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PROGRESS REPORT ON THE EUROPEAN ALCOHOL ACTION PLAN, INCLUDING FOLLOW-UP TO THE WHO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON YOUNG PEOPLE AND ALCOHOL

The Regional Committee,

Recalling the Health for All policy framework for the European Region for the twenty-first century that it endorsed in 1998 (by resolution EUR/RC48/R5);

Recalling resolution EUR/RC42/R8, by which it approved the first and second phases of the European Alcohol Action Plan;

Recalling the European Charter on Alcohol endorsed at the European Conference on Health, Society and Alcohol (Paris, 12–14 December 1995);

Recalling also resolution EUR/RC49/R8, by which it endorsed the third phase of the European Alcohol Action Plan (2000–2005);

Noting document EUR/RC51/10, which reviews the progress on the European Alcohol Action Plan, including the WHO European Ministerial Conference on Young People and Alcohol (Stockholm, 19–21 February 2001), and contains proposals for the follow-up to the Conference;

Having considered the Declaration on Young People and Alcohol that was unanimously adopted at the Ministerial Conference;

1. ENDORSES the Declaration as the leading policy statement of the European Region of the World Health Organization on young people and alcohol;

2. URGES Member States:
 - (a) to continue to carry out the European Alcohol Action Plan and to give effect to the policy laid down in the Declaration, namely to protect the health of young people from the hazards of alcohol and other psychoactive drugs;

 - (b) to formulate and monitor progress towards the targets as identified in the Declaration;

 - (c) to involve young people's organizations in developing, implementing and evaluating policies and programmes that are particularly relevant to their own health and wellbeing;

 - (d) to involve young people and adolescents in the integration of policies and programmes on young people and alcohol in comprehensive intersectoral public health policies on alcohol, in line with the European Alcohol Action Plan;

 - (e) to consider strengthening the national legislation on providing alcohol to young people;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
 - (a) To stress the close link between the spread of alcohol consumption and socioeconomic factors, and especially the problem of worsening poverty in countries undergoing economic transition;

 - (b) to strengthen the development of a European alcohol information system including data of evaluated alcohol prevention programmes as an important part of the public health evidence base;

 - (c) to reinforce partnerships with other international and supranational organizations as well as with youth movements in order to pursue the aims of the European Alcohol Action Plan and the Declaration;

 - (d) to make provision for strengthened support from the Regional Office to Member States for implementation of the European Alcohol Action Plan;

- (e) to ensure continued strong support for implementation of the Action Plan and the Declaration, by allocating adequate resources for this purpose;

- (f) to implement a system for monitoring the promotion of alcoholic beverages to young people in the European Region.