RESOLUTION
OF THE
WHO REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA

SEA/RC58/R4 INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS (2005)

The Regional Committee,

Recalling World Health Assembly resolutions WHA48.7, WHA54.14, WHA55.16 and WHA56.28 relating to global public health, and welcoming the adoption by the World Health Assembly of resolution WHA58.3 on the International Health Regulations (2005),

Concerned about the growing threats of emerging and re-emerging communicable diseases such as SARS and avian influenza,

Mindful of other potential global health security issues arising from accidental or deliberate use of biological, chemical and radiological agents and their implications to Member States of the Region in terms of human suffering and socioeconomic implications,

Appreciating the technical support and guidance provided to Member States by WHO in the revision process of the International Health Regulations,

Taking note of the recommendations of the Ninth Meeting of Health Secretaries of Member States of the WHO South-East Asia Region regarding the revision process of IHR and the need to strengthen the core capacity required for its implementation, and

Keenly aware of the enormous challenges faced by Member States in terms of building the necessary core capacity, including human resources and health systems development essential for the implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) in the limited time available,

1. URGES Member States:

(a) to take all necessary steps to implement the International Health Regulations (2005) in accordance with the purpose and scope of the Regulations, and

(b) to fulfil all administrative and legal requirements that may be necessary for effective implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005), and

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

(a) to facilitate the implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) through technical guidance and support to Member States, as necessary;

(b) to facilitate resource mobilization to develop and maintain core capacities in Member States, and

(c) to promote intercountry and interregional collaboration.

Seventh Meeting,
10 September 2005