REPORTS OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR AND OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE

The Regional Committee,

Having considered document EUR/RC40/10 on the reports of the Regional Director and of the Regional Committee as well as the comments of the Consultative Group on Programme Development thereon;

Recognizing also that the annual report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the European Region cannot be both a detailed factual report and a promotional tool;

Aware of the development by the Regional Office of a comprehensive communications promotion policy;

1. ENDORSES the proposal to replace the publication containing the annual report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the European Region by two documents: (1) an annual detailed, factual and evaluative report on the activities of the Regional Office for the Regional Committee and (2) an annual illustrated booklet intended for general publication information;
2. WELCOMES the suggestion to improve the information flow between Member States and the Regional Office through a periodic newsletter;

3. DECIDES - notwithstanding Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedures of the Regional Committee - to discontinue, on a two-year trial basis, the production of the written minutes of meetings of the Regional Committee and to replace them by sound recordings; recordings of the whole or part of the session shall be made available to Member States on request in the original language of the speakers and/or the interpretation into any of the four working languages of the Region; transcripts of specific parts of sessions shall likewise be made available on request.