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Resolution

Update of the regional Health for All (HFA) policy framework

The Regional Committee,

Recalling its resolution EUR/RC48/R5 agreeing that the next update of the regional HFA policy framework should be submitted to it in 2005;

Having reviewed the proposed methodology for updating the regional HFA policy framework, as contained in document EUR/RC53/8;

1. AGREES that:

- (a) the update should strike a balance between ensuring the continuity of HEALTH21, as it is only five years since its adoption, and incorporating changes that take into account the new knowledge in public health and recent developments in European health systems;
- (b) the core of the update should emphasize knowledge-based public health policies and strategies, and the ethics of health systems, as recommended by the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee subgroup on bioethics in its report to the fifty-second session of the Regional Committee in 2002 (document EUR/RC52/3, Annex 2) and by the Standing Committee of the Regional Committee in its report to the fifty-third session (document EUR/RC53/4, page 3, paragraph 13);

(c) the update should be based on four pillars: (i) implementation of HEALTH21 and lessons learnt; (ii) review and update of values; (iii) from ethics to policy and action: tools for decision-making; and (iv) guidelines for Member States;

(d) the updating process should be carried out in consultation with Member States and with experts from outside the Organization, for example a “think-tank” on values, and from within the Organization, in particular the European Observatory on Health Care Systems and the WHO Barcelona Office;

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

(a) to continue the updating process as described in document EUR/RC53/8;

(b) to consult with Member States;

(c) to report on progress made to the Regional Committee at its fifty-fourth session; and

(d) to submit a final update for adoption by the Regional Committee at its fifty-fifth session in 2005.