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ACCREDITATION OF HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the technical discussions paper on accreditation of hospitals and medical education institutions: challenges and future directions¹:

Recalling resolution EM/RC42/R.1 on the promotion of quality assurance of health care;

Appreciating the efforts of Member States and the Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean in launching quality programmes and accreditation initiatives;

Aware of the importance of ensuring quality of care and medical education to meet the needs and demands of the community in a global competitive environment.

Reaffirming that accreditation of health services and medical education institutions should be integrated into national health policy and strategies.

- 1. **ENDORSES** the strategic directions outlined in the technical discussions paper;
- 2. **CALLS** for the establishment of a regional mechanism for accreditation of hospitals and of medical education institutions;
- 3. URGES Member States to:
 - 3.1 Develop national accreditation systems for health services and for medical education institutions;

¹ Document EM/RC50/Tech.Disc.1

- 3.2 Establish and strengthen mechanisms to promote partnership between health professions education institutions and health care delivery systems;
- 4. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
 - 4.1 Take the necessary steps to establish a regional accreditation body for hospitals and for medical education institutes;
 - 4.2 Support Member States in strengthening their national systems on licensure and relicensure.