



Resolution

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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Assessment and monitoring of the implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the progress report on national core capacities for implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)¹ and the technical paper on assessment and monitoring of the implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005)²;

Recalling World Health Assembly resolutions WHA61.2 on implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) and WHA68.5 on the recommendations of the Review Committee on second extensions for establishing national public health capacities and on IHR Implementation; and Regional Committee resolution EM/RC61/R.2 on global health security: challenges and opportunities with special emphasis on the International Health Regulations (2005);

Recognizing that Member States are collectively accountable for protecting global health in accordance with the International Health Regulations (2005) and that the assessments of preparedness for Ebola virus disease conducted in the Region exposed considerable gaps in the capacities of countries with regard to effective monitoring and detection of, and response to, emerging health threats;

1. **ESTABLISHES** an independent regional assessment commission comprising experts from States Parties of the Region and WHO to assess implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) in the Region and to advise Member States on issues relating to implementation of the national core capacities required under the Regulations;
2. **URGES** Member States to conduct objective assessment of implementation of the International Health Regulations with WHO support and report annually to the regional assessment commission on progress in implementing the regulations, using a harmonized tool and standardized methodology;
3. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
 - 3.1 Establish terms of reference for the regional assessment commission and organize the first meeting of the commission before the end of 2015;

¹ EM/RC62/INF.Doc.4

² EM/RC62/Tech.Disc.2

- 3.2 Establish a regional task force to harmonize the existing tools for assessment of implementation of the International Health Regulations, including the global health security agenda assessment tool.
4. **REQUESTS** the Regional Assessment Commission to report to the Regional Committee on the status of implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) annually through the Regional Director.