

SEA/RC17/R3 INFECTIOUS-DISEASE HOSPITALS

The Regional Committee,

Realizing the widespread prevalence and communicable diseases in the Region,

Recognizing the useful role which infectious-disease hospitals in the Region should play as institutions (a) in which adequate medical care is made available, (b) in which investigative work is carried out, and (c) of basic value as teaching centres, and

Noting that many infectious-disease hospitals in the Region fall short of these objectives and standards,

1. URGES that greater endeavours be made by all countries to improve conditions in infectious-diseases hospitals by:
  - (a) upgrading the quality of laboratory services, clinical medicine and patient care, and
  - (b) linking up infectious-disease hospitals with teaching and major general hospitals, in order that they may share investigational, consultant and other specialized services, and
2. REQUESTS the Regional Directory to study the possibility of assisting governments of the countries in the Region in this regard.