

The Regional Committee,

Recalling resolutions WHA28.40, WHA29.43 and WHA36.21;

Noting the action being taken to promote the active involvement of women in health and development;

Having reviewed the report of the Regional Director on the present situation of women in the context of health and development in Member States of the Western Pacific Region;¹

1. URGES Member States:

(1) to collect information on the social and health status of women and to incorporate sex and age factors in the existing data collection and reporting system in order to facilitate the identification of women's health problems as a basis for action;

(2) to strengthen social support measures for women by enhancing the existing family and community support mechanisms and by initiating and implementing concrete social support policies and programmes to meet the changing needs of women, so as to improve their health and social status and enable them to perform their multiple roles in the family and in society;

(3) to strengthen the capacity of women's groups or organizations for effective participation in integrated primary health care;

(4) to promote awareness of the need to protect and improve the health status of women through community health education programmes;

(5) to undertake research to help identify health needs and problems specific to women;

(6) to develop a mechanism for monitoring the social and health status of women;

(7) to accelerate the integration of issues related to women and health in all health programmes;

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

(1) to give priority to the implementation of appropriate measures aimed at strengthening the provision of health care for all women and enhancing their participation in health and development as part of the regional strategy for health for all;

(2) to mobilize financial support from extrabudgetary sources.

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¹Document WPR/RC35/10.