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The Minsk Declaration on the Life-course Approach in the Context of Health 2020

The Regional Committee,

Acknowledging the Minsk Declaration on the Life-course Approach in the Context of Health 2020 for reinforcing work on the Twelfth General Programme of Work 2014–2019 and all categories of the work of WHO;

Recalling resolution EUR/RC62/R4, adopting Health 2020: a European policy framework supporting action across government and society for health and well-being,¹ in which the life-course approach is the first priority area;

Recalling the adoption of Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which established the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and its targets under Goal 3 and targets tackling wider health determinants;²

¹ Document EUR/RC62/9.

² United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/70/1.

Noting that the life-course approach requires whole-of-government commitment to early, appropriate, timely and collective action to promote and protect health and well-being through various developmental phases and critical transitions in life;

Further noting that the life-course approach confers benefits to the whole population across the lifespan, as well as benefits accruing to future generations;

Having considered the outcome of the WHO European Ministerial Conference on the Life-course Approach in the Context of Health 2020, the Minsk Declaration on the Life-course Approach in the Context of Health 2020, adopted in Minsk, Belarus, in October 2015;

Understanding that this resolution reinforces the implementation of the Health 2020 policy framework and is therefore expected to remain in force until 2020;

Understanding that this resolution does not replace any previous Regional Committee resolutions;

1. TAKES NOTE, with appreciation, of the Minsk Declaration on the Life-course Approach in the Context of Health 2020;
2. URGES Member States:³
 - (a) to make greater use of the life-course approach as a basis for assessing and monitoring the effectiveness of policies and programmes, for defining vulnerability and groups in need, and for the selection and delivery of high-impact interventions;

³ And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (a) to make greater use of the life-course approach in needs assessments, selection of priorities, monitoring, evaluation and reporting at the regional level;
- (b) to pursue the aims and promote the values of the Minsk Declaration in partnership with all relevant stakeholders.

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