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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
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Annual report of the Regional Director for 2017

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the annual report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the Eastern Mediterranean Region for 2017¹ and the progress reports requested by the Regional Committee;²

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 66/2 on the Political Declaration of the High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases and resolution EM/RC59/R.2 on the commitments of Member States to implement the Political Declaration;

Mindful of the recent United Nations General Assembly Political Declaration on Tuberculosis in which Heads of State reaffirmed their commitment to achieve target 3.3 of the Sustainable Development Goals by ending the tuberculosis epidemic by 2030;

Recalling also resolution EM/RC64/R.1 in which the Regional Committee requested the development of a regional strategy and action plan for tobacco control reflecting the commitments of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC);

Further recalling resolutions WHA71.8 and EM/RC63/R.3 on improving access to assistive technology in light of the increasing need for assistive technology in the Region;

Recognizing the inadequate attention being given to appropriate regulation and management of blood and blood products as essential medicines and the continued wastage of plasma in the Region;

Recognizing that accurate data on cause of death are essential to inform health policy-making, and that significant gaps remain in the timeliness and quality of death certification in the Region;

1. **THANKS** the Regional Director for his comprehensive report on the work of WHO in the Region;
2. **ADOPTS** the annual report of the Regional Director for 2017;

¹ EM/RC65/3.

² EM/RC65/INF.DOC.1–8.

3. **NOTES** with appreciation the Regional Director’s Vision 2023 promoting health for all by all and calling for solidarity and action;
4. **ENDORSES** the regional tobacco control strategy to accelerate the implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) and its Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products;
5. **URGES** Member States to:
 - 5.1 Strengthen human resources and institutional capacity to implement the surveillance, monitoring and evaluation component of the regional framework for action to implement the Political Declaration of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases;
 - 5.2 Develop national multisectoral action plans to accelerate efforts to control tuberculosis by 2022 and eliminate it by 2030;
 - 5.3 Implement the regional tobacco control strategy and accelerate implementation of the WHO FCTC and the accession to the WHO FCTC Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products as soon as possible;
 - 5.4 Develop national plans of action for improving access to assistive technology by all those who need them, “leaving no one behind”;
 - 5.5 Take action to update the organization of national blood systems, establish appropriate regulatory systems for the management of blood and blood products as essential medicines and develop national and regional capacity for plasma fractionation to optimize the use of plasma and reduce its wastage;
 - 5.6 Adopt and implement the WHO recommendations on medical certification of cause of death;
6. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
 - 6.1 Take the necessary steps to finalize the draft noncommunicable disease surveillance system training package as a tool to support Member States in implementation of the WHO global monitoring framework, to enable evaluation of progress towards achieving the global voluntary targets for the prevention and control of major noncommunicable diseases;
 - 6.2 Provide technical support to Member States to develop their national plans, promote implementation of the UN General Assembly Political Declaration “United to end tuberculosis: an urgent global response to a global epidemic”, contribute to the global accountability framework as appropriate and report on progress in tuberculosis control to the Regional Committee in 2020;
 - 6.3 Submit to the Regional Committee a mid-term review of progress in implementing the regional tobacco control strategy in 2021 as well as a final report at the end of its implementation period in 2023;
 - 6.4 Provide technical guidance for improving access to appropriate, affordable and quality assistive products in both development and emergency contexts;
 - 6.5 Continue to provide technical support to Member States to scale up implementation of the regional strategic framework for blood safety and availability 2016–2025;
 - 6.6 Continue to provide technical support to Member States in implementing WHO recommendations on medical certification of cause of death.