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# Provisional agenda (annotated)

### 1. Opening of the session

- Election of the President, Executive President, Deputy Executive President and Rapporteur
- Adoption of the provisional agenda and programme

#### 2. Addresses

(a) Report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the European Region since RC62

# 3. Matters arising out of resolutions and decisions of the World Health Assembly and the Executive Board

Document EUR/RC63/6 provides an overview of the technical resolutions and decisions adopted by the Sixty-sixth World Health Assembly of particular relevance to the WHO European Region. Six separate discussions will be held during the Regional Committee's sixty-third session, starting with a general discussion on document EUR/RC63/6 and continuing with the five technical items referred to regional committees by the Assembly, namely:

(a) Follow-up to the Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases

The Regional Committee is requested to comment and advise on the draft terms of reference for the Global Coordination Mechanism.

(b) Health on the United Nations post-2015 Development Agenda

The Regional Committee is requested to discuss health in the United Nations post-2015 development agenda and report on the discussion through the 134th Executive Board.

(c) International Health Regulations (2005)

The Regional Committee is requested to comment on the criteria for extension, beyond 2014, of the deadline for building national core capacities under the IHR (2005).

(d) Global Vaccine Action Plan

Member States are requested to report annually to the regional committees, through a discussion dedicated to the Decade of Vaccines, on lessons learnt, progress made, remaining challenges and updated actions to reach the national

immunization targets (resolution WHA65.17). Polio eradication and end game strategic planning will also be discussed and reported back to the World Health Assembly.

(e) Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: financing and coordination

The Regional Committee will be informed about the ongoing consultation on the demonstration projects and the technical experts that the Regional Director proposes will assist in the evaluation of the demonstration process.

### 4. Report of the Twentieth Standing Committee of the Regional Committee (SCRC)

The Chairperson of the SCRC will give an overview of the work of the Twentieth SCRC, focusing on the main issues discussed and recommendations made.

#### 5. Policy and technical topics

(a) Health 2020

The Regional Committee will be informed about the Regional Office's work to support countries' efforts to implement Health 2020 and the report on social determinants of health and the health divide will be presented. During a panel discussion, several Member States will share experiences of their progress. This will be followed by a general debate. The Health 2020 monitoring framework and indicators and the accompanying draft resolution will later be introduced and discussed.

- (i) Implementing Health 2020: progress and developments since RC62
- (ii) Report on social determinants of health and the health divide in the WHO European Region
- (iii) Health 2020 monitoring framework, including indicators
- (b) Regional Framework for surveillance and control of invasive mosquito vectors and re-emerging vector-borne diseases

The Regional Committee will be presented with the Regional Framework for surveillance and control of invasive mosquito vectors, which focuses on Aedes mosquito species and re-emerging vector-borne diseases, particularly dengue and chikungunya fever, as requested by the Regional Committee at its sixty-second session. A draft resolution will be presented for adoption.

(c) Report of the European Environment and Health Ministerial Board

This report, endorsed by the European Environment and Health Ministerial Board (EHMB) at its fourth session in Belgrade, Serbia, will be presented by a panel of EHMB representatives. The Regional Committee will be invited to discuss and take note of the report.

(d) European Mental Health Action Plan 2014–2020

During this item a draft European Mental Health Action Plan will be presented in line with the WHO comprehensive mental health action plan 2013–2020 and Health 2020, The Regional Committee will be invited to adopt the accompanying draft resolution

(e) Progress report on measles and rubella elimination and the package for accelerated action to achieve elimination by 2015

The report presents progress since the Regional Committee's sixtieth session and introduces a package of accelerated action in which the Office will strengthen its technical support to Member States. The Regional Committee is requested to discuss the package and take note of the report

#### (f) Partnerships

In line with the request made by the Regional Committee in 2010, a partnership session has been organized, which will focus on collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The UNICEF and UNFPA regional directors will be presenting their views and the Regional Committee will be invited to comment.

(g) Outcomes of high-level conferences

An overview will be given of the outcomes of three recent high-level conferences.

(i) High-level meeting on health systems in times of global economic crisis – an update of the situation in the European Region, Oslo, Norway, 17–18 April 2013

The outcome of the High-level meeting held in Oslo will be introduced and the Regional Committee will be invited to adopt the accompanying draft resolution.

(ii) Eighth Global Conference on Health Promotion: the Helsinki statement on Health in All Policies: a call for action; including Europe Day – Promoting Health in All Policies – experiences from the European Region, Helsinki, Finland, 10–14 June 2013

A representative of Finland will inform the Regional Committee about the outcome of the Conference and proposed next steps.

(iii) WHO European Ministerial Conference on nutrition and noncommunicable diseases in the context of Health 2020, Vienna, Austria, 4–5 July 2013

The Vienna Declaration on nutrition and noncommunicable diseases in the context of Health 2020 will be introduced and the Regional Committee will be invited to adopt the accompanying draft resolution.

(h) WHO reform – implications for the Regional Office for Europe

Discussions under this agenda item will be grouped into three clusters: (a) WHO reform implications for the Regional Office for Europe, implementation of the programme budget 2014–2015 and the financial situation of the Regional office; (b) the process for developing the programme budget 2016–2017; and (c) the outcome of the first Financing Dialogue.

- (i) Overview of the impact of the WHO reform on the Regional Office for Europe
- (ii) Implementing the programme budget 2014–2015, including strategic resource allocation
- (iii) Process to develop the programme budget 2016–2017
- (iv) Outcome of the first Financing Dialogue
- (v) Financial situation of the Regional Office

- (i) Governance of the Regional Office for Europe, including
  - (i) Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Regional Committee for Europe and of the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee for Europe

In line with the Regional Committee's request, made at its sixty-second session, the SCRC established a subgroup on governance of the Regional Office. Under this agenda item, the Regional Committee will be presented with the subgroup's recommendations on several governance reform issues in the WHO European Region. The Regional Committee will be invited to adopt a draft resolution.

(ii) Review of the status of resolutions adopted by the Regional Committee over the past ten years (2003–2012), and recommendations for sunsetting and reporting requirements

As requested by the Regional Committee at its sixty-second session, the Secretariat reviewed the resolutions adopted by the Regional Committee between 2003 and 2012 and after consultations with the SCRC and Member States will submit, for the Regional Committee's consideration, proposals for sunsetting and reporting requirements. The Committee is invited to adopt the accompanying draft resolution.

(j) Geographically dispersed offices (GDOs): business cases and progress reports

The Regional Committee is requested to consider business cases for the two proposed new GDOs. This will take the form of two discussions, one on primary health care and the other on preparedness for humanitarian and health emergencies. The Regional Committee is invited to adopt the relevant draft decisions. Progress reports on the work of the three existing GDOs and on the GDO on noncommunicable diseases will be introduced separately.

(k) Progress reports

The Regional Committee will be invited to discuss seven progress reports, grouped in two areas, in line with the five categories of the Twelfth General Programme of Work: the first discussion will be on progress reports pertaining to issues under categories 1 and 5; the second will be on progress reports related to issues under categories 2 and 3.

- (i) Category 1: Communicable diseases
  - Implementation of the Consolidated Action Plan to Prevent and Combat Multidrug- and Extensively Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis in the WHO European Region 2011–2015 (EUR/RC61/R7)
- (ii) Category 2: Noncommunicable diseases
  - Tobacco control in the European Region
  - Implementation of the Second WHO European Action Plan for Food and Nutrition Policy 2007–2012 (EUR/RC57/R4 and EUR/RC58/R5)
  - Action Plan for the implementation of the European Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2012–2016 (EUR/RC61/R3)
- (iii) Category 3: Promoting health through the life-course
  - Progress towards attaining the health-related Millennium Development Goals (EUR/RC57/R2)

- (iv) Category 5: Preparedness, surveillance and response
  - Implementation of the International Health Regulations (2005) in the WHO European Region (EUR/RC59/R5)
  - Implementation of the European strategic action plan on antibiotic resistance (EUR/RC61/R6)

#### 6. Private meeting: elections and nominations

The Regional Committee will consider, in a private meeting, nominations received for candidature to the Executive Board, the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee, the European Environment and Health Ministerial Board and the Regional Evaluation Group.

- 7. Confirmation of dates and places of regular sessions of the Regional Committee
- 8. Other matters
- 9. Approval of the report and closure of the session

## **Technical briefings**

- Preventing maltreatment and other adverse childhood experiences
- Report on social determinants of health and the health divide in the WHO European Region
- Implementing Health 2020: strengthening multisectoral responsibility for health in Turkey
- Introductory briefing on the WHO programme budget and financial issues

#### **Ministerial lunches**

- Social determinants of health and health governance Report on social determinants of health and the health divide in the WHO European Region and its governance implications
- The rising threat of antimicrobial resistance to the public's health
- Implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in the WHO European Region