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Resolution

Roadmap to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on Health 2020, the European policy for health and well-being

The Regional Committee,

Reaffirming the importance of the adoption of Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development¹ and recognizing that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and targets are integrated, indivisible, global in nature and universally applicable;

Reaffirming that Health 2020, the European policy framework for health and well-being, adopted in September 2012,² and other relevant WHO global and regional strategies and action plans encompassing the health-related targets of the SDGs provide a framework for implementing the 2030 Agenda;

Emphasizing that the 2030 Agenda provides a renewed commitment and an integrated, multisectoral approach to further implementing Health 2020;

Understanding that this resolution replaces and supersedes resolution EUR/RC66/R4;

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¹ United Nations General Assembly resolution 70/1.

² Resolution EUR/RC62/R4.

- 1. ADOPTS the roadmap to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, building on Health 2020, the European policy framework for health and well-being;³
- 2. AGREES to adopt a joint monitoring framework⁴ for the SDGs, Health 2020 and the Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2013–2020 that is based on existing reporting requirements;

3. URGES Member States:⁵

- (a) to strengthen leadership, governance and investment for health in order to achieve the highest attainable standard of health and well-being for all at all ages and for future generations;
- (b) to prioritize health and well-being for all at all ages in national development strategies and to integrate the SDGs and Health 2020 into national and subnational health policies, strategies and plans;
- (c) to reduce health inequities by addressing all determinants of health, using lifecourse, culture-sensitive, gender-responsive and rights-based approaches and taking action through universally progressive policies and legislation and empowerment of people;
- (d) to increase institutional capacity, to build and engage effective, accountable and transparent institutions and to strengthen collaboration with partners and stakeholders;
- (e) to strengthen the mobilization and effective use of national resources and to coordinate international assistance effectively, where appropriate;
- (f) to implement a whole-of-government approach, strengthening collaboration with non-health sectors, to take integrated action towards the achievement of multiple SDGs and to ensure that policies and measures taken in non-health sectors address health and the social, environmental and economic determinants of health;
- (g) to implement a whole-of-society approach, engaging local communities, civil society and all relevant stakeholders in the design and management of places,

³ Documents EUR/RC67/9 and EUR/RC67/9 Corr.1.

⁴ Information document EUR/RC67/Inf.Doc./1 Rev.1.

⁵ And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.

- settings and communities addressing needs consistent with health, well-being and equity throughout the life-course;
- (h) to continue towards achieving universal health coverage and strengthening health systems as drivers of equitable health improvements at the population level; and
- (i) to strengthen national information systems for health and to support the process of reporting on the SDGs;
- 4. CALLS ON international, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations, including civil society and professional associations, from within the health sector and beyond to engage in and to support the implementation of this resolution;

5. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (a) to support Member States, when requested, in the development, revision and implementation of national development plans and national and subnational health policies, strategies and plans;
- (b) to work closely with Member States⁵ to define the best ways to improve intersectoral governance for health, equity and well-being, ensuring equal opportunities and equal conditions for all at all ages;
- to provide a core package of SDG-related technical resources, knowledge and tools;
- (d) to provide further support in order to build on the work of strengthening health systems and to assist Member States in bolstering their public health capacities and operations in line with Facing the future: opportunities and challenges for 21st-century public health in implementing the SDGs and the Health 2020 policy framework;⁶
- (e) to strengthen implementation through partnerships and networks and to collaborate with all agencies and relevant stakeholders as outlined in the roadmap;

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⁶ Background document for the 67th session of the Regional Committee for Europe.

- (f) to promote regional cooperation in science, technology and innovation in order to enhance knowledge sharing and translation, and facilitate exchanges of experiences including best practice examples, emphasizing the importance of collaboration among countries, sectors and networking mechanisms, including twinning arrangements; and
- (g) to report to the Regional Committee on the implementation of the resolution every two years, starting in 2019 and ending in 2029.

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