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Ashgabat Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases in the Context of Health 2020

The Regional Committee,

Acknowledging the significance of the “Ashgabat Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases in the Context of Health 2020” for reinforcing work on the Twelfth General Programme of Work 2014–2019 and categories 2 (Noncommunicable diseases) and 4 (Health systems);

Recalling the “Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases” (resolution A/RES/66/2);

Recalling the *Global action plan for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases 2013–2020* and the comprehensive global monitoring framework for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases adopted in resolution WHA66.10;

Further recalling the “Action Plan for implementation of the European Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2012–2016” agreed upon in resolution EUR/RC61/R3;

Noting with concern that, despite progress in increasing the priority given to noncommunicable diseases and their risk factors in Europe, for tobacco in particular, the prevalence of using tobacco products by both youth and adults continues to be high, particularly in some parts of the European Region;

Further noting that enhanced efforts are needed for the full implementation of the *WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control* by Parties and for further development of tobacco products control policies and activities in the Region;

Having considered the outcome of the WHO European Ministerial Conference on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases in the Context of Health 2020, the “Ashgabat Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases in the Context of Health 2020”, adopted in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, in December 2013;

Understanding that this resolution reinforces implementation of the “Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2013–2020” and therefore has an expected life-span ending in 2020;

1. ENDORSES the “Ashgabat Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases in the Context of Health 2020”;
2. URGES Member States:¹
 - (a) to accelerate adaptation of the global noncommunicable diseases monitoring framework and its voluntary targets to their national context and to report on progress according to global commitments;
 - (b) to further prioritize and accelerate full implementation of the *WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control* if they are Parties to the Convention and to consider ratification and implementation, as appropriate, if they are non-Parties, in order to achieve the global target of tobacco use reduction;
 - (c) to consider a formal assessment of health system challenges and opportunities for the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases as part of a national effort to provide integrated, people-centred health services to counter these diseases and their consequences;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
 - (a) to develop, in collaboration with the *WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control* Secretariat as appropriate, a roadmap of actions led by the Regional Office to contribute to the achievement of the global target on noncommunicable diseases related to tobacco use in the European Region and, to support Member States that are Parties to the Convention upon request, to fully implement their commitments

¹ And regional economic integration organizations, where applicable

under the *WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control*, to be presented to the Regional Committee at its 65th session in 2015 and to ensure that the reporting under this roadmap is fully consistent with that required under the Convention;

- (b) to strengthen technical support to Member States in attaining all global targets and in assessing health systems for challenges and opportunities in the prevention and control of noncommunicable diseases;
- (c) in partnership with all relevant stakeholders, to pursue the aims and promote the values of the Ashgabat Declaration.

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