

The Regional Committee,

Having considered resolution WHA24.48, adopted by the Twenty-fourth World Health Assembly on "Health Consequences of Smoking";

Holding that an international health meeting must demonstrate its concern for the reduction of the main causal factor in diseases related to smoking;

1. DECIDES that all those present at official meetings of the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific be requested to refrain from smoking in rooms where such meetings are held and that this policy be prominently displayed within the regional office building;
2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to study ways in which governments may take action to reduce the health consequences of smoking and to report his recommendations to the twenty-third session of the Regional Committee.

Fifth meeting, 23 September 1971