



Resolution

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EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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Noncommunicable diseases: accelerating implementation of the 2011 Political Declaration of the United Nations General Assembly in preparation for the third high-level meeting in 2018

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the progress countries are making in implementing the United Nations political declaration on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases;¹

Recalling United Nations resolution 66/2 on the 2011 political declaration of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, and resolution 68/300 on the 2014 outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases;

Recalling also Regional Committee resolution EM/RC61/R.3 on the implementation of the regional framework for action;

Welcoming that United Nations resolution 70/001 on the 2030 agenda for sustainable development includes sustainable development goals and targets to, by 2030, reduce by one third premature mortality from noncommunicable diseases through prevention and treatment² and strengthen the implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in all countries³;

Taking note of the technical note which the Secretariat published on 1 May 2015⁴, pursuant to paragraph 3 of resolution EM/RC61/R.3, setting out the 10 process indicators which the Director-General will use to report to the General Assembly towards the end of 2017 on the progress achieved in the implementation of the commitments included in the 2011 political declaration and 2014 outcome document;

Recalling that the third high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases will take place in 2018;

Welcoming the continued efforts of the Regional Director to raise global and regional awareness of the magnitude of the problem and to strengthen action against noncommunicable diseases;

¹ EM/RC62/INF.DOC.3

² In accordance with target 3.4 of the Sustainable Development Goals

³ In accordance with target 3.a of the Sustainable Development Goals

⁴ Available at <http://www.who.int/nmh/events/2015/getting-to-2018/en/>

1. URGES Member States to:

- 1.1 Give due attention to the sustainable development goal target on noncommunicable diseases to, by 2030, reduce by one third premature mortality from noncommunicable diseases, as part of efforts to develop ambitious national responses to the overall implementation of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development;
- 1.2 Continue to prioritize the implementation of the four time-bound commitments for Member States included in the 2014 outcome document in 2015 and 2016, and in particular:
 - to set, before the end of 2015, national targets for 2025 and process indicators based on national situations, taking into account the nine voluntary global targets for noncommunicable diseases;
 - to develop and strengthen, before the end of 2015, national multisectoral policies and plans to achieve the national targets by 2025, taking into account the WHO global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2020;
 - to implement, by 2016, interventions which reduce risk factors for noncommunicable diseases, taking into account the set of very cost-effective and affordable interventions for all Member States (“best buys”);
 - to implement, by 2016, interventions which strengthen health systems to address noncommunicable diseases, taking into account the set of very cost-effective and affordable interventions for all Member States (“best buys”).

2. REQUESTS the Director-General to finalize the work of the Secretariat to update the “best buys” before the end of 2016 based on the latest scientific knowledge, available evidence and a review of international experience;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:

- 3.1 Convene a technical briefing at the Sixty-ninth World Health Assembly to brief Member States on the progress made by Member States in the Eastern Mediterranean Region in the implementation of the national commitments included in the 2011 political declaration;
- 3.2 Continue to support Member States to carry out detailed assessment of their progress in implementing the commitments in the updated regional framework for action and to address gaps identified in the assessment;
- 3.3 Continue to support Member States in their preparations for the third high-level meeting by the General Assembly in 2018, including in the generation and tracking of data on process indicators and in the development and implementation of country roadmaps;
- 3.4 Report to the Regional Committee at its Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth sessions on the progress of Member States in the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases.