

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the information provided by the Regional Director on recent outbreaks of dengue fever/dengue haemorrhagic fever in many areas of the Region,

1. REALIZES that, at the present time, the immediate measure available to arrest an outbreak is to control the vector mosquitos;
2. NOTES that in some countries the appropriate equipment and insecticides are not usually available locally and that, in others, administrative procedures prevent funds from being allocated immediately for their purchase;
3. AUTHORIZES the Regional Director to place an amount of US\$10 000 in the List of Additional Projects for 1976 and future years, as required, to enable portable ultra-low-volume ground application machines to be purchased and made available to governments on loan, together with ULV grade insecticides, as emergency assistance in the event of an outbreak;
4. SUGGESTS that the freight charges involved in transporting these items to the area of the outbreak be borne by the government making the request;
5. FURTHER SUGGESTS that governments who avail themselves of ULV grade insecticides provided by WHO, reimburse the Organization for the costs thereof at the earliest possible time, in order not to deplete the resources available for the purpose.