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## **Resolution**

### **Roadmap of actions to strengthen the implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in the European Region 2015–2025**

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the Roadmap of actions to strengthen the implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in the European Region 2015–2025: making tobacco a thing of the past (document EUR/RC65/10);

Noting that more than ten years have passed since the entry into force of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control on 27 February 2005;

Noting the decision of the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control towards a stronger contribution by the Conference of the Parties to achieving the noncommunicable disease global target on reduction of tobacco use;<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Decision FCTC/COP6(16). Towards a stronger contribution of the Conference of the Parties to achieving the noncommunicable disease global target of reduction of tobacco use. Sixth session of the Conference of the Parties to WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, 13–18 October 2014. Geneva: WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control; 2014 ([http://apps.who.int/gb/fctc/PDF/cop6/FCTC\\_COP6\(16\)-en.pdf](http://apps.who.int/gb/fctc/PDF/cop6/FCTC_COP6(16)-en.pdf), accessed 23 July 2015).

Recalling the Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2013–2020, endorsed by resolution WHA66.10 and noting the global voluntary targets of a 25% relative reduction in the risk of premature mortality from cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes or chronic respiratory diseases and a 30% relative reduction in the prevalence of current tobacco use in persons aged 15 years and over;

Recognizing the importance of tackling noncommunicable diseases within the policy priorities of Health 2020, the WHO European policy framework for health and well-being;<sup>2</sup>

Noting resolution EUR/RC61/R3, concerning the Action plan for implementation of the European Strategy for the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases 2012–2016 as a strategic framework for action by Member States in the European Region;

Noting resolution EUR/RC64/R6, adopting Investing in Children: the European Child and Adolescent Health Strategy 2015–2020;

Noting resolution EUR/RC64/R4, endorsing the Ashgabat Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases in the Context of Health 2020;

1. **ADOPTS** the Roadmap of actions to strengthen the implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in the WHO European Region 2015–2025: making tobacco a thing of the past;

2. **URGES** Member States:<sup>3</sup>

- (a) to give due consideration to the recommendations presented in the Roadmap when developing, implementing and evaluating national evidence-based

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<sup>2</sup> Health 2020: a European policy framework and strategy for the 21st century. Copenhagen: WHO Regional Office for Europe; 2013 (<http://www.euro.who.int/en/publications/abstracts/health-2020-a-european-policy-framework-and-strategy-for-the-21st-century>, accessed 23 July 2015).

<sup>3</sup> And regional economic integration organizations, where applicable

tobacco control policies in line with the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, its Guidelines and the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, and in accordance with national circumstances;

- (b) to set up and reinforce, if applicable, appropriate governance mechanisms for implementation of multisectoral tobacco control policies;
- (c) to build intersectoral alliances and networks, engaging relevant stakeholders and fostering citizen empowerment to achieve the targets of the Roadmap;
- (d) to sustainably fund and strengthen national capacity to implement effective tobacco control programmes and measures;

3. CALLS ON international, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations to support the Roadmap and to work jointly with Member States, the Convention Secretariat and with the WHO Regional Office for Europe to strengthen national policies in tobacco control;

4. REQUESTS the Regional Director, in cooperation with the Head of the Convention Secretariat:

- (a) to support Member States, upon request, in the implementation of the Roadmap of actions to strengthen the implementation of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in the WHO European Region 2015–2025;
- (b) to pursue the aims of the Roadmap and the relevant aims contained in the Ashgabat Declaration, in partnership with international, intergovernmental and non-State actors;
- (c) to monitor implementation and report on the implementation of the Roadmap based on the existing reporting requirements of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control to the Regional Committee at its 68th, 72nd and 75th sessions in 2018, 2022 and 2025, respectively.