

EM/RC44/R.6 **ELIMINATION AND ERADICATION OF DISEASES, WITH
SPECIAL REFERENCE TO MEASLES AND TUBERCULOSIS**

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the technical paper on elimination and eradication of diseases, with special reference to measles and tuberculosis;

Noting that with the development of control strategies, the possibility of eradication/elimination of some infectious diseases, including measles and tuberculosis, is currently feasible;

1. **THANKS** the Regional Director for his report;
2. **URGES** Member States:
 - 2.1 To adopt and implement measles elimination strategies with the aim of achieving elimination by the year 2010, taking into account that measles elimination activities should not, in any way, jeopardize poliomyelitis eradication activities.
 - 2.2 With low incidence of tuberculosis which have not yet adopted the target of tuberculosis elimination by the year 2010 to do so.
 - 2.3 With intermediate to high incidence of tuberculosis to implement the strategy DOTS ALL OVER as a prerequisite for elimination.
3. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
 - 3.1 Report regularly to the Regional Committee on progress made towards the elimination of measles and tuberculosis.
 - 3.2 Establish a mechanism to study the feasibility of eradicating/eliminating diseases of regional priority and the cost-effectiveness of programmes aimed at achieving such targets.