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Medical devices and equipment in contemporary health care systems and services

The Regional Committee,

Having discussed the technical paper on medical devices and equipment in contemporary health care systems and services¹;

Recalling resolution EM/RC44/R.3 on appropriate health technologies;

Recognizing that medical devices equip health care providers with indispensable tools necessary to perform their functions effectively and efficiently;

Concerned at the number of regional problems related to selection, procurement and management of medical devices, at a time when the regional market for medical equipment is growing;

Concerned also at the sanctions applied in some countries which prevent purchase of essential medical devices and transfer of technology for public health use;

Stressing the need to contain the rapidly rising costs of medical devices through proper management, which entails actual needs assessment, adequate procurement, proper installation, preventive maintenance, rational use and quality assurance;

Being aware of the need to develop and implement successful and sustainable regional and national policies and strategies to ensure the availability and proper management of medical device programmes;

Aware of the valuable experience in the Region with regard to hire of equipment;

¹ Document No. EM/RC53/Tech.Disc.2

1. **URGES** Member States to:
 - 1.1 Collect and/or update and verify information on medical devices and the processes for technology assessment, selection and management;
 - 1.2 Develop national plans aimed at promoting appropriate use of bio-medical technology with focus on medical devices, including clear directions and necessary workforce;
 - 1.3 Establish centres of excellence in medical technology, including for maintenance and repair of bio-medical equipment, quality assurance and improvement, and capacity-building and service provision.
- 2 **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
 - 2.1 Establish a task force on assessment, selection and management of medical devices with a view to developing a regional strategy to be used as the basis for development of appropriate national strategies;
 - 2.2 Advocate for unimpeded transfer of technology between countries to allow sharing of experience and mutual support.
 - 2.3 Develop guidelines on assessment, selection and use of medical devices and to promote norms and standards focusing on quality and cost effectiveness;
 - 2.4 Facilitate exchange of information about the various approaches used by Member States in ensuring availability of essential medical devices for the health care system and establish a comprehensive database on essential medical devices for the various levels of health care services.