Conclusion

This report has highlighted the huge scope and range of WHO's activities in the Region. That reach and ambition will not diminish in future, but there are going to be important changes in the way we work.

In 2018, after extensive consultation, the World Health Assembly adopted the thirteenth General Programme of Work (GPW 13), setting WHO's strategic aims until at least 2023. GPW 13 outlines three strategic priorities linked to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with a view to maximizing WHO's impact on public health in different countries. Work is already underway on how best to translate that global work programme into the very particular context of the Eastern Mediterranean Region. The Regional Office is undertaking comprehensive dialogue with each country to identify its public health priorities and how best we can support them, and at the 65th session of the Regional Committee in October 2018, Member States will together consider a series of reports and recommendations on implementing GPW 13 in the Region.

We look forward to working with our Member States and partners to make an even bigger impact on public health in the coming years.