

**EM/RC48/R.8      RENEWED HEALTH RESEARCH FOR  
DEVELOPMENT IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION**

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the technical paper on renewed health research for development<sup>7</sup>;

Recalling its earlier resolutions on health research, in particular resolution EM/RC40/R.11;

Being aware of the recent developments in the organization of health research at the global level and of the recommendations of the International Conference on Health Research for Development; (Bangkok 2000);

1. **ENDORSES** the regional strategy on health research for development;
2. **URGES** Member States to:
  - 2.1 Recognize the important role that health research can play in health development;
  - 2.2 Promote the use of research for providing evidence for decision-making, policy formulation and health actions;
  - 2.3 Collaborate actively among themselves in areas of health research which are of common interest through creation of networks and partnerships;
  - 2.4 Allocate sufficient resources for strengthening national health research systems with the active participation of all concerned stakeholders and for creating an environment conducive to the conducting of research;
  - 2.5 Work on the establishment of national ethics committees for health research;
3. **AGREES** to allocate 2% of the JPRM funds in support of regional health research activities;
4. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to actively support Member States, both through technical and financial means, in establishing effective and efficient national health research systems geared to national needs and equity, and promote and support intercountry collaboration in health research and explore possibilities for establishing a Regional Forum for Health Research.

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<sup>7</sup> Document EM/RC48/8