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**Managing the use of public health pesticides in the face of the increasing
burden of vector-borne diseases**

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the technical discussion paper on managing the use of public health pesticides in the face of the increasing burden of vector-borne diseases¹;

Recognizing the increasing use of public health pesticides to address the re-emergence of vector-borne diseases as a major public health problem;

Noting the progress made in the implementation of resolution EM/RC52/R.6 Integrated vector management, as the regional strategic approach to control vector-borne diseases;

Recalling resolution WHA63.26 Improvement of health through sound management of obsolete pesticides and other obsolete chemicals;

1. URGES Member States to:

- 1.1 Ensure incorporation of sound public health pesticide management into national health policy and relevant development programmes, including environmental health, and establish a single regulatory body;
- 1.2 Establish or strengthen multi-stakeholder platforms, including the private sector and donors, for sound management of public health pesticides in order to optimize the use of resources and coordinate actions;
- 1.3 Develop comprehensive national plans for the sustainable funding of public health pesticide management practices, covering all aspects, including registration and judicious use of pesticides, disposal of pesticide waste and enforcement of related regulations;

¹ Document no. EM/RC58/Tech.Disc.1

1.4 Draw the attention of policy-makers, national vector control programme managers and other national stakeholders, including end users, to the risks posed by substandard pesticide products and the need to have access to and use of quality control facilities;

1.5 Strengthen collaboration with each other on management of public health pesticides;

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:

2.1 Facilitate and support regional collaboration on management of public health pesticides, including harmonization of registration requirements and procedures, quality control, information exchange and work-sharing;

2.2 Take necessary steps to mobilize resources and support capacity strengthening of Member States for life-cycle management of public health pesticides, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and United Nations Environment Programme;

2.3 Continue to raise awareness among Member States, regional and international organizations and the donor community of the importance of sustainable and sound management of public health pesticides;

2.4 Report periodically to the Regional Committee on progress in implementation of this resolution.

3. REQUESTS the Director-General to seeks ways to improve enforcement of international legislation relating to transport and storage of pesticides and disposal of pesticide waste, in particular that covering the responsibilities of producing companies.