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Resolution

Proposed programme budget for 2008–2009 and Medium-term strategic plan for 2008–2013

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008–2009 within the framework of the medium-term strategic plan (document EUR/RC56/10) and the regional perspective thereon (EUR/RC56/10 Add.1), and having taken note of the comments made in this respect by the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee and the Regional Committee;

Welcoming the continuing efforts made throughout the Organization to present a more focused budget now aligned to a longer-term strategic vision covering three biennia, as articulated in the medium-term strategic plan;

Noting that the budget proposals are in accordance with resolution EUR/RC47/R9, which requested the Regional Director to prepare the regional perspective of the programme budget in accordance with the principles used for presentation of the global programme budget, while at the same time reflecting the regional priorities and specificities;

Noting further that the present budget proposal is to be regarded as a draft, in view of the fact that Article 34 of the Constitution of WHO stipulates that the Director-General shall submit the budget proposal of the Organization to the Executive Board prior to final approval by the World Health Assembly;

1. REQUESTS the Regional Director to convey to the Director-General the views, comments and suggestions expressed by the Regional Committee on the proposed programme budget document, for these to be taken into consideration during its finalization;

2. NOTES the global proposed programme budget 2008–2009 contained in document EUR/RC56/10, which is to be financed by regular funds and funds from other sources, to the extent that the latter become available;

3. ENDORSES the strategic directions contained in the document “Proposed programme budget 2008–2009: The European Region’s perspective” (EUR/RC56/10 Add.1).