

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the report presented by the Regional Director on the smallpox eradication programme,

1. REAFFIRMS its support of the world-wide smallpox eradication programme;
2. EMPHASIZES the danger of the reimportation of smallpox into the Region particularly as a result of the rapid development of air communications;
3. DRAWS the attention of Member governments to the importance of ensuring that the issuance of a vaccination certificate for their countries means that the vaccination has actually been successfully completed;

4. ENDORSES the regional smallpox eradication programme presented in document WPR/RC17/5;

5. REQUESTS the Regional Director to arrange a travelling seminar to permit health officers to study clinical cases of smallpox in the countries where the infection still exists.