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Resolution

Action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases in the WHO European Region

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the Action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases in the WHO European Region;¹

Recalling the adoption of Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and reaffirming the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)² including inter alia SDG3 (Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages) and its specific and interlinked targets as well as other health-related SDGs and targets;

Recalling resolution WHA66.10, endorsing the Global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2020;

Recalling resolution EUR/RC62/R4, adopting Health 2020: a European policy framework supporting action across government and society for health and well-being³ that identifies noncommunicable diseases as a priority area;

¹ Document EUR/RC66/11.

² United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/70/1.

³ Document EUR/RC62/9.

Recalling resolution EUR/RC56/R2, adopting the European Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases⁴ as a strategic framework for action by Member States in the European Region to implement in their national policies and engage in international cooperation;

Recalling resolution EUR/RC61/R3, concerning the Action Plan for implementation of the European Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2012–2016⁵ as a strategic framework for action by Member States in the European Region;

Recalling the Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases⁶ (2011);

Recalling the time-bound national commitments included in the Outcome document of the high-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases⁷ (2014) and the need to strengthen national noncommunicable disease responses, in preparation for the third United Nations General Assembly High-level Meeting on Non-Communicable Diseases in 2018;

Noting the progress made in implementing the European Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases and to some extent, the reduction in noncommunicable disease-related premature mortality as well as the reduction of intercountry inequalities;

Noting the importance of reducing the burden of noncommunicable disease-related morbidity;

⁴ Document EUR/RC56/8.

⁵ Document EUR/RC61/12.

⁶ United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/66/2.

⁷ United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/68/300.

Noting with concern the threats still posed by adverse trends in population risk exposure, in health system barriers to the management of noncommunicable diseases, and in national capacity to prevent and control noncommunicable diseases;

Understanding that this resolution supersedes Regional Committee resolution EUR/RC61/R3 on the Action Plan for implementation of the European Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2012–2016;

1. WELCOMES the Action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases in the WHO European Region;
2. URGES Member States:⁸
 - (a) to continue to strengthen their efforts as appropriate in achieving the time-bound national commitments included in the Outcome document of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the comprehensive review and assessment of the progress achieved in the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases and report on their results at the third General Assembly High-level Meeting on Non-Communicable Diseases in 2018;
 - (b) to apply, based on national situations, the priority and supporting actions presented in the Action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases in the WHO European Region in developing, implementing and evaluating national programmes for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases;
 - (c) to continue to prevent noncommunicable diseases throughout the life-course and to reduce inequalities by creating environments that support healthy behaviours;
 - (d) to set up, or strengthen, evidence-based noncommunicable disease early detection and management programmes including equitable access to primary health care within sustainable health systems;

⁸ And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.

- (e) to strengthen commitments across society and build intersectoral alliances and networks, engaging relevant stakeholders and fostering citizen empowerment, including at the local level;
- (f) to continue to support action through regular monitoring of progress in achieving the global voluntary noncommunicable disease targets and the relevant SDG targets, surveillance, evaluation and research;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (a) to support Member States in the implementation of the Action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases in the WHO European Region;
- (b) to pursue the aims of the Action plan, in partnership with international and intergovernmental organizations⁸ and non-State actors;
- (c) to monitor and report to the Regional Committee at its 68th, 72nd and 75th sessions in 2018, 2022 and 2025, respectively, on the implementation of the Action plan;
- (d) to report on the midterm evaluation of the Action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases in the WHO European Region to the Regional Committee at its 70th session in 2020.

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