The Regional Committee,

Recalling World Health Assembly resolutions WHA52.18 and WHA53.16 and its own resolution SEA/RC52/7, and

Noting the global urgency and the importance of the development, negotiation and adoption of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control,

1. **URGES** Member States:
   - to promote mechanisms in support of the negotiation and adoption of the FCTC and tobacco control in general, and
   - to actively promote the FCTC and tobacco control using the platform of regional mechanisms and associations such as SAARC and ASEAN, and

2. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director:
   - to provide continued technical support to Member States towards the negotiation, adoption and implementation of the FCTC, and
   - to provide technical assistance to established subregional and national fora on the FCTC process.

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