The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the technical discussion paper on climate change and health security in the Eastern Mediterranean¹ and the proposed framework for health sector action in Member States to protect health from climate change;

Recalling resolutions EM/RC49/R.8 Health effects of environmental conditions and WHA61.19 Climate change and health;

Noting that the global scientific consensus presented by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change affirms that climate change and global warming are unequivocal, are happening now, and will continue in the future;

Further noting that countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region are among the most vulnerable to climate change, and that climate change threatens to slow and possibly reverse countries’ progress toward the health-related Millennium Development Goals;

Recognizing the importance of addressing the health impact of climate change in a timely manner in order to protect health, which is a joint responsibility of all sectors;

1. **ENDORSES** the framework for health sector action in Member States to protect health from climate change;

2. **URGES** Member States to:
   2.1 Implement the framework for health sector action to protect health from climate change;

¹ Document no. EM/RC55/Tech.Disc.1
2.2 Establish an effective high level coordination mechanism to strengthen institutional capacity to protect health from climate change and to facilitate effective engagement of the health sector in the national United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) processes, and ensure a leading role of the Ministry of Health in this mechanism;

2.3 Establish an early warning capacity for climate sensitive diseases by integrating information on environmental change in the existing health information systems;

3. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to support Member States in developing their capacity to protect health from climate change and to prepare for effective response to potential increased frequency of catastrophic events.