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#### Draft resolution

#### Better health for Europe

#### Adapting the Regional Office for Europe to the changing European environment: the Regional Director's perspective

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the report *Better health for Europe – Adapting the WHO Regional Office to the changing European environment: the Regional Director's perspective*,<sup>1</sup>

Recalling its previous resolutions on proposed changes to the Regional Office and its governance (EUR/RC49/R1, EUR/RC50/R1, EUR/RC51/R1, EUR/RC53/R1, EUR/RC58/R3), on renewal of the Health for All strategy (EUR/RC49/R9, EUR/RC53/R3, EUR/RC55/R4), on developing strategic partnerships (EUR/RC56/R3), on country offices and geographically dispersed offices (EUR/RC49/R5, EUR/RC50/R5, EUR/RC54/R6, EUR/RC55/R8) and on regular reporting and feedback to the Regional Committee (EUR/RC58/R5), as well as the report<sup>2</sup> and resolution (EUR/RC56/R3) it adopted on the future of the WHO Regional Office for Europe;

Mindful of the changing global and regional context in which the WHO Regional Office for Europe must work and the changing epidemiological environment, in which

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<sup>1</sup> Document EUR/RC60/8

<sup>2</sup> Document EUR/RC56/11

noncommunicable diseases have come to the fore, and mindful also of the increased scientific and technological opportunities for the prevention and management of disease;

Noting the seven key strategic priorities that have been proposed by the Regional Director, including most notably work to develop a new European health policy; changes to the arrangements for governance of the WHO Regional Office for Europe; transformation of the structure and content of its work; renewal of external relationships, most particularly those with its Member States; the building of diverse partnerships and coalitions for health in Europe; and the development of new information and communications activity;

1. ENDORSES the vision of “Better health for Europe”, as outlined by the Regional Director, including the seven strategic priorities set out in her report;
2. URGES Member States to support the further development and implementation of the vision and the European health policy;
3. NOTES and SUPPORTS the Regional Director’s intention to review and adapt the Regional Office to present needs and opportunities;
4. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:
  - (a) implement her proposals for strengthening the work of the Regional Office and its dispersed and country offices;
  - (b) promote relevance and excellence in the development of its technical programmes;
  - (c) further strengthen collaboration with Member States and other partners, particularly the European Union, with a view to making such collaboration more strategic;
  - (d) take initiatives to mobilize the human and financial resources required for effective implementation of the vision;
  - (e) report back to the Regional Committee at its relevant sessions on the progress made, in line with the road map and time frame set out in the paper.