

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the report of the Regional Director;¹

Recalling resolutions WHA30.49, WHA31.33, WHA40.33 and WPR/RC36.R6;

Recognizing that traditional medicine, herbal medicine and acupuncture in particular, may be of value for utilization in the health services;

Commending the work done on the standardization of acupuncture nomenclature;

1. URGES Member States:

(1) to establish or further develop programmes on traditional medicine in the light of their specific needs and circumstances;

(2) to undertake research in regard to traditional medicine, particularly in the following areas:

(a) inventory surveys of medicinal plants;

(b) the quality control of traditional drugs;

(c) evaluation of the safety and efficacy of traditional medicine, based on the concepts of both modern and traditional medicine

(d) the cost-effectiveness of traditional medicine;

(3) to strengthen training in traditional medicine for different categories of health personnel;

(4) to share experience and information in regard to traditional medicine freely with one another;

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

(1) to cooperate with Member States in the formulation and implementation of traditional medicine programmes;

(2) to undertake work in relation to standardization of the terminology used in herbal medicine;

(3) to support information exchange on traditional medicine among Member States through a network of collaborating centres and participating institutes as well as through publications and scientific meetings.

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¹ Document WPR/RC38/14.