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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
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AIDS AND SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the annual report on AIDS, including sexually transmitted diseases;¹

Noting the upward trend of HIV infection and AIDS and the high incidence of sexually transmitted diseases in the Region;

Recognizing the need for education on transmission and prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases in the general population and special population groups;

Considering the individual risk behaviours that promote the spread of HIV infection and AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases;

Appreciating the diversity of cultures, traditions and behaviour patterns indigenous to the Region and their varying effects on the risks of HIV transmission;

Noting with concern the reduction of resources at the country and regional levels;

Noting the importance of the safety of blood and blood products;

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1. **URGES Member States:**

- (1) to give stronger political commitment to AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases prevention and control programmes;
- (2) to increase involvement of other government departments or ministries in the planning and execution of national AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases programmes;
- (3) to encourage the active participation of nongovernmental organizations in planning and implementation of national AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases programmes;
- (4) to strengthen surveillance of HIV infection and AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases by making reliable and up-to-date data available, and to enhance the safeguarding of patient confidentiality;
- (5) to promote scientific studies of sexual behaviours and other sociocultural factors influencing the risks of HIV transmission including cost-benefit studies of specific intervention or control programmes;
- (6) to encourage increased exchange of information and experience and to provide additional information needed in the prevention and control of AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases;
- (7) to focus socially and culturally relevant initiatives and use of resources to reduce the prevalence of risk activities responsible for HIV transmission, such as commercial sex activity, injecting drug use, and the spread of sexually transmitted diseases;
- (8) to move progressively towards 100% screening of blood and blood products in the Region;

2. **REQUESTS the Regional Director:**

- (1) to continue technical collaboration with Member States in the prevention and control of AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases and injecting drug use;
- (2) to seek an increase in the provision of Global Programme on AIDS resources for optimum implementation of AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases programmes, and for control of injecting drug use in the Region;
- (3) to coordinate further with donor agencies to ensure that maximum benefit is gained from all external resources;
- (4) to continue to report annually to the Regional Committee on the regional situation of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

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