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**Dengue: call for urgent interventions for a rapidly expanding emerging disease**

The Regional Committee,

Having discussed the technical paper on dengue: call for urgent interventions for a rapidly expanding emerging disease<sup>1</sup>;

Recalling resolutions WHA46.31 Dengue prevention and control, WHA55.17 Dengue fever and dengue haemorrhagic fever prevention and control, EM/RC52/R.6 Integrated vector management, and the recommendations of the sub-regional meeting on dengue fever for the Red Sea Rim, Cairo, Egypt, 20-22 July 2011;

Concerned at the occurrence of outbreaks of dengue fever/dengue haemorrhagic fever in the Eastern Mediterranean Region with an increasing frequency and expanding geographic distribution of both the viruses and mosquito vectors;

Understanding that increased travel, trade and global climate change, among other factors, have resulted in the emergence and re-emergence of dengue in the Region;

Acknowledging the need to strengthen national capacities to effectively address dengue fever in accordance with the International Health Regulations 2005;

Recognizing the importance of coordination within countries and collaboration between countries and regions in implementation of prevention and control measures for dengue;

1. **URGES** Member States to:

- 1.1 Ensure a high-level of political commitment, so that adequate human and financial resources are made available for the development and implementation of a national strategy and plan for dengue prevention and outbreak response as an integral part of communicable disease control;

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<sup>1</sup> Document no. EM/RC58/3

- 1.2 Strengthen national capabilities at all health care levels in the diagnosis of dengue and dengue haemorrhagic fever, particularly laboratory diagnosis, case management and health education, as well as in vector surveillance;
- 1.3 Strengthen coordination between the various national authorities for the sound management and judicious use of pesticides;
- 1.4 Exchange information and data with each other on vectors and vector-borne diseases;

**2. REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:

- 2.1 Continue to support Member States in their efforts for prevention and control of dengue and dengue haemorrhagic fever;
- 2.2 Support establishment of regional collaborating centres for arboviruses and vector-borne diseases;
- 2.3 Report periodically, as appropriate, to the Regional Committee on the progress made in control of dengue and dengue haemorrhagic fever in the Eastern Mediterranean Region.