

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the Western Pacific Region and in particular the review of the health services research programme;¹

Noting the initiative taken to promote awareness of the importance of health services research as part of the process of organizing health systems based on primary health care and of its relevance to the goal of health for all by the year 2000;

Noting also the progress made in strengthening national capability to carry out health services research;

Noting further the initiative taken to facilitate the exchange of information on health services research;

1. URGES Member States:

(1) to apply health services research as an effective tool for introducing desirable changes, as an integral part of the process to develop and improve health systems;

(2) to develop manpower with the ability to formulate and carry out health services research in the various aspects of systems development;

(3) to become actively involved in the exchange of information and to share their experience in health services research, particularly its methodological and technical aspects;

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

(1) to continue efforts to promote health services research as part of the process of organizing and managing health systems based on primary health care;

(2) to cooperate with Member States in developing national capability in health services research methodology and related disciplines in order to organize, carry out and manage health services research, through the strengthening of national institutions and the development of manpower;

(3) to develop mechanisms for the exchange of information and experience in health services research among Member States.

¹Documents WPR/RC34/3, Corr.1 and Corr.2.