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Agenda item 4 (b)

TOBACCO-FREE INITIATIVE

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the progress report on the Tobacco-Free Initiative¹;

Recalling WHA 56.1 adopting the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control;

Recognizing that the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control will not enter into force until 40 Member States have ratified it;

- 1. URGES all Member States to proceed immediately with signing, ratifying and implementing the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, and to collaborate with all the key partners in order to successfully achieve these steps;
- 2. **REQUESTS** regional organizations such as the League of Arab States and the Health Ministers' Council for the GCC States, as well as civil society groups, to take a leading role in supporting the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.

¹ Document EM/RC50/INF.DOC.2