The Regional Committee,

Expressing satisfaction at the progress in cross-border collaboration on control of communicable diseases, and

Noting with concern the threat posed by Kala Azar, HIV/AIDS, Japanese Encephalitis and Malaria,

1. URGES Member States:
   • to enhance cross-border collaboration to include priority communicable diseases, and evaluate outcome of meetings;
   • to develop strong surveillance systems, and
   • to enhance synchronized and coordinated activities, especially at the district level on both sides of the border, and

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
   • to establish a task force to develop a coordinated and coherent policy for control of priority communicable diseases, and
   • to enhance intercountry and inter-regional collaboration with regional mechanisms like SAARC, ASEAN and other international organizations to address cross-border health problems.

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