The Regional Committee,

Recalling resolutions WHA28.22 and SEA/RC32/R5 recommending that Articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution be amended to provide for a marginal increase in the membership of the Executive Board from thirty to thirty-one, and emphasizing that each region should be able each year to have elected at least one Member from the Region entitled to nominate a person to serve on the Executive Board,

Recalling further resolutions WHA29.38 and SEA/RC30/R6,

Welcoming the fact that 39 Member States have so far acted upon resolution WHA29.38, and

Noting with concern, however, that, based on the present membership of the Organization, 63 more Member States will have to deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations a formal instrument notifying acceptance of the amendments before these amendments can come into force,

1. URGES Member States in the Region that have not yet notified their acceptance to the Secretary-General of the United Nations to do so within the shortest possible time, and invites all Members in the Region to request their authorities concerned to persuade Members outside the Region to do likewise, and

2. REQUESTS the Director-General to communicate this resolution to the Member States concerned and impress upon them the need for expeditious action.