

RESOLUTIONS  
OF THE  
REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH EAST ASIA

SEA/RC34/R8      INFANT AND CHILD FEEDING - DRAFT INTERNATIONAL  
CODE OF MARKETING OF BREASTMILK SUBSTITUTES

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the paper on the subject of infant and young child feeding (SEA/RC34/13);

Recognizing that maternal and child health care, including nutrition, is an essential element of primary health care;

Realizing that improvements in the nutrition of infants, young children and pregnant and lactating women are of paramount importance for attaining the goal of health for all by the year 2000;

Emphasizing that the protection and promotion of infant feeding, including the regulation of the marketing of breastmilk substitutes, directly affect the health of infants and young children and constitute a problem of direct concern to both Member countries and WHO, and

Reaffirming World Health Assembly resolutions WHA33.32 and WHA34.22, on "Infant and Young Child Feeding" and "International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes" respectively,

1.      ENDORSES the draft plan of action outlined in document SEA/RC34/13 as a guideline for programme development in countries;
2.      URGES Member States to review and implement resolution WHA33.32 and WHA34.22, and
3.      REQUESTS the Regional Director to provide such technical and other support as is necessary to collaborate with governments in implementing the above resolutions.