

The Regional Committee,

In response to resolution WHA 54.10 of 2001;

Having reviewed the regional strategic plan for improving the health sector response to HIV/AIDS and STD in the Region³;

1. **ENDORSES** the regional strategic plan, its interim targets and the strategies for achieving these targets;
2. **CALLS** on Member States to implement the plan, strengthening epidemiological surveillance and incorporating AIDS control in the national health systems and existing national plans and programmes, including the joint collaborative programmes with WHO, in keeping with social conditions and protective cultural and religious values;
3. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
 - 3.1 Provide the necessary technical support to implement the strategic plan at national, sub-regional and regional levels;
 - 3.2 Establish a regional steering committee to follow up on the promotion and sustaining of political commitment, public information and resource mobilization;
 - 3.3 To work on increasing support to countries in complex emergencies to enable them to implement the plan and on facilitating collaboration among neighbouring countries in the coordination of control activities;
4. **REQUESTS** the Director-General to take whatever actions she deems proper for making AIDS drugs available at a cost affordable by the individual and the community.

³ Document EM/RC48/INF.DOC.2-Annex