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**Enhancement and digitalization of health information systems in the  
countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region: a regional strategy, 2024–2028**

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the technical paper on the enhancement and digitalization of health information systems in the countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region: a regional strategy, 2024–2028;<sup>1</sup>

Recalling Regional Committee resolutions EM/RC59/R.3 on health systems strengthening in countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region, EM/RC60/R.7 on the improvement of civil registration and vital statistics systems, EM/RC60/R.8 on monitoring health situation, trends and health system performance, EM/RC66/R.5 on developing national institutional capacity for evidence-informed policy-making for health, EM/RC68.R3 on integrated disease surveillance and EM/RC69/R.6 on fostering digital health;

Noting that health information systems generate the required data for measuring progress towards universal health coverage and the health-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and monitoring the impact of WHO's work at country level;

Recognizing that Member States in the Region have been making sustained efforts to implement digitalized health information systems and measure progress towards the health-related SDGs;

But recognizing also that many national health information systems in the Region still face major challenges;

Further recognizing the importance of coordination among different national stakeholders, WHO and development partners to address health information system challenges;

1. **ENDORSES** the regional strategy;

<sup>1</sup> EM/RC71/6-Rev.2.

**2. URGES Member States to:**

- 2.1 Commit to implementing the needed standards and interoperability requirements at national level for digitalizing health information systems;
- 2.2 Engage stakeholders in investing in and implementing effective digitalized information systems that are linked and integrated at national level;
- 2.3 Build national capacities in health information system-related innovations, based on each country's context;
- 2.4 Ensure safe and secure data sharing according to national laws and regulations, evidence generation and the use of data for decision-making;

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

- 3.1 Develop, adapt and share standards for the digitalization of information systems that fit the various contexts of countries of the Region;
- 3.2 Avail the necessary technical and logistic resources for implementation of the regional strategy;
- 3.3 Support the development of national health information system action plans for related activities (in the short, medium and long terms);
- 3.4 Strengthen partnerships and the involvement of other United Nations agencies and development partners for implementation of the regional strategy;
- 3.5 Support countries to generate or mobilize resources for enhancing information systems for health; and
- 3.6 Report on progress in implementing this resolution to the 73rd session of the Regional Committee and present a final report to the Committee at its 75th session in October 2028.