

The Regional Committee,

Having discussed the technical paper on forecasting in communicable diseases²;

Recognizing the importance of forecasting in communicable diseases as a tool for predicting epidemics and ensuring timely intervention for prevention and control;

1. **URGES** Member States to:

1.1 Continue to improve their disease surveillance systems in accordance with the regional strategy for development and strengthening of epidemiological surveillance;

1.2 Introduce the concept of forecasting for priority communicable diseases and strengthen their capabilities in this regard;

2. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to take the necessary measures to support Member States in their efforts to introduce forecasting in their communicable diseases control activities.

² Document EM/RC46/8