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33rd DIRECTING COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION

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FIGHT AGAINST THE USE OF TOBACCO

THE 33rd DIRECTING COUNCIL,

Having seen Document CD33/24, entitled "Fight Against the Use of Tobacco";

Deeply concerned by the avoidable disease, disability, diminished quality of life, suffering, and premature deaths that occur each year in the Region as the unquestionable consequence of the use of tobacco;

Recognizing that passive smoking may endanger the health and lives of nonsmokers; and

Bearing in mind that there is sufficient evidence to indicate the addictive nature of the use of tobacco,

RESOLVES

1. To promote the adoption of public health measures at the regional and national levels to prevent and control the use of tobacco as well as to protect the health of nonsmokers.
2. To urge Member Governments to:
 - a) Adopt legal measures aimed at protecting the health of nonsmokers;
 - b) Adopt measures to control the direct or indirect advertising of all types of tobacco;
 - c) Restrict the consumption of tobacco in any form whatsoever in public places;

d) Establish education programs on the dangers of smoking for students in all schools and at all educational levels;

e) Make systematic and effective efforts to inform the public through all means, including the mass media, as to the dangers of smoking.

3. To request that the Director:

a) Present to the XXXIV Meeting of the Directing Council a regional plan of action for prevention and control of the use of tobacco;

b) Explore the possibility of obtaining extrabudgetary funds from nongovernmental, bilateral, and multilateral organizations, from foundations and professional associations, and from all those sources which may be able to facilitate necessary assistance for the execution of a regional plan of action for the prevention and control of the use of tobacco.

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