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### Resolution

## European strategy for child and adolescent health and development

The Regional Committee,

Recalling World Health Assembly resolution WHA56.21 on the strategy for child and adolescent health and development;

Recalling its resolution EUR/RC53/R7 requesting the Regional Director to prepare a European strategy for child and adolescent health, in collaboration with Member States, and to present it to the Regional Committee at its fifty-fifth session, resolution EUR/RC52/R9 on Scaling up the response to HIV/AIDS in the European Region of WHO, resolution EUR/RC54/R3 on Environment and health and the Mental Health Declaration for Europe, Helsinki 2005;

Recognizing the right of children and adolescents to the highest attainable standard of health and access to health care, as set forth in internationally agreed human rights instruments;

Recognizing that the future health and prosperity of the Region will be determined to a large extent by the investments made in the children and adolescents of today;

Acknowledging that healthy children are more likely to become healthy adults and assets in the creation of a more productive society, and will make fewer demands upon the health system;

Noting that the improvement of child and adolescent health and development is closely related to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;

Conscious of the fact that health is determined by the physical, economic, social, family, school and other educational environments, as well as by the quality of health care provision, and that children and adolescents need a supportive environment, and one that also promotes gender equality, in which to grow and develop into healthy young adults;

Mindful of the many threats to the health of children and adolescents, from which no society, rich or poor, is immune;

1. ADOPTS the European strategy for child and adolescent health and development;
2. URGES Member States:
  - (a) to take steps to develop and implement comprehensive strategies for child and adolescent health in line with the regional strategy, taking into account differences in epidemiological, economic, social, legal and cultural environments and practices;
  - (b) to give high priority to making improvements to children's and adolescents' health and development, through advocacy at the highest level, and by scaling up programmes, securing adequate national resources, creating partnerships and ensuring sustained political commitment;
3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
  - (a) to ensure adequate and appropriate support, including the mobilization of resources, from the WHO Regional Office for Europe to Member States in their efforts to develop and implement national policies and strategies for child and adolescent health and development;
  - (b) to report to the Regional Committee at its fifty-eighth session on the progress and achievements made in developing and implementing child and adolescent health strategies in the European Region.