHO Programme Review Missions for the biennium 1996–1997 carried out during 1995¹;

1. **ENDORSES** the new philosophy and methodology of carrying out the joint programme review missions on the basis of measurable targets that respond to national priorities and are oriented towards producing identified products through clearly defined activities and activity components;
2. **THANKS** the Regional Director, his staff and all nationals involved in joint programme review missions at country level;
3. **URGES** Member States to:
 - 3.1 Prepare full briefing about national priorities, problems, facilitating factors and constraints in the health field for use by joint programme review mission teams as early as possible;
 - 3.2 Prepare and update their country profiles for use in preparing a comprehensive situation analysis and evaluation of national health programmes;
 - 3.3 Ensure that the joint programme review mission team reviews all national health programmes, whether funded from the national budget or supported from WHO's regular budget;
 - 3.4 Ensure involvement of other health-related sectors in the activities of the joint programme review mission.

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