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**Regional strategy for knowledge management to support public health**

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the technical paper on a regional strategy for knowledge management to support public health<sup>1</sup>;

Recognizing that the health care sector is knowledge-based and information intensive;

Affirming that public health planning, decision-making, monitoring and evaluation, and health education have to be evidence-based;

Concerned by the knowledge gap and the lack of ability to translate knowledge into action;

Recognizing the efforts of some Member States in developing strategies and policies for some aspects of knowledge management;

Aware of the global knowledge management strategy of WHO and WHA58.28 on e-health;

Stressing the need for extensive and systematic efforts to manage knowledge in public health and make it available to all potential users;

1. **ENDORSES** the regional strategy for knowledge management to support public health;
2. **URGES** Member States to:
  - 2.1 Conduct a situation analysis of information and knowledge management institutions including publishers, libraries, information centres, information networks, health on the internet, information technology centres and media centres;

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<sup>1</sup> Document EM/RC53/6

- 2.2 Develop national strategies for knowledge management and information technology for public health, including a national strategy for e-health;
- 2.3 Initiate national projects and activities for knowledge mapping, knowledge translation and capacity-building in knowledge management;
- 2.4 Promote the establishment of national networks of health care professionals and institutions;
- 2.5 Contribute to the development and sustainment of the Eastern Mediterranean Knowledge Network (EMRKNNet);
3. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
  - 3.1 Continue to develop WHO policies for knowledge management and sharing, strengthening publishing and dissemination, promoting electronic publishing, expanding multilingualism and enhancing networking and communication;
  - 3.2 Promote and catalyse public-private partnerships in support of e-health activities in the Region;
  - 3.3. Provide technical support to Member States to formulate their national policies, strategies and plans for knowledge management and sharing, knowledge generation, use of ICT for health, human resources, and knowledge translation;
  - 3.4 Develop and sustain the Eastern Mediterranean Knowledge Network (EMRKNNet) in collaboration with Member States.