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Resolution

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Agenda item 4(a)

**Scaling up family practice: progressing towards universal health coverage**

The Regional Committee,

Having discussed the technical discussion paper on scaling up family practice: progressing towards universal health coverage<sup>1</sup>;

Recalling resolutions WHA69.24 on strengthening integrated people-centred health services and EM/RC60/R.2 on universal health coverage and;

Recalling also the *World health report 2008* on primary health care and the *World health report 2010* on health systems financing;

Recognizing the key elements of WHO's comprehensive approach to universal health coverage, which embraces the values and principles of primary health care including community engagement;

**1. CALLS ON** Member States to:

- 1.1 Incorporate the family practice approach into primary health care services as an overarching strategy to advance towards universal health coverage;
- 1.2 Strengthen the capacity of family medicine departments in the public health institutes and medical education institutions in order to increase the number of family physicians to reach 3 per 10 000 population by 2030 and also establish bridging programmes for general physicians;
- 1.3 Strengthen public–private partnerships in service delivery through the family practice approach;
- 1.4 Ensure availability of sustainable funding for implementing/expanding family practice as an integral part of the national health financing strategy;

<sup>1</sup> EM/RC63/Tech.Disc.1 Rev.1

- 1.5 Strengthen and cost essential health services packages in order to deliver these through health care facilities providing health services based on family practice for the catchment population;
  - 1.6 Put into place a system for monitoring and evaluation of training in family practice;
  - 1.7 Adopt WHO quality indicators for improving services at primary health care facilities;
- 2. REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
- 2.1 Provide technical support to Member States to establish and strengthen provision of integrated health services based on a family practice approach;
  - 2.2 Establish a group of experts to review and harmonize family medicine training programmes across the Region, and expand the use of the online bridging training programme for general physicians;
  - 2.3 Report to on progress in implementation of this resolution to the 65th and 67th sessions of the Regional Committee.