

WPR/RC37.R3 DRUG SUPPLY MANAGEMENT IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

The Regional Committee,

Recalling resolutions WPR/RC35.R11 and WPR/RC36.R9 on the Action Programme on Essential Drugs and Vaccines;

Recognizing the pressing need to improve drug supply to the small island countries or areas of the South Pacific;

Noting with satisfaction the successful experience in drug supply management that is being accumulated in some countries;

1. REQUESTS Member States to intensify their individual and cooperative efforts for the establishment or further development of national drug supply systems in the South Pacific;

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

(1) to review national essential drug programmes in the South Pacific, with particular attention to drug procurement and supply, and quality assurance, in order:

- to analyse successful models and determine the factors contributing to their success; and

- to identify intercountry cooperative activities which will effectively improve national drug procurement and supply systems in the South Pacific;

(2) to play an active role in coordinating technical cooperation among countries with respect to drug procurement and supply management in the South Pacific;

(3) to explore the possibility of establishing appropriate financial arrangements to facilitate the procurement of essential drugs in the South Pacific;

(4) to report to the Regional Committee at its thirty-eighth session on the outcome of the above review.