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REGIONAL STRATEGY FOR ENHANCING PATIENT SAFETY

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the technical paper on a regional strategy for enhancing patient safety<sup>1</sup>;

Recognizing the magnitude of the problem and the challenges faced by national health systems, especially in provision of safe health care;

Recalling resolutions WHA55.18 on quality of care: patient safety and EM/RC42/R.1 on promotion of quality assurance of health care;

Recalling also the Kuwait Declaration on Patient Safety;

Stressing the need to ensure safety of medical and health practice as a main component of health care and its quality assurance/improvement;

Recognizing the efforts of some Member States in developing strategies for patient safety, and launching quality programmes and accreditation initiatives;

Aware of the importance of patient safety to ensure credibility of care and risk management in a global competitive environment;

1. **ENDORSES** the regional strategy for enhancing patient safety.
2. **URGES** Member States to:
  - 2.1 Develop national standards for patient safety, making use of the WHO guiding documents relating to patient safety;

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<sup>1</sup> Document No. EM/RC52/4

- 2.2 Formulate national patient safety programmes in collaboration with the Regional Office and other partners, particularly the World Alliance for Patient Safety;
- 2.3 Establish mechanisms to promote partnership between regional patient safety institutions and national health care delivery systems;
- 3. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
  - 3.1 Promote partnership between Member States, expert institutions for patient safety, health care delivery systems and the World Alliance for Patient Safety;
  - 3.2 Provide technical support to Member States to formulate their national policies, strategies and strategic plans for patient safety, and to strengthen their national programmes on accreditation and relicensure with special reference to patient safety;
  - 3.3 Continue and widen the regional advocacy and support process and involvement of public, civic and private medical and health associations and organizations in patient safety;
  - 3.4 Report periodically on progress in patient safety performance in the Eastern Mediterranean Region in collaboration with regional and international partners.