

**IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF NURSING AND
MIDWIFERY IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN
REGION**

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the Regional Director's report on progress with regard to Regional Committee resolution EM/RC41/R.10 on the need for national planning for nursing and midwifery in the Eastern Mediterranean Region¹;

Noting the progress made by Member States and the challenges facing policy-makers and nurses in improving the quality of nursing and midwifery services;

Recognizing the potential of quality nursing and midwifery personnel in making a difference in health care services and people's quality of life;

1. **THANKS** the Regional Director for his progress report and for the increased support to nursing and midwifery in Member States;
2. **ADOPTS** the regional strategy on nursing and midwifery;
3. **URGES** Member States to:
 - 3.1 Continue their efforts to develop national action plans for the implementation of this strategy;
 - 3.2 Develop national standards for basic and graduate nursing education;
 - 3.3 Use the guidelines on future directions for nursing education in developing curricula;
 - 3.4 Encourage and support the development of programmes for nursing research to ensure that the practice of nursing is founded on scientific findings.

¹ Document EM/RC45/13