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Resolution

Governance in the WHO European Region

The Regional Committee,

Recalling resolution EUR/RC60/R3, adopted in September 2010, requesting the Standing Committee of the WHO Regional Committee for Europe to initiate a cycle of comprehensive reviews of governance in the WHO European Region and to report back to the Regional Committee on lessons learned in this regard at such intervals as the Standing Committee deems appropriate;

Mindful of the request of Member States at the 66th session of the Regional Committee in September 2016 to limit the number of technical resolutions on the agenda of the Regional Committee and to reconsider the underlying guiding principles for the inclusion on the agenda of new policy documents and resolutions on declarations by ministerial or high-level regional conferences;

Having considered the report on governance in the WHO European Region;¹

1. **ENDORSES** the recommendations concerning the regional implications of global policies, contained in paragraphs 4–9 of document EUR/RC67/14;

¹ Document EUR/RC67/14.

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to bring relevant global policies, strategies and action plans adopted by the World Health Assembly to the attention of the Regional Committee under the standing agenda item “Matters arising from resolutions and decisions of the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board”, highlighting the following points:
 - (a) the programmatic implications of the global policy for the European Region;
 - (b) previous Regional Committee resolutions that address the same or similar issues and how the new global policy may affect them;
 - (c) recommendations as to whether and how the global policy requires adaptation to the regional context through a formal implementation plan to be adopted by the Regional Committee, setting out options as appropriate;
 - (d) the implications of a regional implementation plan for Member States in terms of additional actions, commitments and reporting requirements;
 - (e) the financial and administrative implications for the Regional Office in the light of available resources; and
 - (f) oversight by the Regional Committee regarding the implementation of the global strategy in the European Region, with or without a separate implementation plan;
3. ENDORSES the recommendations on aligning the agenda of the Regional Committee with that of the WHO Executive Board and the World Health Assembly, contained in paragraphs 11–13 of document EUR/RC67/14;
4. REQUESTS the Regional Director to revise the regional multi-year agenda of the Regional Committee, as proposed in paragraphs 14–15 of document EUR/RC67/14;
5. FURTHER ENDORSES the proposals on raising the profile of the reports of the Regional Committee to the Executive Board, contained in paragraph 21, and the proposed schedule for web-based consultations on Regional Committee documents and resolutions, contained in paragraphs 27–28 of document EUR/RC67/14;
6. APPROVES the recommendations on declarations adopted by regional conferences, contained in paragraphs 22–25 of document EUR/RC67/14;

7. DECIDES that declarations adopted by regional conferences shall be considered only if the Regional Committee, based on the advice of the Standing Committee, is satisfied that the regional conferences fulfilled the following criteria:

- (a) the drafting process for the declaration or outcome document shall be transparent and inclusive, namely, at least two thirds of Member States in the European Region shall be involved in drafting the final text and all comments or objections addressed shall be made available to Member States;
- (b) sufficient time shall be allowed for consultation on and negotiation of the draft declaration or outcome document with Member States prior to the conference;
- (c) the conference shall be attended by officially appointed high-level government representatives; and
- (d) the Standing Committee shall be involved in the drafting process of the declaration or outcome document, which it shall discuss prior to the conference.

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