

The Regional Committee,

Having considered resolution WHA28.87 adopted by the Twenty-eighth World Health Assembly;

Having noted the general review of the malaria situation provided by the Regional Director in his Report for the period 1 July 1974 to 30 June 1975, and the progress, albeit slow, of the antimalaria programme in the Region,

1. URGES governments: (a) to maintain the high priority accorded to antimalaria activities in relation to their other health programmes; (b) to continue to ensure full administrative and financial support for the implementation of antimalaria programmes;

2. URGES governments with the resources to do so to assist in combating the disease by contributing, in money or in kind, to the Voluntary Fund for Health Promotion - Malaria Eradication Special Account - or directly to countries needing assistance through bilateral agreements;

Recognizing that many of the technical problems encountered in implementing efficient and effective antimalaria programmes are accompanied by operational difficulties;

3. IDENTIFIES the following as areas in which efforts towards improvement should be concentrated:

(i) development of adequate technically-trained health manpower with managerial capabilities, together with incentives for retaining the trained manpower in the antimalaria service;

(ii) encouragement of increased support from basic health services and closer community involvement in antimalaria activities;

(iii) orientation of health service staff in the prevention, treatment and control of malaria;

(iv) supply of DDT in the Region or such other insecticides as may be required;

4. REQUESTS the Regional Director: (a) to continue to assist governments with problems encountered in connexion with their antimalaria programmes; (b) to promote intercountry coordination of malaria programmes between countries with common borders both within and outside the Region; (c) to promote specific research activities particularly in order to overcome technical and operational difficulties; (d) to disseminate relevant information of value to member countries or areas in the Region; and (e) to explore the possibility of producing additional DDT within the Region.