

**EM/RC47/R.3            PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE  
FINANCIAL PERIOD 2002–2003 EASTERN  
MEDITERRANEAN REGION**

The Regional Committee,

Having discussed the proposed programme budget for the financial period 2002–2003<sup>3</sup>:

1. **WELCOMES** the new process for preparing the programme budget;
2. **REQUESTS** the Director-General and the Regional Director to consult Member States, at the regional level, at an early stage of the preparation of the proposals;
3. **REQUESTS** the Director-General also to make every effort to increase the regular budget for the Region and for the Organization at large;
4. **SUPPORTS** the priorities endorsed by the Executive Board in addition to the regional priorities identified by the Regional Committee in its Resolution EM/RC43/R.9, with emphasis in particular on human resources development and basic development needs;
5. **FURTHER REQUESTS:**
  - 5.1 That regional priorities and specific countries priorities be given a prominent place in the global priorities;
  - 5.2 That human resources development and its budget be strengthened so that adequately trained and retrained personnel are available, both quantitatively and qualitatively;
  - 5.3 That a formula be developed for the allocation of extrabudgetary funds so that the process of that allocation becomes transparent and the Eastern Mediterranean Region receives a fair share of the total extrabudgetary funds, which are expected to increase substantially, especially in view of the reduction in the regular budget;
  - 5.4 That the criteria used in allocating the regular budget funds be reviewed.

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<sup>3</sup> Document EM/RC47/12