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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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Regional Strategic Operational Plan including the flagship initiatives

The Regional Committee,

Recalling resolution WHA77.1 of the Seventy-seventh World Health Assembly approving WHO's Fourteenth General Programme of Work, 2025–2028 (GPW 14);

Having reviewed the Strategic Operational Plan for the Eastern Mediterranean Region, 2025–2028,¹ which operationalizes GPW 14 in the Region;

Having also reviewed the Regional Director's flagship initiatives,² which will accelerate progress in three key areas: expanding access to, and regional supply of, essential medicines, vaccines and medical products; increasing targeted investment in the health workforce to enhance the production, employment and retention of skilled health professionals; and stepping up public health action on substance use;

- 1. ENDORSES the Regional Strategic Operational Plan;
- 2. APPROVES the three flagship initiatives;

3. URGES Member States to:

- 3.1 Work towards achievement of the joint outcomes of the Regional Strategic Operational Plan, 2025–2028, including the flagship initiatives; and
- 3.2 Facilitate implementation of the Strategic Operational Plan and flagship initiatives by actively supporting and contributing to the WHO Investment Round, according to each country's context;

4. **REQUESTS the Regional Director to:**

4.1 Use the Regional Strategic Operational Plan and the flagship initiatives as the basis for planning, budgeting, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of WHO's work throughout the Region during the period 2025–2028;

¹ EM/RC71/D-Rev.1.

² EM/RC71/A, EM/RC71/B-Rev.1 and EM/RC71/C.

- 4.2 Provide technical guidance and operational support to Member States and partners for implementation of the Regional Strategic Operational Plan and the flagship initiatives, taking into account differing country contexts and priorities; and
- 4.3 Present regular reports on progress to the Regional Committee at its 72nd, 73rd and 74th sessions and a final report at its 75th session in October 2028.