

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the report of the Regional Director on the development of health research,<sup>1</sup>

1. NOTES with satisfaction:

(1) the Regional Director's initiative in developing awareness of the importance of research and its relevance to the long-term goal of health for all by the year 2000;

(2) the keen interest, generated in some Member States, in establishing a national focal point for the effective management and coordination of health research, as part of the managerial process for national health development;

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- (3) the gradual increase in national research resources, including trained research manpower;
2. ENDORSES the recommendations of the Western Pacific Advisory Committee on Medical Research made to the Regional Director at its sixth session;
3. REQUESTS Member States:
  - (1) to strengthen national health research management processes in order to orient research activities more towards the long-term goal of health for all by the year 2000;
  - (2) to continue to develop national self-reliance in carrying out health research that is directly relevant to the health problems of society;
4. REQUESTS the Regional Director to implement the above-mentioned recommendations of the Western Pacific Advisory Committee on Medical Research.

Seventh meeting, 25 September 1981