



## Resolution

REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE  
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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### Antimicrobial resistance in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

The Regional Committee,

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 71/3 on the Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Antimicrobial Resistance and resolutions WHA60.16 on progress in the rational use of medicines, WHA67.25 on antimicrobial resistance, WHA68.7 on the global action plan on antimicrobial resistance, and EM/RC57/R.6 on infection prevention and control in health care;

Recognizing the burden of antimicrobial resistance in the Region and its health and economic consequences which threaten effective treatment of infectious diseases;

Concerned about the negative impact of antimicrobial resistance on achievements made in control of various infectious diseases to date and on successful achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;

Alarmed at the lack of regulation and irrational use of antibiotics in the health care sector and in the animal industry in some countries of the Region;

Emphasizing that combating antimicrobial resistance requires strong political commitment and efficient multisectoral coordination;

#### 1. URGES Members States to:

- 1.1 Develop and endorse national action plans for antimicrobial resistance in alignment with the global action plan on antimicrobial resistance, and allocate adequate resources for their implementation;
- 1.2 Establish a multisectoral high-level coordinating mechanism representing all relevant sectors to oversee the development and implementation of national plans of action on antimicrobial resistance;
- 1.3 Develop and enforce policies and regulations to prevent purchase of antimicrobials without prescription;
- 1.4 Establish antimicrobial resistance surveillance at the national level, and join the Global Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance System (GLASS);

- 1.5 Establish national infection prevention and control programmes in order to ensure adequate infection prevention and control measures in all health care facilities in line with resolution EM/RC57/R.6;
  - 1.6 Establish antimicrobial stewardship programmes that monitor and promote the rational and responsible use of antimicrobials in the human and animal sectors;
- 2. REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
- 2.1 Provide technical support to Member States in the development and implementation of national action plans in line with the global action plan on antimicrobial resistance and in close collaboration with Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and Organization for Animal Health;
  - 2.2 Provide technical support for Member States to establish and implement their national infection prevention and control programmes, with special attention to countries facing complex emergencies;
  - 2.3 Provide technical support for Member States to develop and strengthen national reference laboratories for antimicrobial resistance surveillance in the human and animal sectors and facilitate enrolment of Member States in GLASS;
  - 2.4 Support Member States in the development of monitoring systems for the use of antimicrobials in the human and animal sectors;
  - 2.5 Report to the Regional Committee on the progress of Member States in implementation of the global action plan on antimicrobial resistance at its sixty-sixth session.