

Resolution

**REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE
EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN**

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Annual report of the Regional Director for 2021

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the annual report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the Eastern Mediterranean Region for 2021¹ and the progress reports requested by the Regional Committee;²

Welcoming the many examples of progress across a wide variety of programme areas, showing that successful action to improve health is possible in every country of the Region; but also

Noting with concern that the Region is not on track to achieve the health-related Sustainable Development Goals;

Recognizing that the health and well-being of refugees, migrants and internally displaced populations is critical to advance universal health coverage in the Region, given the large numbers of such populations in the Region and the multiple impacts of population displacement on communities and economies;

Recognizing that the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem is an attainable goal that has been globally endorsed, but noting with concern that implementation of the WHO global strategy to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem remains low in the Region;

Recognizing that the Region is falling behind many targets on HIV, hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections, and that strategies geared to the cultural and social context of the Region are required to address these challenges;

- 1. THANKS** the Regional Director for his comprehensive report on the work of WHO in the Region;
- 2. ADOPTS** the annual report of the Regional Director for 2021;
- 3. ENDORSES** the strategy to promote the health and well-being of refugees, migrants, internally displaced populations and other displaced groups in the Eastern Mediterranean Region;

¹ EM/RC69/3.

² EM/RC69/INF.DOC.1-7.

4. SUPPORTS the implementation of the regional cervical cancer elimination strategy, which has been developed in close consultation with Member States and partners and is aligned with the WHO global strategy to accelerate the elimination of cervical cancer as a public health problem;

5. SUPPORTS the regional action plan for the implementation of the Global Health Sector Strategies on HIV, hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections, to accelerate their implementation towards achieving the related 2030 targets.