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Award of the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

- 1. The Foundation for the State of Kuwait Prize for the control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean was established in 2003 for the purpose of awarding a prize to one or more persons for making an outstanding contribution in prevention, control and research in one or more of the following disease groups: cancer, cardiovascular disease and diabetes.
- 2. Further to Decision No. 6 of the 68th session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean in 2021, in view of the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, it was decided not to call for nominations and to postpone the selection process of new laureates to 2022. Accordingly, no prize will be awarded during the 69th session of the Regional Committee.
- 3. In July 2022, the World Health Organization (WHO) launched an online call for nominations, with a link to the nomination form being provided on the website of the WHO Regional Office for the Eastern Mediterranean and in many medical journals to ensure dissemination to all Member States within the Eastern Mediterranean Region. Several candidates have submitted the form and uploaded related documents.
- 4. The Foundation Committee will review all nominations in a closed session during the 69th session of the Regional Committee. The selected laureate(s) will receive the award during the 70th session of the Regional Committee in 2023.