DRAFT RESOLUTION

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WORKING GROUP ON
THE WHO RESPONSE TO GLOBAL CHANGE

The Regional Committee,

Recalling resolutions WHA46.16, WHA46.35, EB92/R2 and EUR/RC42/R5,

Having studied the report of the Executive Board Working Group on the WHO
Response to Global Change and the Regional Director's comments on the Report
(EUR/RC43/6, Part II);

Welcoming all efforts to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and
responsiveness of the whole Organization and to facilitate dialogue and
consensus among its various levels;

Noting the relevance of the Working Group's analysis and recommendations
for the European Region and its consistency with the measures already being
taken by the Regional Organization;
Conscious that the regional level plays a crucial role in the Organization by providing support to countries and leadership in health and needs stronger funding to enable it to fulfil its responsibility;

Convinced that any new organizational and managerial arrangements emerging from the present reform process must satisfy the particular needs and circumstances of each region and its Member States, and be in line with the principles of decentralization as expressed in the WHO Constitution;

Conscious that the global health for all policy endorsed in 1977 (resolution WHA30.43), which is an important instrument of the Organization's leadership in health, has not been adapted to global change;

1. Thanks the Regional Director for his comments (document EUR/RC43/6, Part II) and accepts the report, as modified in the light of the discussions and comments of the Regional Committee, as constituting the views of the Regional Committee;

2. Endorses the steps that have already been taken and are being taken within the WHO Regional Organization which are in keeping with the recommendations of the Working Group;

3. Requests the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee to continue to study the issues and developments relating to the global reform process and its implications for the European Region;

4. Asks Member States to review their present arrangements for collaboration with the Regional Office and to take action to strengthen it as may be required;
5. REQUESTS the Regional Director

(a) to forward the Regional Committee's views on the report of the Executive Board Working Group on the WHO Response to Global Change to the Executive Board through the Director-General;

(b) to report to the Regional Committee, as and when appropriate, on any action taken in support of the reform process.

6. URGES the Director-General and the Executive Board to institute a process for updating the global health for all strategy and formulating a global health for all policy with targets capable of inspiring and guiding the Organization and its Member States beyond the year 2000.