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Work of the geographically dispersed offices in the WHO European Region

The Regional Committee,

Recalling the Progress report on the work of the geographically dispersed offices of the WHO Regional Office for Europe (document EUR/RC68/8(K));

Acknowledging the Report on the work of the geographically dispersed offices in the WHO European Region (document EUR/RC69/16 Rev.2);

Taking note of the governance processes in light of the original strategy for geographically dispersed offices (GDOs) contained in document EUR/RC54/9 and recalling resolution EUR/RC54/R6, as further discussed in document EUR/RC62/11, supported by decision EUR/RC62(2);

- 1. THANKS the host countries of the GDOs for their contributions, both financial and in kind, that ensure the effective functioning of the GDOs and thus the sustainability of the technical work in the European Region;
- 2. EXPRESSES its appreciation for the regular oversight of GDOs provided by the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe under the guidance of the Regional Committee;

- 3. CONCLUDES that the GDOs are operating in line with the endorsed strategy and that they are integrated with the work and the organizational architecture of the Regional Office;
- 4. ACKNOWLEDGES that the GDOs are fully embedded within the programme budget structure and funding for the European Region;
- 5. NOTES that the GDOs provide added value to the work of the Regional Office in key technical areas and country support and therefore are vital for the implementation of the work of the Regional Office, in line with Health 2020 and WHO's Thirteenth General Programme of Work, 2019–2023, as well as with World Health Assembly and Regional Committee resolutions relevant to these technical areas;
- 6. RECOGNIZES the substantial portfolio of work that benefits all European Member States delivered by the GDOs in a fully integrated manner, in line with the mandates provided by the Regional Committee;
- 7. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
 - (a) to continue to strengthen the existing GDOs; and
 - (b) to report regularly on the functioning and programmatic progress of existing GDOs.

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