

**EMERGING AND RESURGING DISEASES IN THE  
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION WITH SPECIAL  
REFERENCE TO MALARIA**

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the technical paper on emerging and resurging diseases in the Eastern Mediterranean Region, with special reference to malaria<sup>1</sup>;

Recalling resolution EM/RC43/R.14 on a regional strategic plan in response to emerging and re-emerging diseases and resolution EM/RC40/R.10 on malaria control;

Concerned about the potential hazards from emerging and re-emerging diseases;

Recognizing the epidemic potential of malaria in countries with the afrotropical type of the disease and the potential threat of re-establishing malaria endemicity in areas where transmission has been interrupted;

Acknowledging the global initiative of Roll Back Malaria and expressing its hope that the initiative will provide substantive support to national malaria control programmes in the Region;

1. **THANKS** the Regional Director for his report;
2. **URGES** all Member States to:
  - 2.1 Continue strengthening their epidemiological surveillance of infectious diseases and their capabilities to respond to the emergence of these diseases in line with the regional plan on emerging and re-emerging diseases;
  - 2.2 Promote cooperation with neighbouring countries in surveillance and prevention and control of imported infectious diseases;
  - 2.3 Promote applied research related to emerging infectious diseases including malaria;
3. **URGES** Member States with the afrotropical type of malaria to:
  - 3.1 Strengthen national capabilities in early diagnosis, case management, forecasting and prevention and control of malaria epidemics;
  - 3.2 Promote the use of personal protection measures, especially the use of protective insecticide-impregnated materials;

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<sup>1</sup> Document EM/RC45/9

4. **URGES** Member States that have achieved interruption of malaria transmission to:
  - 4.1 Continue to identify and control any re-introduction of the disease at an early stage;
  - 4.2 Support activities towards malaria eradication in areas where it is feasible;
5. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to report regularly to the Regional Committee on progress made in the prevention and control of emerging and re-emerging diseases with special reference to malaria.