



# RESOLUTION

## OF THE

### WHO REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA

**SEA/RC49/R3                      PROMOTING THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

The Regional Committee,

Recalling World Health Assembly resolution WHA49.9 on the employment and participation of women in the work of WHO,

Recalling further the global initiatives of various United Nations and other organizations in this regard,

Recognizing the strategic role of women's health and development in improving the quality of human resource, and

Appreciating the steps taken by the Regional Office to increase the participation of women in the Organization's work,

1. URGES Member States to make systematic efforts to identify suitable women candidates at various decision-making levels to assume positions of responsibility as well as to prepare them for future roles, and
2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
  - (a) to identify the obstacles in the recruitment and retention of women in professional posts and to develop and implement an appropriate plan to overcome these obstacles;
  - (b) to continuously urge the Member States to encourage and promote the participation of women at health policy levels and in the Governing Bodies as well as in the work of WHO, and
  - (c) to assess periodically the progress made in this regard.