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Addendum

This addendum to document EUR/RC67/15 addresses the future governance of the European Environment and Health Process (EHP) and, in particular, support for a joint secretariat to be provided by the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

The Member States of the WHO European Region invited the UNECE Executive Committee, through its Committee on Environmental Policy (CEP), to consider establishing a joint EHP secretariat at the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health, which took place in Ostrava, Czech Republic, on 13–15 June 2017. The proposal for a joint EHP secretariat is mentioned in paragraph 28 of Annex 2 of the Declaration of the Sixth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health and is dependent on the availability of adequate human and financial resources.¹

At the request of the UNECE CEP, its Secretariat developed three possible scenarios for such a joint secretariat, and that proposal will be considered by the 23rd session of the UNECE CEP in November 2017.

Given the importance of formalizing such a partnership between the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the UNECE, and in the context of discussions on governance in the WHO European Region, the Regional Committee is invited to take note of the advance copy of document ECE/CEP/2017/18, which can be accessed on the UNECE website (<https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=45618>).

This addendum should be reviewed in conjunction with documents EUR/RC67/15, EUR/RC67/15 Add.2 and EUR/RC67/Conf.Doc./8.

¹ Annex 2. Institutional arrangements for the European Environment and Health Process (<http://www.euro.who.int/en/media-centre/events/events/2017/06/sixth-ministerial-conference-on-environment-and-health/documentation/declaration-of-the-sixth-ministerial-conference-on-environment-and-health/annex-2.-institutional-arrangements-for-the-european-environment-and-health-process>).