







Resolution

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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Accreditation of regional non-State actors to the Regional Committee

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the background document on the procedure for accreditation of regional non-State actors not in official relations with WHO to attend meetings of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean:¹

Recalling resolution WHA69.10 on the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors;²

Noting that the engagement of the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean with non-State actors can bring important benefits to public health in the Region and to the Organization itself in fulfilment of its constitutional principles and objectives;

Recognizing the significant progress made in strengthening strategic engagement and collaboration with non-State actors;

Acknowledging the renewed focus on transformative engagement and alignment with WHO's Thirteenth General Programme of Work (GPW 13) and programme budget;

Underscoring the political commitment of Member States towards the consistent and coherent implementation of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors across the three levels of the Organization,

- 1. **DECIDES**, in accordance with paragraph 57 of the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors, to establish a procedure to grant accreditation to international and regional non-State actors not in official relations with WHO to participate in meetings of the Regional Committee;
- **2. REPLACES** the following sentence of Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean:³

¹ EM/RC67/16.

² Resolution WHA69.10 Framework of engagement with non-State actors.

³ <u>Rules of procedure of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean</u>. Cairo: WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean; 2017.

The Regional Director, in consultation with the Regional Committee, may also invite nongovernmental organizations to participate in the deliberations of the Committee as provided in section 5 of the "Principles governing relations between the World Health Organization and nongovernmental organizations".

with the following text:

Non-State actors admitted into official relations with the World Health Organization pursuant to the Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors are invited to participate in the sessions of the Regional Committee, as provided for in paragraph 55 of the Framework. The Regional Committee may also adopt a procedure granting accreditation to other international, regional and national non-State actors not in official relations with the World Health Organization to participate in its meetings, provided that the procedure is managed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Framework of Engagement;

- **3. ADOPTS** to that end the procedure laid out in document EM/RC67/16, Annex 1;
- **4. AGREES** that the above amendment to Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for Eastern Mediterranean shall come into immediate effect following its approval by the Members of the Committee through the established silence procedure adopted specially for the 67th session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean;
- **5. REQUESTS** the Regional Director to report, for information purposes, to the Regional Committee at its 68th session in 2021 on the implementation of operative paragraph 1 of this resolution.