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Resolution

# REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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### Annual report of the Regional Director for 2015

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the Annual report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the Eastern Mediterranean Region for 2015 and the progress reports requested by the Regional Committee<sup>1</sup>;

Recalling previous resolutions on the actions required in relation to the regional strategic priorities endorsed by the Regional Committee in 2012;

Noting the progress made in relation to the regional strategic priorities, and in particular the progress made by Member States in undertaking joint external evaluation for implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005);

Acknowledging the importance of integrated vector management for preparedness and response to vector-borne diseases:

Further acknowledging the burden of disease attributable to hepatitis in the Region;

Recognizing the importance of pre-hospital and facility-based emergency care as the first point of contact with the health system for many people;

Further recognizing the contribution of genetic and congenital disorders to neonatal mortality in the Region;

Recognizing also that air pollution is the biggest environmental risk in the Region and has serious health impacts on all its countries;

- **1. THANKS** the Regional Director for his report which reflects the breadth of work undertaken by WHO in the past year, as well as for his efforts to improve WHO's performance in the Region;
- 2. **ADOPTS** the annual report of the Regional Director for 2015;

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EM/RC63/3, EM/RC63/INF.DOC.1-6

#### 3. URGES Members States to:

- 3.1 Undertake, if they have not yet done so, joint external evaluation for implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) as soon as possible and develop national plans of action to implement the recommendations of the assessment;
- 3.2 Review and implement national action plans based on the updated strategic framework for integrated vector management;
- 3.3 Develop or update national plans of action in line with the regional action plan for the implementation of the global strategy for viral hepatitis 2017–2021
- 3.4 Conduct assessment of emergency care services at both the national system level and the service delivery level and develop national plans of action;
- 3.5 Adopt evidence-based cost-effective preconception care interventions, including for prevention and management of genetic and congenital disorders;
- 3.6 Strengthen bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the Region in order to curb the problem of air pollution;

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

- 4.1 Continue to support Member States in their efforts to conduct joint external evaluations for implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) and to develop national plans of action to implement the recommendations of the assessment;
- 4.2 Provide technical guidance for assessment of emergency care services and establish a network of regional experts;
- 4.3 Organize an intercountry consultative meeting on genetic and congenital disorders before the next session of the Regional Committee;
- 4.4 Submit an evidence-based plan of action for the regional implementation of the global roadmap to address the health impacts of indoor and outdoor air pollution to the 64th session of the Regional Committee.