Resolution

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN
Fifty-seventh Session
Agenda item 5

Programme and budget matters

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the Programme Budget 2008-2009 performance assessment report;1

Commending the steps taken by both the Director General and the Regional Director to further strengthen the mechanism for transparent management of resources and accountability to ensure periodic assessment of performance and achievement of results;

Having considered the report of the Regional Director on Joint Government/WHO Programme Review and Planning Missions (JPRM) for the biennium 2010-2011;

Acknowledging the efforts of the Secretariat and all nationals involved in preparation and successful completion of the JPRMs at country level;

Re-affirming that JPRMs continue to be the valid instrument for the development of operational plans and that country cooperation strategies are the guidance in priority-setting for technical cooperation between countries and WHO;

Having reviewed the amended medium-term strategic plan 2008-2013, and the global and regional proposed programme budgets 2012-2013;

Appreciating also the transparent approach in preparation of the global and regional proposed programme budget 2012-2013 and steps taken to develop an integrated programme budget covering all sources of funds to support equitable budgeting and effective financing of the proposed programme budget across the Organization;

Noting with satisfaction the proposed allocations of the programme budget 2012-2013 between headquarters and regions and between the Regional Office and countries in line with the commitment of the Organization to allocate 70% of the proposed programme budget to the regions and countries;

1 Document no. EM/RC57/8 and EM/RC57/7(b)
Noting that the present budget proposal is to be regarded as a draft, in view of Article 34 of the Constitution of WHO, whereas the Director-General will submit the budget proposal of the Organization to the Executive Board prior to final approval by the World Health Assembly;

Concerned at the lack of flexibility and predictability of voluntary contributions to fund key priorities resulting from the present mode of financing of the Organization which results in delays in implementation of joint collaborative activities;

Recognizing the need to correct the imbalance between financing key health priorities resulting from the fact that two thirds of the current resources of the Organization come from specified voluntary contributions;

1. **ENDORSES** the overall strategic framework, objectives and approaches outlined in amended the medium-term strategic plan and in the global and regional proposed programme budget 2012-2013;

2. **REQUESTS** members of the Executive Board from the Region to support the Proposed Programme Budget 2012-2013;

3. **URGES** Member States to further strengthen national capacity to expedite the process of preparation, implementation, monitoring and assessment of joint collaborative workplans with WHO and to ensure allocation of adequate national resources to cover national health needs;

4. **REQUESTS** Member States to support the Regional Office in financing key priority areas in the Region and to ensure predictability and flexibility in voluntary contributions;

5. **REQUESTS** the Director-General to ensure the transfer of resources in line with the commitment to allocate 70% of the proposed programme budget to regions and countries for achievement of the targets set by the Medium-Term Strategic Plan 2008–2013