The Regional Committee,

Recognizing the increasing magnitude of drug and alcohol abuse and also the problem of mental health in the Region,

1. DECIDES to hold Technical Discussions in 2001 on the subject of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, including Alcohol;

2. URGES the Member States to participate fully in these Technical Discussions, and

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
   - to take steps for the preparation and conduct of these discussions during the meeting of the Consultative Committee for Programme Development and Management, prior to the Regional Committee in the year 2001, and
   - to submit its recommendations to the Regional Committee.

Seventh Meeting, 7 September 2000