The Regional Committee,

Recalling the World Health Assembly resolutions WHA51.12 and WHA51.28 relating to health promotion and environmental health, and its own resolutions SEA/RC40/R5 and SEA/RC41/R8 relating to development of comprehensive district health systems,

Recognizing the need for intersectoral action for sustainable health development and its relevance in the "healthy settings" approach,

Emphasizing that the healthy settings can be initiated within the various national health promotion and health development programmes, such as healthy cities and islands, health promoting schools, healthy workplaces, and healthy districts, and

Having considered the report and recommendations of the Technical Discussions on "Healthy Settings" (SEA/RC53/19),

1. **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained in the report;

2. **URGES** Member States:
   
   - to identify by the end of 2001, at least one district to pilot a "healthy setting" programme, with active involvement of local communities, other sectors and NGOs, and
   
   - to evaluate the existing technical and managerial capabilities for promoting various "healthy settings" programmes, and enhance these where necessary, and

3. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director:

   - to provide necessary technical support, including guidelines and indicators to Member States for formulating plans to establish "Healthy District" projects, and
   
   - to promote exchange of experiences among Member States and WHO on various "healthy settings" approaches and strengthen networking among countries.

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