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**Climate change, health and environment: a regional framework for action,
2023–2029**

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the technical paper on Climate change, health and environment: a regional framework for action, 2023–2029;¹

Recalling resolutions WHA61.19 of the Sixty-first World Health Assembly and EM/RC55/R.8 of the Regional Committee on climate change and health, as well as Regional Committee resolution EM/RC60/R.5 on the regional strategy on health and the environment 2014–2019 and resolution EM/RC64/R.3 that endorsed the framework for action on climate change and health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (2017–2021);

Further recalling the outcomes of the 2021 Global Conference on Health and Climate Change, which launched the WHO COP26 Health Programme for building climate-resilient and environmentally-sustainable health systems and facilities;

Noting that 14 countries and territories of the Eastern Mediterranean Region have adopted the COP26 Health Programme, and concerned that, in some countries of the Region, health systems and facilities are still neither resilient to climate change nor environmentally sustainable;

Wishing to build further on the momentum generated by the 2022 Global Conference on Health and Climate Change (COP27), and mindful that health will be on the agenda of the upcoming 2023 Global Conference (COP28);

Recognizing that climate change is already driving an increase in morbidity and mortality and that if no additional action is taken, a significant increase is projected in ill health and premature death from climate-sensitive diseases and conditions over the coming decades; and that it will affect the functioning of public health and health care systems;

¹ EM/RC70/3-Rev.1

Recognizing that ministries of health have a leadership role not only in the governance, regulation and surveillance of health, but also in triggering the actions and interventions needed by other sectors to protect health from climate change and environmental risks;

1. **ENDORSES** the Framework for action on climate change and health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (2023–2029);
2. **URGES Member States to:**
 - 2.1 Designate and empower national focal points to facilitate and coordinate climate change and health programmes at national level;
 - 2.2 Prepare, implement and monitor the progress of national plans of action on climate change and health 2023–2029 guided by the framework for action;
 - 2.3 Allocate adequate domestic resources and facilitate access to climate change funds for the implementation of national plans of action;
 - 2.4 For countries and territories that are officially committed to the WHO COP26 Health Programme (Bahrain, Egypt, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Palestine, Somalia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen), accelerate the implementation of climate-resilient and environmentally sustainable public health systems, and for countries that are not yet committed (Afghanistan, Djibouti, Iraq, Libya, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Syrian Arab Republic), consider and plan for the updating of their public health systems in a similar way;
 - 2.5 Integrate national climate change and health programmes with national climate change adaptation and mitigation programmes;
3. **REQUESTS the Regional Director to:**
 - 3.1 Support Member States to develop and implement national plans of action to put health at the heart of climate action, through:
 - supporting the participation of health experts and government representatives in the technical dialogue, workshops and consultations for United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)-related funds, processes and activities, such as Global Stocktake, Global Goal on Adaptation and the UNFCCC financing mechanisms;
 - providing technical support to countries that are committed to building climate-resilient and environmentally-sustainable health systems, and advocating to expand this commitment to include more countries of the Region to protect their population's health from the devastating impacts of climate change;
 - promoting the need to improve access to renewable energy in health care facilities in low- and middle-income countries;
 - 3.2 Strengthen existing partnerships and build new ones with regional and United Nations organizations and other stakeholders to facilitate implementation of the regional framework and the related national plans of action;
 - 3.3 Report on progress in implementing the regional framework to the Regional Committee at its 72nd, 74th and 76th sessions.