

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the report submitted by the Regional Director on the proposed long-term programme in health laboratory services,

1. RECOGNIZES the necessity of developing an inter-country programme in the field of health laboratory services with a view to improving the reliability and comparability of diagnostic and control tests essential to national and international programmes;
2. ENDORSES the suggestion of the Regional Director to prepare a directory of public health laboratory services for countries and territories in the Western Pacific Region and the long-term programme proposed;
3. RECOMMENDS that the inter-country programmes be closely coordinated as far as possible with the WHO general programme of activities in the field of laboratory services;
4. REQUESTS the Regional Director to include the proposals pertaining to Phases I and II in the List of Additional Projects in 1972 and 1973 and to implement them in accordance with the availability of funds.

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