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**Regional approach to implementing the Thirteenth General Programme of Work,
2019–2023**

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the technical papers on advancing universal health coverage,¹ protecting people from the impact of health emergencies,² promoting health and well-being,³ and optimizing WHO's performance: countries at the centre;⁴

Recalling resolution WHA71.1 on the Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2023 (GPW 13);

Recognizing that achievement of GPW 13's "triple billion" goals by 2023 will require a major effort by Member States that must be catalysed by WHO and other development partners;

Acknowledging the need to transform the Organization's operating model in order to optimize WHO's performance;

Noting the high priority accorded to universal health coverage by GPW 13, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and other global and regional commitments;

Mindful of the five platforms to support people towards better health and well-being identified in GPW 13 (improving human capital across the life course, accelerating action on preventing noncommunicable disease and promoting mental health, accelerating elimination and eradication of high impact communicable diseases, tackling antimicrobial resistance, addressing health effects of climate change in small island developing States and other vulnerable States);

Recognizing also the devastating impact of emergencies in the Region and the strategic priority given to addressing health emergencies by GPW 13;

Welcoming the "country functional review" approach in order to develop an enhanced business model for WHO collaboration with each of the countries of the Region;

¹ EM/RC65/4.

² EM/RC65/5.

³ EM/RC65/6.

⁴ EM/RC65/7.

1. **ENDORSES** the four regional frameworks for action on obesity prevention, tobacco control, health and the environment, and preconception care;⁵
2. **SUPPORTS** the proposed approach to health emergencies based on outcomes, as outlined in the impact framework of GPW 13, and recommended approaches to contribute effectively to the triple billion goals of achieving universal health coverage, protecting people from emergencies and promoting health and well-being;
3. **URGES** Member States to:
 - 3.1 Formulate a national vision for universal health coverage and a roadmap towards its realization, taking into account country-specific health system challenges, macroeconomic outlook and people's needs;
 - 3.2 Define national essential or priority health service packages, based on globally and regionally identified universal health coverage priority benefit packages, including preventive, promotive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative services related to communicable and non-communicable diseases across the life course, and develop appropriate people-centred, integrated models of care with functioning referral systems;
 - 3.3 Implement the core set of strategic actions and interventions in the four new regional frameworks for action, ensuring linkages to relevant existing strategies and frameworks, and monitor the progress and impact of implementation using a set of predetermined indicators;
 - 3.4 Create or strengthen mechanisms for multisectoral collaboration through a Health in All Policies approach to facilitate implementation of packages of essential or high-priority intersectoral interventions and to ensure dialogue between government sectors and with nongovernmental stakeholders, including academic institutions;
 - 3.5 Identify and prioritize emerging health issues resulting from environmental and social determinants of health and encourage engagement and collaboration across sectors to tackle the determinants of ill health;
 - 3.6 Continue to work with IHR-bound sectors to meet the requirements of the International Health Regulations (2005) and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 in order to build health system resilience against the effects of emergencies;
 - 3.7 Facilitate a strong WHO presence and collaboration at country level;
 - 3.8 Strengthen health information systems including routine sources of data such as causes of death, service use, disease surveillance and monitoring as well as planned household surveys and facility surveys;
4. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
 - 4.1 Support Member States in expanding universal health coverage by building equitable, people-centred and resilient health systems based on primary health care in line with the Salah Declaration on Universal Health Coverage of 2018;

⁵ Annexes 2–5 of document EM/RC65/6.

- 4.2 Provide technical guidance to Member States on how best to protect people from the impact of health emergencies by implementing preparedness, detection, control, response and recovery all-hazard approaches, and to build resilient health systems;
- 4.3 Support Member States to promote health and well-being by addressing determinants of health, reducing risk factors through multisectoral approaches and Health in All Policies using the four new regional frameworks for action on obesity prevention, tobacco control, health and the environment and preconception care (2019–2023);
- 4.4 Continue to work closely with ministries of health and institutions responsible for data collection and analysis within countries and with regional partners so that quality disaggregated data are available and analysed, and countries' progress towards universal health coverage, the triple billion goals and the Sustainable Development Goals can be monitored;
- 4.5 Conduct country functional reviews to assess and strengthen WHO's performance in countries and develop country support plans in line with each country's needs and priorities.
- 4.6 Report on progress made in implementing this resolution at the 67th, 69th and 70th sessions of the Regional Committee.