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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE  
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Agenda item 2

### **Annual report of the Regional Director for 2009 and progress reports**

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the Annual report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the Eastern Mediterranean Region for 2009 and the progress reports requested by the Regional Committee<sup>1</sup>;

Recognizing that Pakistan is dealing with an unprecedented natural disaster that has left millions of people in urgent need of assistance;

Mindful of the global economic recession which has compounded the existing challenges to the health system and compromised progress towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals;

Recalling Regional Committee resolution EM/RC56/R.7 Road traffic injuries: a growing public health concern, and concerned at the significant loss of life attributable to road traffic injuries and the position of the Region as having the highest mortality rate in the world due to road traffic injuries;

Recalling the Qatar declaration and the commitment of all Member States to the principles of primary health care;

Recognizing that achieving the global target of poliomyelitis eradication is closely linked to progress in the remaining two endemic countries, Afghanistan and particularly Pakistan;

Recognizing the need for strong legislation for tobacco control as part of a comprehensive multisectoral approach;

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<sup>1</sup> Document nos. EM/RC57/2, EM/RC57/INF. DOC 1,2,3,4

1. **THANKS** the Regional Director for his comprehensive report on the work of WHO in the Region;
2. **ADOPTS** the annual report of the Regional Director;
3. **CALLS** on Member States to:
  - 3.1 Extend further support to Pakistan to assist the country to address the urgent health needs;
  - 3.2 Contribute to the regional emergency solidarity fund;
  - 3.3 Strengthen mechanisms for monitoring and reporting with respect to achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;
  - 3.4 Promote intersectoral action to support implementation of national plans for prevention of road traffic injuries;
  - 3.5 Strengthen solidarity through sharing of resources and expertise to support countries in achieving universal access to primary health care services based on a family practice approach;
  - 3.6 Accelerate efforts to interrupt transmission of poliomyelitis in Pakistan and Afghanistan through ensuring access to children in security-compromised areas, addressing managerial issues and ensuring high quality programme performance;
  - 3.7 Strengthen the national legal framework for tobacco control and ensure enforcement of strong legislation;
4. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
  - 4.1 Encourage all partners and United Nations agencies at the regional and country level to support a united effort to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and to support efforts to mobilize necessary resources;
  - 4.2 Continue to support Member States in strengthening the national legal framework for tobacco control.