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## RESOLUTION

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### THE ATHENS DECLARATION ON MENTAL HEALTH AND MAN-MADE DISASTERS, STIGMA AND COMMUNITY CARE

The Regional Committee,

Noting with satisfaction all activities undertaken in the European Region in 2001 within the framework of the Year of Mental Health, which offers a new opportunity to renew the commitment in this important area of public health;

Recalling that events will continue throughout the year, including the launch of a global, as well as regional, mental health reports;

Noting with satisfaction the efforts that countries in the European Region have made to formulate policies and action on mental health;

1. WELCOMES the attached Athens Declaration on Mental Health and Man-Made Disasters, Stigma and Community Care, signed by all participants in the WHO meeting organized in Athens, Greece on 8 and 9 June 2001;
2. INVITES Member States to give effect to the policy laid down in the Declaration;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to include mental health as a technical subject on the agenda of the fifty-third session of the Regional Committee.