

The Regional Committee,

Having considered resolution WHA24.57 adopted by the Twenty-fourth World Health Assembly on "Drug Dependence";

1. NOTES with concern that the abuse of and addiction to narcotic and non-narcotic dependence producing drugs have become a major health problem throughout the world;
2. NOTES further the formulation by the Regional Office of project proposals in the field of control of drug abuse and dependence for possible financing under the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control;
3. COMMENDS the Regional Director and his staff for the action taken;

4. REQUESTS the Regional Director to keep governments fully informed on the development of the various regional projects in this field;

5. RECOMMENDS that Member countries take the necessary action to plan programmes that will help meet the problems arising from drug dependence;

6. REQUESTS the Regional Director to provide all possible assistance to Member governments in their development of plans and programmes to meet this problem.

Fifth meeting, 23 September 1971