RESOLUTION

COOPERATION WITH COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

The Regional Committee,

Having studied the report submitted by the Regional Director (EUR/RC40/Inf.Doc./2);

Mindful of the continuing health problems which still exist in certain Member States yet noting with grave concern the gap in health status between Member States of central and eastern Europe and many other parts of the Region and the possible rapid further deterioration of the situation in the short term;

Aware of the fact that this situation can only be corrected gradually and on the basis of lasting international solidarity;

1. THANKS the Regional Director for his report;
2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to intensify cooperation in health with central and eastern European countries through a programme in the form of a five-year plan of action to be supported from regular and extrabudgetary resources;

3. ENCOURAGES the countries concerned to redeploy their own resources towards implementation of health reforms, according to their perceived needs and in line with the European health for all strategy and targets, striking a balance between immediate needs and longer-term goals;

4. URGES Member States, intergovernmental bodies, nongovernmental organizations, private foundations and corporations to support the new programme and intensify their assistance to the countries concerned, availing themselves of WHO's coordinating function;

5. DECIDES to establish an Advisory Subcommittee of the Regional Committee (whose members shall be appointed by the officers of the fortieth session of the Regional Committee in such a manner as to ensure broad representation of Member States and to include the Member States concerned) to advise the Regional Director whenever necessary on all aspects of the programme, including the management and monitoring of its implementation, and to report on progress to the Regional Committee;

6. INVITES the Chairperson (or one of the Vice-Chairpersons designated by him/her) of the Regional Committee to chair the Advisory Subcommittee;
7. FURTHER REQUESTS the Regional Director:

7.1 to develop urgently a programme as mentioned above, distinguishing between immediate and long-term action, and to submit this, in the first instance, to the Advisory Subcommittee;

7.2 to reallocate resources in the 1990-1991 budget up to US $1 million, and to make provision for US $2 million from the 1992-1993 programme budget for the implementation of the action plan;

7.3 to intensify efforts to mobilize extrabudgetary resources;

7.4 in consultation with the Advisory Subcommittee to explore with the Director-General ways and means by which the support of headquarters technical and other resources to the regional programme can be strengthened.