RESOLUTION
OF THE
WHO REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH-EAST ASIA

SEA/RC62/R5 SOUTH-EAST ASIA REGIONAL HEALTH EMERGENCY FUND

The Regional Committee,

Recalling Regional Committee Resolution SEA/RC60/R7, which acknowledged the establishment of the South-East Asia Regional Health Emergency Fund (SEARHEF),

Appreciating the contribution of Member States of 1% of their WHO Regular Budget allocation (Assessed Contribution) and the additional US$ 100 000 contribution of the Royal Thai Government to the Fund, and the additional US$ 10 000 pledged contribution of the Government of Timor-Leste,

Recognizing that SEARHEF was vital in providing immediate financial support for health interventions during various emergencies in the past biennium,

Noting that SEARHEF has been well managed according to the policies, guidelines and procedures and the advice of the SEARHEF Working Group,

Confirming that emergencies remain a concern in the South-East Asia Region, and that the Organization has prioritized emergency preparedness and response through a dedicated Strategic Objective in its Medium-term Strategic Plan,

Having considered the recommendations made by the High-Level Preparatory Meeting of countries of the WHO South-East Asia Region held from 29 June to 2 July 2009,

1. URGES Member States:
   (a) To continue to contribute on a voluntary basis to the Fund and to advocate for contributions by donors; and
   (b) to continue active participation in the SEARHEF Working Group; and

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
   (a) To provide US$ 1 million from the WHO Regular Budget (Assessed Contribution) for 2010-2011 biennium to the SEARHEF;
   (b) to mobilize Voluntary Contributions from donors and international agencies to the Fund;
   (c) to continue to respond to emergency requests by Member States in the Region; and
   (d) to encourage the replenishment of the Fund once contributions from other donors are provided to the affected countries.