

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the report of the Regional Director on the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade;¹

Recalling resolutions WHA36.13, WPR/RC34.R4 and WPR/RC36.R16;

Re-emphasizing the critical importance of an adequate safe drinking water supply and appropriate sanitation facilities in achieving the goal of health for all by the year 2000;

Noting that, if present trends continue, many Member States will not be able to meet their targets;

Commending the important role of the Western Pacific Regional Centre for the Promotion of Environmental Planning and Applied Studies (PEPAS) in supporting Member States in Decade activities;

1. URGES Member States:

(1) to intensify their efforts during the remainder of the Decade so that the targets set by individual Member States can be achieved;

(2) to promote community participation during all phases of a water and sanitation activity;

(3) to explore all means of securing additional resources for the water supply and sanitation sector, including increased local inputs at the community level for all phases of activities;

(4) to promote greater intersectoral coordination among national agencies and between national and international agencies involved in the water supply and sanitation programme, aimed at the adoption of common policies, particularly for the funding of programmes or activities;

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to continue to cooperate with Member States in implementing their water and sanitation programmes, and in particular:

(1) to review the Decade activities undertaken by PEPAS so that it can continue to support training and the exchange of information and provide technical cooperation;

(2) to promote the use of appropriate technology, particularly for community water supply and sanitation in the small islands of the South Pacific;

(3) to collaborate in improving national information systems for monitoring progress and determining needs and, in this context, to define indicators to measure progress;

(4) to continue to assist Member States in mobilizing both local and international sources of funding for community water supply and sanitation activities.

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¹ Document WPR/RC38/13.