

## Regional Committee for Europe Fifty-third session

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### Resolution

# Progress in implementing the WHO Regional Office for Europe's Country Strategy "Matching services to new needs"

The Regional Committee,

Recalling its previous resolutions on cooperation with countries, in particular resolution EUR/RC50/R5, and the principles outlined in the WHO Country Focus Initiative;

Mindful of the need for continuing review and strategic planning in relation to WHO's cooperation with countries in the European Region, as called for in resolution EUR/RC49/R5;

Having reviewed the WHO Regional Office for Europe's report on progress achieved in implementation of its Country Strategy, "Matching services to new needs", as contained in document EUR/RC53/10;

#### 1. AGREES that:

- (a) progress is being made by the Regional Office in its efforts to improve the quality of services and tailor them to the health needs of Member States;
- (b) the Country Strategy approved at the fiftieth session should be further pursued by the Regional Office through the specific services provided to individual countries or groups of countries;

(c) Member States should support the Regional Office in further developing and implementing the European Country Strategy;

### 2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (a) to continue initiatives that facilitate implementation of the European Country Strategy as described in document EUR/RC53/10; and
- (b) to report back to the Regional Committee at its fifty-fourth session on the impact of implementation of the Country Strategy on working with countries in the European Region, based on short specific reports from the country offices concerned.