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Resolution

The Health for All policy framework for the WHO European Region: 2005 update

The Regional Committee,

Recalling resolution EUR/RC48/R5 on the renewal of the regional Health for All (HFA) policy for the twenty-first century;

Having considered document EUR/RC55/8 on the update of the regional Health for All policy framework;

Reaffirming the core values of Health for All and the need to link these values to practical action, through ethical and values-based governance;

Noting that the update has been developed so as to be consistent with other policies, such as the Millennium Development Goals, WHO's General Programme of Work and the Regional Office for Europe's Country Strategy;

Recognizing the interest that has been expressed in ensuring that the HFA policy framework leads to a continuous, open-ended process throughout the Region;

1. APPROVES the 2005 update of the regional HFA policy framework as a guide for health policy development in Member States;

2. REQUESTS Member States:

- (a) to use the updated regional HFA policy framework, where appropriate, when they develop or update their national policies, strategies and action plans for health development;
- (b) to refer to and respect the reconfirmed HFA values and adopt the approach of ethical and values-based governance suggested in the update;
- (c) to use, where appropriate, in their decision-making process the tools and checklist proposed in the update;
- (d) to contribute to the open-ended regional HFA process by providing the Regional Office with case studies linked to the HFA update;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (a) to support Member States in using the HFA policy framework when updating their own national health development policies;
- (b) to ensure dissemination of the update of the regional HFA policy framework among other international organizations;
- (c) to lead the open-ended regional HFA process by collecting and sharing with countries case studies and other national experiences;
- (d) to submit to the Regional Committee in 2006 a follow-up paper on indicators coordinated and where possible reported jointly with WHO/HQ, OECD and EUROSTAT that may be used for monitoring the implementation of the regional HFA policy framework in countries;
- (e) to evaluate the impact of the update in Member States and to present a progress report to the Regional Committee in 2008 for its decision on further action.