(3) to develop mechanisms to mobilize and coordinate the resources available to various intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations for the implementation of national and regional programmes.

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The Regional Committee,

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 32/158;

Having considered the report of the Regional Director on the WHO programme in the Western Pacific Region for the United Nations International Drinking-Water Supply and Sanitation Decade, 1981-1990;¹

Emphasizing that clean water supply and sanitary waste disposal are key elements in primary health care;

1. URGES Member States:

(1) to include, as a priority in national development programmes, the extension and improvement of drinking-water supplies and sanitation services, particularly for the underserved rural and peripheral urban areas;

(2) in so doing, to place emphasis on multidisciplinary approaches, institutional development, training and continuing education, active community participation in project development and implementation, as well as the use of appropriate technology compatible with social, economic, cultural and environmental conditions;

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

(1) to take the necessary steps to develop and implement a three-phased programme for the United Nations International Drinking-Water Supply and Sanitation Decade, 1981-1990 (IDWSSD), consisting of planning, action and long-term support components, specifically adapted to the needs and circumstances of Member States, with the objective of supporting and enhancing their capabilities to plan, implement and maintain full water supply and sanitation coverage for all citizens;

(2) to explore and mobilize all available extrabudgetary resources in support of the IDWSSD programme and its components.

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¹Document WPR/RC31/22.