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Resolution

Indicators for Health 2020 targets

The Regional Committee,

Having considered document EUR/RC63/8 on the indicators proposed for the six overarching goals of the European policy framework for health and well-being, Health 2020, following consultation with Member States;

Recalling resolution EUR/RC62/R4 adopted by the Regional Committee at its sixty-second session, which set out Health 2020 as “a framework to accelerate the attainment of better and more equitable health and well-being for all, [...] together with a set of regional goals [...] and the appropriate indicators for the European Region”;

Building on the legacy and experience of the European Region with the values, principles, targets and indicators of Health for All, HEALTH21 and declarations adopted at ministerial conferences on environment and health;

Mindful of the ongoing WHO reform and its implications for strong alignment between global and regional policies, including the Global Monitoring Framework on Noncommunicable Diseases;

Taking into account the findings and recommendations of *The European health report 2012: charting the way to well-being*¹, undertaken to inform Health 2020 target- and indicator setting, as well as the *Report on social determinants of health and the health divide in the WHO European Region*² and recognizing the need to further develop the Health 2020 monitoring system and ensure its alignment with the adopted Health 2020 policy;

Aware of the key leadership and initiation role of the health sector in the collection, analysis and interpretation of health and allied information;

Acknowledging the work of the Regional Office to avoid double reporting and prevent an increase in the reporting burden on Member States;

Aware of the ongoing cooperation with international partners³ in order to work towards a single integrated health information system in Europe, to the benefit of Member States and all other relevant stakeholders and without pre-empting the final outcome;

1. ADOPTS the core indicators proposed for Health 2020 as indicators to be used by the WHO Regional Office for Europe to monitor regional progress with the six adopted goals for Health 2020;
2. AGREES that further work is to be conducted on the development of objective well-being indicators as outlined in document EUR/RC63/8;
3. AGREES that the WHO Regional Office for Europe implements the proposed monitoring framework as outlined in Annex 1 of document EUR/RC63/8 to collect, analyse and regularly publish the indicators in its regular publications;
4. URGES Member States:
 - (a) while taking into account their existing monitoring capacity and obligations and avoiding any unnecessary increases in reporting burden, to report on additional

¹ *The European health report 2012: charting the way to well-being*. Copenhagen, WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2013 (<http://www.euro.who.int/en/what-we-do/data-and-evidence/european-health-report-2012>; accessed 6 May 2013).

² *Report on social determinants of health and the health divide in the WHO European Region, Executive summary*. Copenhagen, WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2012 (<http://www.euro.who.int/en/who-we-are/governance/regional-committee-for-europe/sixty-second-session/documentation/background-documents/report-on-social-determinants-of-health-and-the-health-divide-in-the-who-european-region.-executive-summary>; accessed 6 May 2013).

³ *Partnerships for health in the WHO European Region*. Copenhagen, WHO Regional Office for Europe, 2010 (<http://www.euro.who.int/en/who-we-are/governance/regional-committee-for-europe/past-sessions/sixtieth-session/documentation/working-documents/eurrc6012-add.-1>; accessed 17 September 2013).

indicators for Health 2020 as proposed in Annex 1 of document EUR/RC63/8, where available;

- (b) to contribute to health information systems and data-gathering activities in European countries in order to assess the core indicators as outlined in Annex 1 of document EUR/RC63/8;
- (c) to take into account the regional Health 2020 policy framework in international health activities within the European Region;

5. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (a) to report on progress towards meeting the Health 2020 regional targets, together with routine progress reports on Health 2020;
- (b) to work towards achieving harmonization of data requirements, with other relevant international bodies, taking into account their work in this area;
- (c) to lead further work to explore means of measuring and setting targets for health and well-being, fully involving Member States⁴, and to continue with the work of the expert group on indicators for Health 2020 to finalize the development of objective well-being indicators, taking into account social determinants of health and health equity, and report on these results to the Regional Committee, at its sixty-fourth session;
- (d) to communicate the regional Health 2020 targets and indicators in relevant international fora and actively disseminate the results and appropriate information materials;
- (e) to update continuously the evidence- and knowledge bases on health information, using all appropriate communication tools;
- (f) to report on Health 2020 indicators and progress in harmonizing data requirements to the Regional Committee.

⁴ And regional economic integration organizations, where applicable