

The Regional Committee,

Recalling resolution WHA36.13 on the International Drinking-Water Supply and Sanitation Decade;

Emphasizing that safe drinking-water and adequate sanitation services are key elements in primary health care;

Noting the current status of progress in implementing Decade activities;

1. URGES Member States:

(1) to update existing policies, to revise existing plans and programmes as necessary in order to provide full coverage of the population, and to give priority to the underserved urban and rural populations;

(2) to promote the simultaneous implementation of water and sanitation programmes;

(3) to encourage national planning agencies to develop intersectoral plans and programmes for water supply and sanitation which will:

(a) identify levels of service that are technically appropriate and compatible with available financial, material and manpower resources;

(b) assign specific goals and targets to all the agencies concerned;

(c) ensure the active involvement of communities in planning and programming and the operation and maintenance of systems as appropriate;

(d) promote adequate training activities to implement and sustain programme activities in order to meet the goals and targets;

(e) encourage the allocation of adequate resources to support systems operation;

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

(1) to intensify implementation of the WHO regional programme for the United Nations International Drinking-Water Supply and Sanitation Decade in regard to planning and maintaining adequate water supply and sanitation services;

(2) to continue to mobilize and increase extrabudgetary resources to support the Decade programmes and their components.