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## Resolution

## REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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## Monitoring health situation, trends and health system performance

The Regional Committee,

Recalling resolution EM/RC59/R.3 on health systems strengthening, which urged Member States to strengthen national health information systems and the discussions on the proposed list of indicators during the technical meetings prior to the Regional Committee;

Recognizing the importance of strong health information systems in providing reliable information for decision-making and policy-making;

Acknowledging the need to address the gaps and challenges in national health information systems and the lead role of WHO in providing technical support;

1. **REQUESTS** Member States to review the proposed list of core indicators and suggest country-specific optional indicators;

#### 2. **CALLS** on Member States to:

- 2.1 Develop or strengthen a national plan to improve health information systems, including commitment of adequate skilled human and material resources;
- 2.2 Establish a national health observatory to strengthen the dissemination and use of country information and evidence;
- 2.3 Institutionalize population and facility surveys to improve the generation of reliable data;

#### 3. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:

- 3.1 Provide technical support to Member States to develop national plans to strengthen health information systems;
- 3.2 Organize a meeting of national stakeholders during the first half of 2014 to discuss and endorse the final list of indicators.