1. **URGES** Member States:

(1) to strengthen their mental health programmes so as to:

(a) improve the prevention and care of mental and neurological disorders;

(b) undertake measures to deal with problems related to alcohol and drug dependence; and

(c) ensure that the psychosocial aspects of health care and development are given appropriate attention;

(2) to establish coordinating mechanisms within countries which will be vested with sufficient authority and given support to select priorities, reorient resources and implement programmes;

2. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:

(1) initiate or strengthen cooperation with countries in the accelerated development of mental health components within the general health services, using the primary health care approach;

(2) provide training opportunities for the various categories of personnel involved in dealing with psychosocial problems.

Seventh meeting, 12 September 1980

**WPR/RC31.R25  ABUSE OF NARCOTIC AND PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES**

The Regional Committee,

Taking into account resolution WHA33.27 adopted by the Thirty-third World Health Assembly concerning greater attention to drug abuse in WHO programmes;

Considering United Nations General Assembly resolution 34/177, calling for increased activity in the implementation of drug abuse prevention and control programmes by the United Nations and its specialized agencies;

Recognizing that the growing abuse of heroin, opiates, cocaine, cannabis and psychoactive drugs knows no national boundaries;

Recognizing further that drug abuse has a particularly detrimental impact on public health and must be addressed at the community level;
Being aware of the multisectoral aspects of the WHO goal of health for all by the year 2000 and the role of primary health care in achieving that goal;

1. CALLS the attention of the Member States of the WHO Western Pacific Region to the aforementioned resolutions and to the relevance of those resolutions to the Member States of the Region;

2. URGES Member States more fully to utilize the expertise and resources of WHO in the drug abuse field by defining opportunities to incorporate drug abuse components in their evolving national strategies for health for all and in their biennial national programmes;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to prepare periodic progress reports summarizing the status of drug abuse in the Region, describing the current activities of WHO in the Western Pacific Region relating to drug abuse, including sources of funding (both regular and extrabudgetary), and proposing new approaches that Member States might consider for addressing this increasing health problem in their national strategies and in their programme proposals to WHO.

Seventh meeting, 12 September 1980

WPR/RC31.R26 CONTROL OF MALARIA IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the present situation with regard to malaria in the Western Pacific Region, with special reference to the malaria risk for international travellers,¹

1. URGES Member States:

(1) to prevent the establishment of an imported vector population through the institution of appropriate anti-mosquito measures at international ports and airports, and the effective disinsection of aircraft on international flights;

(2) to provide adequate diagnostic and treatment facilities for imported cases of malaria in non-endemic areas, and proper advice on malaria prophylaxis to outgoing residents through the medical profession as well as through agencies involved in international travel;

¹Document WPR/RC31/26.