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#### DECLARATION

The WHO/Australian Inter-Regional Ministerial Meeting on AIDS,

In accordance with WHA Resolution WHA40.26 of 15 May 1987 on the Global Strategy for the Prevention and Control of AIDS;

Recognizing the epidemiological situation of AIDS, and HIV infection in the South-East Asian and Western Pacific Regions, in particular, the relatively low prevalence of AIDS in most countries and the present opportune situation for its prevention and control;

Emphasizing that the spread of AIDS is a global problem and knows no national or geographic boundaries; and that each country should be concerned with protecting the health of their own people, as well as the people of other nations;

Considering WHO's directing and coordinating role in the urgent global fight against AIDS;

1. URGES Participating Governments:

(a) to take full advantage of the opportunity for prevention and promptly establish or strengthen national programmes to prevent and control AIDS, in balance with other health programmes and in conformity with the WHO global AIDS strategy;

(b) to share openly with WHO and other governments all relevant and reliable information on AIDS;

(c) to develop closer cooperation in areas of mutual concern;

2. CALLS upon WHO to support and strengthen national programmes for the prevention and control of AIDS;

3. URGES WHO to facilitate and coordinate bilateral, multilateral and international assistance for the implementation of national programmes for the prevention and control of AIDS;

4. URGES bilateral, multilateral and international agencies, and non-governmental organizations, to support AIDS prevention and control activities in conformity with WHO's Global AIDS strategy;

5. AFFIRMS its determination to cooperate to limit the spread of AIDS, and to ensure that the Region's needs are appropriately reflected in the priorities of international agencies and donor countries.

\*List of Countries represented:

Brunei, China, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Kiribati, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Thailand, Tonga, Western Samoa, Vanuatu and Vietnam.

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