

RESOLUTIONS
OF THE
REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH EAST ASIA

SEA/RC33/R9

SAFE WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALL BY 1990

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the Report of the Regional Director on the "Preparatory Activities for the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade" (document SEA/RC33/9),

Being aware of the role of the Organization and the substantial support provided by UN, bilateral and other agencies in promoting the provision of safe water and sanitation during the Second United Nations Development Decade and keeping in mind the adoption of the Mar Del Plata Action Plan for attaining the goal of clean water and sanitation for all by 1990 during the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade (1981-1990),

Bearing in mind the constraints of manpower, materials and finance faced by Member States in attaining the Decade goals, and

Taking note of the importance of safe water and sanitation for the attainment of the goal of health for all by the year 2000,

1. RECORDS with appreciation the support provided by WHO to the programmes of Member States;
2. URGES governments of the Region to:
 - (i) make a declaration of, and commitment to, the national goals for the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade at the highest decision-making level, prior to the official launching of the Decade at the special session of the United Nations General Assembly on 10 November 1980;
 - (ii) prepare, in addition to their annual and five-year plans, a prospective programme-plan document for water supply and sanitation for IDWSSD, to provide the framework for national plan allocations and to attract external investments;

- (iii) accord, in their Decade programme plans, priority to those populations deprived of the basic amenities of safe water and sanitation, and to actively involve them in the planning, implementation and management of these programmes as an integral part of primary health care, and
- (iv) identify and formulate priority projects within the programme-plan for the Decade, to attract investment, and

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:

- (i) augment WHO's inputs towards the development and implementation of Decade programmes for water and sanitation;
- (ii) collaborate closely with other organizations involved in the sector and provide sustained support to UNDP in its role of promoting the development of water supply and sanitation as part of overall socio-economic development, and
- (iii) promote the mobilization of external assistance from multilateral and bilateral agencies and institutions for the programmes and projects of Member States of the Region for the Decade.