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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
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**Regional strategy for the improvement of civil registration and vital statistics
systems 2014–2019**

The Regional Committee

Having discussed the technical paper on the regional strategy for the improvement of civil registration and vital statistics systems¹;

Recalling resolution EM/RC59/R.3 on health systems strengthening, which urged Member States to strengthen national health information systems, including registration of births, deaths and causes of death;

Acknowledging that the call for universal civil registration is sanctioned in many United Nations resolutions, including the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (A/RES/2200(XXI)), the Millennium Declaration (A/RES/55/2), and the Declaration on the Right to Development (A/RES/41/128);

Recalling also the recommendation of the United Nations Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health calling on all countries to undertake significant steps to establish a system for registration of births, deaths and causes of death and have well functioning health information systems by 2015;

Acknowledging also the importance of civil registration and vital statistics systems in providing information which secures the basic right of identity for individuals and which support human development sectors, including health;

Recognizing the importance of intersectoral collaboration to support civil registration and vital statistics systems;

1. **ENDORSES** the regional strategy for the improvement of civil registration and vital statistics systems 2014–2019;

¹ Document No: EM/RC60/10

2. **URGES** Member States to give priority to the strengthening of their civil registration and vital statistics systems;
3. **CALLS ON** Member States to:
 - 3.1 Develop or further strengthen a national multisectoral strategic plan to improve the civil registration and vital statistics system, based on the findings of an in-depth assessment and guided by the regional strategy;
 - 3.2 Strengthen infrastructure and capacities within the Ministry of Health and develop regulations and procedures to assure quality standards for medical certification and coding of cause of death using the International Classification of Diseases;
 - 3.3 Raise awareness on, and mobilize support for, civil registration systems in the community and relevant sectors;
4. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
 - 4.1 Provide technical support to Member States to adapt and implement the regional strategy for the improvement of civil registration and vital statistics systems;
 - 4.2 Build partnerships with United Nations organizations and other relevant regional stakeholders to facilitate implementation of the strategy;
 - 4.3 Monitor and report to the Regional Committee the progress achieved in the implementation of the strategy every two years until 2019.