



## Review of the status of resolutions adopted by the Regional Committee during the period 2000–2017, and recommendations for sunset and reporting requirements

### Introduction: objective and rationale

1. In the context of its governance reform, the World Health Organization (WHO) is engaged in a global effort to improve the methods of work, efficiency, accountability, promotion and effectiveness of its governing bodies. One of the issues being addressed by the reform is the difficulty in managing the growing number of items mandated by the governing bodies for inclusion in their meeting agendas. Measures have thus been taken to reduce the growing number of items on the meeting agendas to allow for more time for substantive discussions.

2. The recently-adopted World Health Assembly decision WHA75(8) (2022), which was endorsed by the Executive Board through decision EB152(16) (2023) and indicated as an action for the Secretariat, mandates the development of a Secretariat implementation plan on reform to improve the process of costing of resolutions and decisions, including discussions with Member States during consultations, addressing potential financing and adding a clear sunset clause.

3. The Health Assembly decided in decision WHA72(22) (2019), paragraph 4, that “resolutions and decisions should provide for clear reporting requirements, including reporting cycles of up to six years, with biennial reports, unless otherwise advised by the Director-General”. Thus, the Secretariat has clear guidance on reporting obligations and can take advantage of more predictability in agenda management.

### WHO reform: governance

4. In decision EB144(3) (2019), the Executive Board decided to request the Director-General to undertake several steps in WHO reform with respect to the methods of work of the World Health Assembly and Executive Board, including *inter alia*:

- to review and make recommendations on the establishment of end dates for reporting on resolutions and decisions that have unspecified reporting requirements;
- to review and make recommendations on consolidating and managing reporting requirements on similar subjects; and
- to provide a list of global strategies and action plans, highlighting in particular the ones that will expire during the timeline of the Thirteenth General Programme of Work, and outline options for their extension, as appropriate.

### The global exercise

5. In decision EB146(21) (2020) on WHO reform: governance, the Executive Board decided to request the Director-General:

(a) with respect to each resolution and decision that is six or more years old and has an unspecified reporting requirement:

- (i) to outline any related reporting requirements that might be considered as having superseded the original one(s); to provide an indication of when any reporting to the governing bodies has taken place in response to the relevant mandate; and to describe any ongoing work related to the subject matter of the resolution or decision;

- (ii) to provide criteria for proposing exceptions to the six-year limitation on reporting;
  - (iii) applying the criteria mentioned in paragraph (1)(a)(ii), to provide a list of resolutions and decisions in which the reporting requirements are recommended for sunseting;
- (b) with respect to each resolution and decision that is less than six years old and has an unspecified reporting requirement:
- (i) to outline any related reporting requirements that might be considered as having superseded the original one(s); to provide an indication of when any reporting to the governing bodies has taken place in response to the relevant mandate; and to describe any ongoing work related to the subject matter of the resolution or decision;
  - (ii) applying the criteria mentioned in paragraph (1)(a)(ii), to provide a recommendation with respect to the reporting cycle;
- (c) with regard to reporting requirements on similar subjects, to make recommendations on the consolidation and streamlining of reporting requirements in the context of the sunseting exercise.

### **Earlier regional exercise**

6. The process of reviewing resolutions falls under the terms of reference of the Programme Subcommittee of the Regional Committee which monitors the implementation of the recommendations and decisions of the Regional Committee.
7. Tracking and monitoring the implementation of time-bound resolutions is part of the Secretariat's implementation plan recommended by the Agile Member States Task Group (AMSTG).
8. In 2013, as part of the audit resolution and monitoring process and in line with WHO reform (EB132/5 Add.6 and A66/4), the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean initiated a process of review of resolutions endorsed by the Regional Committee during the period 2000–2011.
9. This review of the status of implementation of resolutions of the Regional Committee was the first ever conducted and resulted in the sunseting of the majority of resolutions (60% of the 134 resolutions of the period 2000–2011).

### **Methodology of current exercise**

10. In applying the reporting requirements indicated in paragraph 5 of this document, a thorough review was undertaken of adopted Regional Committee resolutions from 2000 to 2017.
11. Resolutions were classified into the categories of sunset or active, according to a set of predefined exemption criteria, if the resolution exceeded six years of age.
12. The criteria for exceptions to the six-year limitation on reporting, as proposed in Executive Board document EB148/33 on WHO reform: governance, considered in decision EB148(9), included:
- reporting related to ongoing efforts for the eradication or elimination of diseases, such as poliomyelitis and dracunculiasis;
  - standing items on the agendas because of their strategic relevance to the governing bodies, such as the implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005), smallpox eradication: destruction of variola virus stocks, the Infrastructure Fund, collaboration within the United Nations system and with other intergovernmental organizations;
  - the alignment of reporting with the duration of an existing strategy or action plan.
13. Resolutions were sorted by pillars that reflected WHO's global and regional strategic priorities (Advancing universal health coverage, Addressing health emergencies, Promoting healthier populations, and Transforming WHO).

## Results

14. In total, 126 resolutions were examined, including operative paragraphs embedded within the Regional Director's annual resolution. It is proposed to sunset 72 resolutions and keep 54 under continuation of their mandate, with a possible revisit within two years for re-assessment. The recommendations for sunseting, including criteria for exemptions, for each of the 126 reviewed resolutions are provided in Annex 1.

15. The following table details the results by Regional Office department:

Department	Number of resolutions	To be sunset	Active
UHC/Communicable Diseases	21	15	6
Business Operations	3	1	2
Healthier Populations	16	7	9
UHC/Noncommunicable Diseases	11	2	9
Programme Planning, Budget and Monitoring	7	6	1
Polio Eradication	3	1	2
Science, Information and Dissemination	10	7	3
UHC/Health System	23	11	12
Health Emergencies	28	19	9
Regional Director's Office	3	3	0
Communication, Resource Mobilization and Partnership	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>54</b>

16. The following table details the results by pillar:

Pillars	Number of resolutions	To be sunset	Active
Pillar 1	44	26	18
Pillar 2	31	20	11
Pillar 3	27	9	18
Pillar 4	24	17	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>54</b>

## Actions proposed by the Secretariat

17. Set clear reporting and end dates for all resolutions and decisions: The Secretariat should ensure that all resolutions and decisions on strategies, frameworks and technical documents proposed by the Secretariat to the Regional Committee have clear reporting cycles as well as end dates, where appropriate. Where possible, the mid-term review should be clearly indicated. When a resolution or decision is proposed by a Member State, the Secretariat should provide the same guidance to the proposers.

18. Adhere to the specified reporting requirements for strategies, frameworks and technical documents: All final progress reports to the Regional Committee should indicate whether reporting on the resolution or decision relating to a strategy, framework or technical document will be sunset or subsumed into reporting on a new mandate on the same or related subject matter.

19. Consider the adoption of the draft resolution detailed in Annex 2 of this document.

## Annex 1

**List of resolutions on strategies, frameworks and technical documents adopted before the Sixty-third session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean and recommendations for action**

Pillar 1. Advancing universal health coverage						
Resolution code/year	Title	Specific reporting requirements	Recommend for sunsetting (yes/no)	In case of no, specify which item(s) from the exemption criteria outlined in <a href="#">EB148/33</a>		
				Reporting related to ongoing efforts for the eradication or elimination of diseases	Standing items on the agendas because of their strategic relevance to the governing bodies	Alignment of reporting with the duration of an existing strategy or action plan
<a href="#">EM/RC47/R.11</a> 2000	Elimination of lymphatic filariasis in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	Inform the Regional Committee of progress achieved in attaining the elimination goal	No	✓		
<a href="#">EM/RC49/R.10</a> 2002	Antimicrobial resistance and rational use of antimicrobial agents	Keep the Regional Committee informed of progress in the implementation of this resolution	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC49/R.11</a> 2002	Health professions education	NA	No		✓	✓
<a href="#">EM/RC50/R.12</a> 2003	Primary health care: 25 years after Alma-Ata	Report to the Regional Committee on progress made in strengthening primary health care and the achievement of health for all in 2005	No			✓
<a href="#">EM/RC52/R.4</a> 2005	Regional strategy for enhancing patient safety	Report periodically on progress in patient safety performance in the Eastern Mediterranean Region in collaboration with regional and international partners	No			✓
<a href="#">EM/RC52/R.6</a> 2005	Integrated vector management	Update the regional framework on integrated vector management and report regularly to the Regional Committee on progress on implementation of integrated vector management	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC53/R.8</a> 2006	The role of government in health development	NA	No		✓	
<a href="#">EM/RC54/R.3</a> 2007	Neglected tropical diseases: an emerging public health problem in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	NA	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC55/R.2</a> 2008	Commitment to health systems based on primary health care in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	Report back to the Regional Committee periodically on the progress made in strengthening primary health care-based health systems	No		✓	
<a href="#">EM/RC55/R.5</a> 2008	Promoting nursing and midwifery development in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	NA	No		✓	✓

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<a href="#">EM/RC55/R.6</a> 2008	Regional strategy for the prevention and control of sexually transmitted infections 2009–2015	NA	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC55/R.9</a> 2008	Malaria elimination in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: vision, requirements and strategic outline	Report periodically to the Regional Committee on progress made in control and elimination of malaria	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC56/R.5</a> 2009	The growing threats of hepatitis B and C in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: a call for action	NA	No	✓		
<a href="#">EM/RC56/R.6</a> 2009	Improving hospital performance in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	NA	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC56/R.8</a> 2009	Regional response to the emerging threat of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis	Continue to monitor the situation and report to the Regional Committee in 2011 on progress achieved in scaling up the regional response to multidrug-resistant and extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC56/R.10</a> 2009	A World Health Organization code of practice on the international recruitment of health personnel	NA	No		✓	✓
<a href="#">EM/RC57/R.5</a> 2010	Regional strategy for health sector response to HIV 2011–2015	Monitor the implementation of the regional strategy and report periodically to the Regional Committee	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC57/R.6</a> 2010	Infection prevention and control in health care: time for collaborative action	Establish a regional committee of experts to promote infection prevention and control standards in the Region	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC57/R.7</a> 2010	Strategic directions to improve health care financing in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: moving towards universal coverage 2011–2015	Monitor development in improving health care financing and progress towards social health protection in the Region and report back to the Regional Committee after two years	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC58/R.5</a> 2011	Scaling up the Expanded Programme on Immunization to meet global and regional targets	NA	No	✓		
<a href="#">EM/RC59/R.1</a> 2012	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2011 and progress reports</b> 5.1 Provide support to alleviate the suffering of refugees and internally displaced persons in the Syrian Arab Republic and	Take the necessary steps to ensure implementation of the strategic directions proposed for the next five years	No			✓

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	neighbouring countries, especially Jordan					
<a href="#">EM/RC59/R.1</a> 2012	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2011 and progress reports</b> 5.5 Join the first stage of the regional pooled vaccine procurement mechanism (PVP) by utilizing UNICEF Supply Division vaccine procurement services, if they are middle-income countries that require procurement support for new vaccines (pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, rotavirus vaccine and human papilloma virus vaccine)	NA	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC59/R.1</a> 2012	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2011 and progress reports</b> 6.3 Implement, as soon as possible, the second stage of the regional pooled vaccine procurement mechanism	NA	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC59/R.3</a> 2012	Health systems strengthening in countries of the Eastern Mediterranean Region: challenges, priorities and options for future action	Submit a progress report on health systems performance to the 60th session of the Regional Committee	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC60/R.2</a> 2013	Universal health coverage	Monitor progress towards universal health coverage in the Region and report back to the Regional Committee in two years	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC60/R.8</a> 2013	Monitoring health situation, trends and health system performance	NA	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC60/R.1</a> 2013	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2012 and progress reports</b> 4.1 Take immediate action, if they are interested middle-income countries, to participate in the pooled vaccine procurement system and to sign a memorandum of understanding with WHO and UNICEF to complete the participation process by end 2013	NA	Yes			

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<a href="#">EM/RC60/R.1</a> 2013	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2012 and progress reports</b> 4.2 Set ambitious annual HIV testing and treatment targets and take urgent action to accelerate treatment access and thus end the HIV treatment crisis	NA	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC60/R.1</a> 2013	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2012 and progress reports</b> 4.3 Establish a robust antimicrobial resistance surveillance system, including clinical and laboratory surveillance, and ensure enforcement of rules and regulations for rational use of antimicrobials at all levels	NA	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC60/R.1</a> 2013	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2012 and progress reports</b> 5.1 Confirm with interested Member States their commitment to implementing the proposed pooled vaccine procurement system	NA	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC60/R.1</a> 2013	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2012 and progress reports</b> 5.2 Support Member States in developing and implementing strategies and service-delivery approaches for rapid scale-up of HIV treatment, as recommended by WHO and UNAIDS in the regional report <i>Accelerating HIV treatment</i>	NA	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC62/R.1</a> 2015	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2014</b> 4.3 Update the national multiyear plans for immunization based on the Eastern Mediterranean vaccine action plan, and strengthen the structure and managerial capacity of the national immunization programme at all levels	Report to the Regional Committee every two years starting from 2017 on progress in implementation of the Eastern Mediterranean vaccine action plan 2016–2020	Yes			

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<a href="#">EM/RC62/R.1</a> 2015	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2014</b> 4.4 Update the national plans in line with the regional action plan for malaria 2016–2020	Report to the Regional Committee every two years starting from 2017 on progress in implementation of the regional malaria action plan 2016–2020	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC62/R.1</a> 2015	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2014</b> 4.6 Continue, and intensify, efforts to develop a vision, strategy and roadmap based on the regional framework for action on advancing universal health coverage in the Eastern Mediterranean Region and monitor implementation	NA	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC62/R.4</a> 2015	Medical education: a framework for action	NA	No		✓	✓
<a href="#">EM/RC63/R.1</a> 2016	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2015</b> 3.2 Review and implement national action plans based on the updated strategic framework for integrated vector management	NA	No			✓
<a href="#">EM/RC63/R.1</a> 2016	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2015</b> 3.3 Develop or update national plans of action in line with the regional action plan for the implementation of the global strategy for viral hepatitis 2017–2021	NA	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC63/R.2</a> 2016	Scaling up family practice: progressing towards universal health coverage	Report to on progress in implementation of this resolution to the 65th and 67th sessions of the Regional Committee	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC63/R.4</a> 2016	Strategic framework for strengthening health laboratory services 2016–2020	Report on progress in the implementation of the strategic framework to the 65th and 67th sessions of the Regional Committee	No		✓	
<a href="#">EM/RC63/R.5</a> 2016	Strategic framework for blood safety & availability 2016–2025	Report to the Regional Committee every two years, starting from 2018, on the progress in implementation of the regional strategic framework for blood safety and availability 2016–2025	No			✓



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<a href="#">EM/RC64/R.1</a> 2017	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2016</b> 7.1 Support Member States in implementation of the regional framework for action on health workforce development, including facilitating intercountry exchange and collaboration, and monitoring and evaluation of the progress	NA	No		✓	✓
<a href="#">EM/RC64/R.1</a> 2017	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2016</b> 7.2 Develop a regional framework for action on advancing the role of the private health sector in the move towards universal health coverage, to be presented for endorsement to the Regional Committee at its 65th session	NA	No			✓
<a href="#">EM/RC64/R.1</a> 2017	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2016</b> 6.3 Develop or update national plans of action in line with the regional End TB action plan 2016–2020 in order to control and eliminate tuberculosis from the Region	NA	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC64/R.5</a> 2017	Antimicrobial resistance in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	Report to the Regional Committee on the progress of Member States in implementation of the global action plan on antimicrobial resistance at its 66th session.	No		✓	✓

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<b><u>EM/RC50/R.4</u></b> 2003	Eradication of poliomyelitis	Report regularly to the Regional Committee on progress in poliomyelitis eradication	No	✓		
<b><u>EM/RC50/R.11</u></b> 2003	Main challenges in the control of zoonotic diseases in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	NA	Yes			
<b><u>EM/RC51/R.2</u></b> 2004	Health conditions of the Arab population in Palestine	NA	No			✓
<b><u>EM/RC52/R.13</u></b> 2005	Health conditions in the Palestinian occupied territory including east Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan Heights	NA	No			✓
<b><u>EM/RC54/R.4</u></b> 2007	Growing threat of viral haemorrhagic fevers in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: a call for action	NA	Yes			
<b><u>EM/RC57/R.2</u></b> 2010	Emergency preparedness and response and regional emergency solidarity fund	Report regularly to the Regional Committee on the regional emergency solidarity fund and the progress made in operationalizing the regional hub for logistics and supply management.	No		✓	
<b><u>EM/RC58/R.4</u></b> 2011	Dengue: call for urgent interventions for a rapidly expanding emerging disease	Report periodically, as appropriate, to the Regional Committee on the progress made in control of dengue and dengue haemorrhagic fever in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	Yes			
<b><u>EM/RC59/R.1</u></b> 2012	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2011 and progress reports</b> 5.2 Implement resolution EM/RC57/R.2 on emergency preparedness and response and regional solidarity fund	NA	No		✓	
<b><u>EM/RC59/R.1</u></b> 2012	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2011 and progress reports</b> 6.2 Follow up on implementation of resolution EM/RC57/R.2 on emergency preparedness and response and regional solidarity fund	NA	No			✓
<b><u>EM/RC59/R.4</u></b> 2012	National core capacities for the International Health Regulations (2005): meeting the 2014 deadline	Report annually to the Regional Committee on the progress of States Parties in implementing the	Yes			

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		International Health Regulations (2005)				
<b><u>EM/RC60/R.3</u></b> 2013	Escalating poliomyelitis emergency in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	To convene an extraordinary meeting of regional health leaders, by January 2014 at the latest, to review the regional emergency response, plan corrective actions, and inform Member States of the further action required	Yes			
<b><u>EM/RC61/R.1</u></b> 2014	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2013</b> 8.1 Take necessary action to implement previous resolutions on emergency preparedness and response	NA	Yes			
<b><u>EM/RC61/R.1</u></b> 2014	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2013</b> 8.2 Strengthen the capacity of health systems to prevent, mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies and crises following a whole-health and multisectoral approach, with special emphasis on reinforcing technical capacity in preparedness	NA	Yes			
<b><u>EM/RC61/R.1</u></b> 2014	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2013</b> 8.3 Promote and, when possible, establish and test intercountry agreements for mutual assistance in case of a major emergency exceeding the coping capacity of the affected country	NA	Yes			
<b><u>EM/RC61/R.1</u></b> 2014	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2013</b> 8.4 Contribute to the Emergency Solidarity Fund by allocating to it a minimum of 1% of the WHO country budget in addition to other voluntary contributions whenever possible		No			✓
<b><u>EM/RC61/R.1</u></b> 2014	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2013</b> 8.5 Contribute to the establishment of a regional	NA	Yes			

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	logistics hub to stockpile vital medicines, medical supplies and other critical equipment needed for deployment to affected countries and communities at the onset of emergency					
<b><u>EM/RC61/R.1</u></b> <b>2014</b>	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2013</b> 8.6 Develop a national cadre of emergency management experts and contribute, mainly through the secondment of such experts, to the regional surge roster of experts for rapid deployment in emergencies	NA	<b>Yes</b>			
<b><u>EM/RC61/R.1</u></b> <b>2014</b>	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2013</b> 9.4 Build on the positive experience of establishing a sub-regional emergency support team in Amman to develop sub-regional offices, along the models and practices in other WHO regions	NA	<b>Yes</b>			
<b><u>EM/RC61/R.1</u></b> <b>2014</b>	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2013</b> 9.5 Establish an advisory group on emergency preparedness and response and ensure WHO organizational readiness for emergencies and crises by closely following up with Member States on the implementation of related resolutions and specifically, the establishing of a Regional Emergency Solidarity Fund, a regional logistics hub to ensure the pre-positioning of critical medical supplies, and a regional surge roster of experts for rapid deployment in emergencies	NA	<b>Yes</b>			
<b><u>EM/RC61/R.2</u></b> <b>2014</b>	Global health security – challenges and opportunities with special emphasis on the International Health Regulations, 2005	Continue to monitor progress in building, maintaining and strengthening core capacities and prepare an annual report to be shared with the Regional Committee and States Parties	<b>Yes</b>			

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<u>EM/RC62/R.1</u> 2015	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2014</b> 4.5 Strengthen measures for detection of, response to and mitigation of public health threats from MERS-CoV and avian influenza A(H5N1), including through better coordination between countries	NA	Yes			
<u>EM/RC62/R.1</u> 2015	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2014</b> 5.3 Establish a regional task force to coordinate the ongoing research activities on MERS-CoV in the Region and report to the Regional Committee in 2016	NA	Yes			
<u>EM/RC62/R.3</u> 2015	Assessment and monitoring of the implementation of the International Health Regulations, 2005	The Regional Assessment Commission to report to the Regional Committee on the status of implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) annually through the Regional Director	No		✓	
<u>EM/RC63/R.1</u> 2016	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2015</b> 3.1 Undertake, if they have not yet done so, joint external evaluation for implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) as soon as possible and develop national plans of action to implement the recommendations of the assessment	NA	Yes			
<u>EM/RC63/R.1</u> 2016	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2015</b> 3.4 Conduct assessment of emergency care services at both the national system level and the service delivery level and develop national plans of action	NA	Yes			
<u>EM/RC63/R.1</u> 2016	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2015</b> 4.1 Continue to support Member States in their efforts to conduct joint external evaluations for implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) and to	NA	Yes			

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	develop national plans of action to implement the recommendations of the assessment					
<b><u>EM/RC63/R.1</u></b> <b>2016</b>	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2015</b> 4.2 Provide technical guidance for assessment of emergency care services and establish a network of regional experts	NA	Yes			
<b><u>EM/RC64/R.1</u></b> <b>2016</b>	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2016</b> 6.4 Continue to implement the WHO framework for the monitoring and evaluation of the International Health Regulations (2005) and develop national plans of action for health security, taking into consideration the outcomes of the monitoring and evaluation	NA	No		✓	
<b><u>EM/RC64/R.1</u></b> <b>2016</b>	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2016</b> 6.5 Support the development of the five-year global strategic plan to improve public health preparedness and response and its proposed guiding principles	NA	Yes			
<b><u>EM/RC64/R.1</u></b> <b>2016</b>	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2016</b> 7.5 Include a regular item on the agenda of the Regional Committee on the health issues facing populations affected by disasters and emergencies	NA	No		✓	
<b><u>EM/RC64/R.1</u></b> <b>2016</b>	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2016</b> 7.6 Continue to support Member States in their efforts to implement the framework for the monitoring and evaluation of International Health Regulations (2005) and to finalize their five-year national strategic plans to improve public health preparedness and response	NA	No		✓	

Pillar 3. Promoting healthier populations						
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<u>EM/RC50/R.3</u> 2003	Tobacco-Free Initiative	NA	No	✓		
<u>EM/RC55/R.8</u> 2008	Climate change and health	NA	Yes			
<u>EM/RC56/R.7</u> 2009	Road traffic injuries: a growing public health concern	Report to the Regional Committee every two years on the regional situation regarding road traffic injuries	No		✓	
<u>EM/RC57/R.4</u> 2010	Regional strategy on nutrition 2010–2019	NA	Yes			
<u>EM/RC58/R.8</u> 2011	Strategy for mental health and substance abuse in the Eastern Mediterranean Region 2012–2016	NA	Yes			
<u>EM/RC58/R.10</u> 2011	Managing the use of public health pesticides in the face of the increasing burden of vector-borne diseases	Report periodically to the Regional Committee on progress in implementation of this resolution	Yes			
<u>EM/RC59/R.1</u> 2012	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2011 and progress reports</b> 5.4 Ensure that a 100% smoke-free policy is implemented in all public places and accelerate the implementation of the other proven demand reduction measures of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control	NA	No	✓		
<u>EM/RC59/R.2</u> 2012	The Political Declaration of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases: commitments of Member States and the way forward	Report annually to the Regional Committee on the progress of Member States in implementing the United Nations Political Declaration on Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases based on the regional Framework for Action	No			✓
<u>EM/RC59/R.5</u> 2012	Follow-up on regional action regarding Executive Board decision EB130(1) on implementation of the action plan for the prevention of avoidable blindness and visual impairment	NA	Yes			
<u>EM/RC60/R.4</u> 2013	Follow-up to the United Nations Political Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases	NA	No			✓

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<b><u>EM/RC60/R.5</u></b> 2013	Regional strategy on health and the environment 2014–2019	Monitor and report to the Regional Committee the progress achieved in the implementation of the strategy every two years until 2019	No			✓
<b><u>EM/RC60/R.6</u></b> 2013	Saving the lives of mothers and children	Report to the Regional Committee on progress in implementation of the national acceleration plans annually until 2015	No			✓
<b><u>EM/RC61/R.3</u></b> 2014	Noncommunicable diseases: scaling up implementation of the Political Declaration of the United Nations General Assembly	Report to the Regional Committee at its 62nd, 63rd and 64th sessions on the progress of Member States in the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases, based on the process indicators	No			✓
<b><u>EM/RC62/R.1</u></b> 2015	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2014</b> 4.1 Develop or update national reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child health strategic plans in accordance with the United Nations global strategy on women's, children's and adolescents' health	NA	No			✓
<b><u>EM/RC62/R.1</u></b> 2015	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2014</b> 4.7 Assess inequities in health and their related social determinants, identify priority actions and monitor progress	NA	Yes			
<b><u>EM/RC62/R.1</u></b> 2015	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2014</b> 5.1 Maintain partnership at regional and country level with UNFPA, UNICEF and other partners in reproductive, maternal, neonatal and child health, building on the momentum gained through the initiative on saving the lives of mothers and children	NA	No			✓
<b><u>EM/RC62/R.1</u></b> 2015	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2014</b> 5.2 Develop a regional plan of action on food safety to support Member States based on the outcomes of the country assessments conducted in 2015	NA	No		✓	



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<a href="#">EM/RC62/R.2</a> 2015	Noncommunicable diseases: accelerating implementation of the 2011 Political Declaration of the United Nations General Assembly in preparation for the third high level meeting in 2018	Report to the Regional Committee at its 63rd and 64th sessions on the progress of Member States in the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases	No			✓
<a href="#">EM/RC62/R.5</a> 2015	Scaling up mental health care: a framework for action	Report to the Regional Committee every two years starting from 2017 on the status of implementation of the regional framework	No			✓
<a href="#">EM/RC63/R.1</a> 2016	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2015</b> 3.5 Adopt evidence-based cost-effective preconception care interventions, including for prevention and management of genetic and congenital disorders	NA	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC63/R.1</a> 2016	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2015</b> 3.6 Strengthen bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the Region in order to curb the problem of air pollution	Submit an evidence-based plan of action for the regional implementation of the global roadmap to address the health impacts of indoor and outdoor air pollution to the 64th session of the Regional Committee	No		✓	
<a href="#">EM/RC63/R.1</a> 2016	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2015</b> 4.3 Organize an intercountry consultative meeting on genetic and congenital disorders before the next session of the Regional Committee	NA	Yes			
<a href="#">EM/RC63/R.3</a> 2016	Improving access to assistive technology	Report to the Regional Committee at its 65th session on progress in implementation of this resolution	No			✓
<a href="#">EM/RC64/R.1</a> 2017	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2016</b> 6.2 Become Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products as soon as possible	Engage with Member States and various parties to develop a regional strategy and action plan for tobacco control reflecting the commitments of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, to be presented for endorsement by the Regional Committee at its 65th session	No	✓		
<a href="#">EM/RC64/R.2</a> 2017	Regional framework for action on cancer control and prevention	Report to the Regional Committee on the progress of Member States in	No	✓	✓	✓

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		implementing the regional framework for action on cancer prevention and control at its 66th session				
<u>EM/RC64/R.3</u> 2017	Climate change & health, a framework for action	Report to the Regional Committee on the progress achieved in the implementation of the regional framework for action on climate change and health at its 66th and 68th sessions	Yes			
<u>EM/RC64/R.4</u> 2017	Operationalization of the adolescent health component of the Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health, 2016– 2030	NA	No			✓

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<u>EM/RC48/R.8</u> 2001	Renewed health research for development in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	NA	Yes			
<u>EM/RC49/R.5</u> 2002	Evaluation report of the Joint Government/WHO Programme Review Missions in 2001	NA	Yes			
<u>EM/RC50/R.13</u> 2003	Foundation for the State of Kuwait Prize for the Control of Cancer, Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	NA	No		✓	
<u>EM/RC51/R.11</u> 2004	Development and use of genomics and biotechnology for public health	NA	Yes			
<u>EM/RC53/R.10</u> 2006	Regional strategy for knowledge management to support public health	NA	Yes			
<u>EM/RC55/R.7</u> 2008	Bridging the gap between health researchers and policy-makers in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	NA	Yes			
<u>EM/RC55/R.10</u> 2008	Review of the Medium-Term Strategic Plan 2008–2013 and proposed Programme Budget for the financial period 2010–2011	NA	Yes			
<u>EM/RC58/R.3</u> 2011	Strategic directions for scaling up research for health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region	NA	No			✓
<u>EM/RC58/R.9</u> 2011	Report of the Eastern Mediterranean Advisory Committee on Health Research (twenty-fifth meeting)	NA	Yes			
<u>EM/RC59/R.1</u> 2012	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2011 and progress reports</b> 6.1 Take the necessary steps to ensure implementation of the strategic directions proposed for the next five years	NA	Yes			
<u>EM/RC59/R.6</u> 2012	WHO managerial reform	Report to the 62nd session of the Regional Committee on the progress made in implementing the resolution	Yes			
<u>EM/RC60/R.1</u> 2013	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2012 and progress reports</b>	NA	Yes			

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	4.4 Build on the experience of the 2014–2015 operational planning process in the Region and play an active role in suggesting ways to improve the bottom-up Programme Budget planning exercise 2016–2017					
<b><u>EM/RC60/R.1</u></b> <b>2013</b>	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2012 and progress reports</b> 4.5 Advocate, at the first stage of the 2016–2017 planning exercise, for an open budget envelope allocated to countries for the prioritization exercise without any subdivision by category, establishing a detailed budgeting only in the subsequent phase as a result of the initial planning at country level	NA	<b>Yes</b>			
<b><u>EM/RC60/R.1</u></b> <b>2013</b>	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2012 and progress reports</b> 5.3 Encourage coordinated and country-based planning for 2016–2017 involving all the three levels of the Organization along the principle of subsidiarity	NA	<b>Yes</b>			
<b><u>EM/RC60/R.1</u></b> <b>2013</b>	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2012 and progress reports</b> 5.4 Contribute to the improvement of the planning cycle by improving the mechanisms of monitoring and evaluation of progress on agreed commitments	NA	<b>No</b>		✓	✓
<b><u>EM/RC60/R.7</u></b> <b>2013</b>	Regional strategy for the improvement of civil registration and vital statistics systems 2014–2019	Monitor and report to the Regional Committee the progress achieved in the implementation of the strategy every two years until 2019	<b>No</b>			✓
<b><u>EM/RC61/R.1</u></b> <b>2014</b>	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2013</b> 9.1 Continue his efforts to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of WHO programme management tools and compliance instruments across the	NA	<b>No</b>			✓

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	Region in order to further promote transparency and provide more effective technical support to Member States					
<u>EM/RC61/R.1</u> 2014	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2013</b> 9.2 Advocate for the implementation of a full staff rotation and mobility scheme across the Organization, and not only within the Region	NA	No			✓
<u>EM/RC61/R.1</u> 2014	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2013</b> 9.3 Report to the next session of the Regional Committee on the progress made in implementing Regional Committee resolution EM/RC59/R.6 which requested Member States to consider the possibility of increasing the level of assessed contributions to the Organization through collective action in the governing bodies	Report to the 62nd session of the Regional Committee on the progress made in implementing Regional Committee resolution EM/RC59/R.6	Yes			
<u>EM/RC62/R.1</u> 2015	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2014</b> 4.2 Accelerate action to improve quality of civil registration and vital statistics, and especially cause-of-death registration, in light of the assessments conducted in collaboration with WHO	NA	No			✓
<u>EM/RC63/R.7</u> 2016	Nomination of the Regional Director	NA	Yes			
<u>EM/RC63/R.8</u> 2016	Expression of appreciation to Dr Ala Alwan	NA	Yes			
<u>EM/RC64/R.1</u> 2017	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2016</b> 6.1 Take necessary action towards conducting public health research that is directed towards the requirements of health services and that addresses people's health needs; and build national capacity to use evidence from health research in national policy-making for health	NA	Yes			

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<u>EM/RC64/R.1</u> 2017	<b>Annual report of the Regional Director for 2016</b> 7.3 Establish regional mechanisms to support the bridging of gaps between relevant research institutions and policy-makers and the translation of research evidence into health policy statements, and support the establishment of national mechanisms	NA	Yes			

## Annex 2

### Draft resolution

#### **A review of the status of resolutions adopted by the Regional Committee during the period 2000–2017, and recommendations for sunseting and reporting requirements**

The Regional Committee,

Having considered document EM/RC70/14 on reviewing the status of resolutions adopted by the Regional Committee during the period 2000–2017, and recommendations for sunseting and reporting requirements;

Noting that a number of resolutions have an open-ended requirement for reporting back to the Regional Committee;

Acknowledging that, with the increasing number of resolutions where reporting is required, there are repercussions for the agenda and programme of future sessions of the Regional Committee, and desiring to make optimal use of time during sessions of the Regional Committee;

1. **ADOPTS** the recommendations made in document EM/RC70/14, with specific reference to sunseting 72 resolutions on strategies, frameworks and technical documents adopted during the period 2000–2017 for which reporting is recommended for sunseting, as included in Annex 1 of the document.
2. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director:
  - to ensure that requirements for reporting on the implementation of resolutions should be clearly defined, and the duration of reporting should be not more than six years;
  - to propose, for each resolution, specified reporting dates to the Regional Committee;
  - when reporting to the Regional Committee on the technical, administrative and financial implications, to consider, whenever possible, three biennial reports over the six-year period representing the lifespan of the resolution;
  - to revisit active resolutions resulting from the exercise and submit a detailed report to the 72nd session of the Regional Committee.