

AFR/RC44/R17: Special Programme of cooperation with the Republic of Rwanda

The Regional Committee,

Considering the dramatic health situation which currently exists in the Republic of Rwanda;

Noting the tragic loss of life, material damage and the destruction of health infrastructure;

Affirming that emergency health assistance is essential for the population of Rwanda;

Taking note of the content of the information document prepared by the Regional Director;

Recalling resolutions WHA47.29 on Rwanda calling on Members States, national and international organizations and agencies to provide urgent financial, material and technical support to the neighbouring countries, particularly to Burundi, Tanzania, Uganda and Zaire in their efforts to provide emergency help to the refugee populations.

Aware of the fact that the destructions of health infrastructure and the loss of health personnel resulting from these conflicts deprive populations of one of their most fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution of the World Health Organization, namely the right to enjoy the highest attainable standard of health;

Noting that the explosion of epidemics of communicable diseases and malnutrition as well as psychosocial disorders are some of the most serious consequences of the armed conflicts;

Convinced that peace is absolutely necessary for health promotion and for all sustainable human development, through solidarity and cooperation among peoples and states;

5. REQUESTS the Director-General to make every effort to:
 - (i) release the funds required to finance the special programme of cooperation with the Republic of Rwanda, using if necessary the funds from the Director-General's development programme;
 - (ii) seek, for the purpose, contributions from bilateral and multilateral sources of financing;
6. REQUESTS the Regional Director to report to the forty-fifth session of the Regional Committee on the implementation of this resolution.

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