



**R E S O L U T I O N**

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR  
THE WESTERN PACIFIC

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**LEPROSY**

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the Regional Director's report on leprosy in the Western Pacific Region;<sup>1</sup>

Noting resolution WHA44.9 on the global elimination of leprosy as a public health problem by the year 2000;<sup>2</sup>

Appreciating the rapid progress made by the Action Programme for Elimination of Leprosy in the Region, as evidenced by multidrug therapy coverage of over 95% and the significant reduction in number of cases during the last eight years;

Confident that early case detection, multidrug therapy and upgraded managerial capabilities will further decrease the number of cases;

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<sup>1</sup> Document WPR/RC46/14.

<sup>2</sup> Defined as the reduction of prevalence to a level below one case per 10 000 population.

Recognizing the substantial support for leprosy control being provided by external funding agencies, nongovernmental organizations and other partners;

Aware of the high priority accorded by Member States to the elimination of leprosy as a public health problem;

1. DECIDES to continue to make the utmost effort to eliminate leprosy as a public health problem in all countries and areas of the Region by the year 2000;

2. URGES Member States:

(1) to further promote political, financial and social commitment, mobilizing community action through health education efforts and advocacy;

(2) to strengthen national capacity so as to ensure early detection and effective monitoring of progress towards elimination;

(3) to sustain leprosy awareness after the goal of elimination of leprosy has been achieved;

(4) to ensure that prevention and management of disabilities become integral to patient care in health facilities;

3. THANKS the many partners already collaborating in the Action Programme for Elimination of Leprosy;

4. REQUESTS international partners to continue their support for national activities aimed at the elimination of leprosy as a public health problem in all countries of the Region;

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5. **REQUESTS the Regional Director:**

- (1) to strengthen regional technical capacities to support planning, training and supervision within national leprosy programmes, and the improvement of national disease surveillance systems;
- (2) to seek the additional extrabudgetary resources required.

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