

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the report of the Regional Director on prevention of mental, neurological and psychosocial disorders;<sup>1</sup>

Recalling resolutions WHA39.25 on prevention of mental, neurological and psychosocial disorders and WPR/RC36.R17 on mental health;

Concerned that mental, neurological and psychosocial disorders are assuming greater magnitude in the Region;

Stressing the importance of taking into consideration the psychosocial aspects of health and development programmes;

Conscious of the determinant role of behaviour in the promotion of health;

Considering it to be essential to ensure that appropriate mental health action is included in national socioeconomic development plans;

1. URGES Member States:

(1) to accord increased attention to the magnitude of mental, neurological and psychosocial problems such as suicide, alcohol and drug abuse and mental handicap;

(2) to formulate or strengthen national policies and programmes to develop measures for the prevention of mental, neurological and psychosocial problems;

(3) to develop an appropriate information system on which to base the research activities necessary for planning and evaluating mental health programmes;

(4) to carry out training activities as necessary for the implementation of national mental health programmes;

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

(1) to intensify cooperation with Member States in formulating or strengthening and in implementing national mental health policies and programmes;

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<sup>1</sup>Document WPR/RC39/13.