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Resolution

A country strategy for the WHO Regional Office for Europe 2012–2014

The Regional Committee,

Mindful of the WHO Regional Office's need to ensure close strategic relations with every Member State in the WHO European Region;

Noting the report of the external working group to review WHO's work in countries;¹

Recognizing the achievements made through previous country strategies for the WHO Regional Office for Europe and recalling its previous resolutions on cooperation with countries through the EUROHEALTH programme (EUR/RC40/R7, EUR/RC41/R2 and EUR/RC43/R10), including its evaluation and updating (EUR/RC44/R10, EUR/RC45/R6), and later through the Regional Office's country strategy "Matching services to new needs" (EUR/RC50/R5 and EUR/RC55/R8);

Taking into account the ongoing WHO reform, especially the decisions EBSS2(2) on managerial reform and WHA 65(5) and the necessary alignment between policies at global and regional levels of the WHO that it implies;

Mindful of the work in progress within the WHO reform to adapt the concept of the country cooperation strategy (CCS) to make it available to all WHO Member States;

Acknowledging the consultation process with Member States of the European region to develop a new country strategy for the European region;

¹ Document EUR/RC61/BD/1

Having reviewed the document entitled *A country strategy for the WHO Regional Office for Europe 2012–2014*;²

1. NOTES progress in developing a new country strategy;
2. AGREES that:
 - (a) a new model of the CCS should aim at being a flexible Organization-wide tool for cooperation between the WHO Secretariat and each interested Member State;
 - (b) flexible and effective mechanisms for cooperation between WHO and countries may be needed that take into account the needs and capacities of the country;
3. URGES Member States:
 - (a) to collaborate with the Regional Office in the further development of the new country strategy;
 - (b) to consider, where appropriate, developing CCSs with WHO;
 - (c) to consider appointing a national counterpart for overall strategic cooperation with WHO;
4. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
 - (a) to take a holistic approach to work for, with and in countries by ensuring cross-country learning and development, and sharing of new knowledge, tools and instruments by and for all Member States;
 - (b) to facilitate the development of a CCS with each Member States that wishes to have one;
 - (c) to develop flexible and effective mechanisms for closer cooperation between WHO and countries that take into account the needs and capacity of the country and ongoing development of the new CCS model, and propose these as part of the new country strategy;
 - (d) to review and update lists and mailing lists of national counterparts as main contact points for cooperation with WHO and the lists and mailing lists of national technical focal points as contacts for cooperation in specific areas and publish these on the WHO website by February 2013;

² Document EUR/RC62/13

- (e) to develop, in consultation with Member States, and propose a new country strategy for adoption by the Regional Committee at its sixty-fourth session, specifying the objectives of the strategy, measures to achieve the objectives, criteria for setting up and closing of country offices, description of mechanisms for closer cooperation between WHO and countries that take into account the needs and capacity of the country, and other relevant issues.