

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the Regional Director's report on "Zoonotic Diseases in the Eastern Mediterranean Region";

Considering the magnitude of the problem and recognizing that continued efforts are required to improve the prevention and control of zoonotic diseases in the Region;

1. **URGES** Member States:

- 1.1 to continue to devote the necessary commitment and support to the prevention and control of zoonotic diseases, ensure the adoption of necessary legislation, and allocation of sufficient resources for that;
- 1.2 to strengthen cooperation between national veterinary, public health services and other related national services in surveillance, information exchange, prevention and control of zoonotic diseases;
- 1.3 to ensure the provision of necessary support services, including diagnostic and training facilities, drugs and vaccines;
- 1.4 to strengthen health education about zoonoses prevention, particularly among high-risk groups and to cooperate with the Regional Office in order to prepare the information materials required for the campaigns;

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

- 2.1 to promote and support operational research on zoonotic diseases;
- 2.2 to facilitate and promote international cooperation with other concerned international bodies;
- 2.3 to continue to support centres collaborating with WHO in the field of zoonotic diseases, and to promote the designation of national specialized centres as reference centres in the Region.

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