

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the information provided by the Regional Director<sup>1</sup> in connexion with resolution WPR/RC23.R8 on the above subject,

1. NOTES that the work necessary to formulate a proposal which may be submitted to the Director-General for possible financing by the UNFDAC or other appropriate body of a study of the epidemiology of drug abuse will soon be initiated in two countries in the Region with the assistance of the United States Government and possibly of other sources;

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<sup>1</sup>Document WPR/RC24/7.

2. EXPRESSES the hope that the findings of this work will be useful to the Working Group on Measures for the Prevention and Control of Drug Abuse and Dependence which will take place in 1974;
3. NOTES FURTHER resolution WHA25.62 which "urges Member States to initiate and/or increase their efforts to promote programmes of education, epidemiological studies, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation, and research";
4. REQUESTS the Regional Director to obtain from Member States information on the nature, extent of drug dependence and the availability of treatment and rehabilitation centres in their respective countries;
5. REQUESTS the Regional Director to continue:
  - (a) to stimulate and develop activities in the field of the control of drug abuse and drug dependence;
  - (b) to explore further the possibility of inter-regional cooperation with the South-East Asia Regional Office after completion of the pilot project and to submit to the Committee at its twenty-fifth session a report on the progress made.