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The new European policy for health – Health 2020: Vision, values, main directions and approaches

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the report on the new European policy for health – Health 2020: vision, values, main directions and approaches;¹

Recognizing the WHO Regional Office for Europe's extensive experience of working on comprehensive approaches to health development, including Health for All, the Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion, HEALTH21, the European environment and health process and the Tallinn Charter: Health Systems, Health and Wealth, and of working with other sectors (including environment, transport, education, justice, finance and agriculture) and with subnational levels of government;

Recalling resolution EUR/RC60/R5, which requested the Regional Director to develop a European policy for health – Health 2020 to act as a unifying and coherent action framework to accelerate attainment of better health and well-being for all, adaptable to the realities that make up the European Region;

Bearing in mind that this was launched as a two-year process, with the final Health 2020 policy to be presented to the Regional Committee at its sixty-second session in 2012;

¹ Document EUR/RC61/9

Acknowledging past commitments, made through global and regional policies, strategies and plans (as reflected in resolutions and other collective political statements), to address public health challenges in the Region;

Noting the Regional Director's commitment to develop Health 2020 through a highly participatory and inclusive process;

Conscious of the essential roles and contributions of various sectors and all levels of government, as well as of international, intergovernmental, nongovernmental and government organizations and bodies, in efforts to address equity in health and well-being in the Region;

1. THANKS the Regional Director for the report on the Health 2020 concept which covers the goals, values, framework and outline of the policy, as well as the main approaches and proposals for targets;
2. AGREES that a new European policy for health should focus in particular on policies and interventions that work and which make the greatest difference to the health and well-being of people in the Region; on universal policy and technical innovations that hold the greatest promise; on accelerating action to reduce inequalities in health, with special emphasis on the poorest and most vulnerable groups; on preparing for and anticipating change in the next decade; on supporting and being relevant to all Member States in the Region; and on offering a unifying policy framework for action in which the Regional Office and Member States join forces and work together with international partners;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director to continue to consult all Member States² before the sixty-second session of the Regional Committee and to develop, according to the guiding framework as presented at the sixty-first session, taking into account comments made by delegations, the final draft of the Health 2020 policy, with specific written consultations with all Member States in early 2012, in order to ensure adequate time for full responses and to submit to Member States by the time of the sixty-fifth World Health Assembly and to the Regional Committee at its sixty-second session for adoption.

² And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations