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Health in foreign policy and development cooperation: public health is global health

The Regional Committee,

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolutions A/RES/64/108 and A/RES/63/33 on Global health and foreign policy, and report A/64/365 submitted by the Secretary General, in close collaboration with the Director-General of the World Health Organization and in consultation with Member States, on *Global health and foreign policy: strategic opportunities and challenges*.

1. ACKNOWLEDGES the recommendations of the United Nations General Assembly on global health and foreign policy and development cooperation;
2. RECOGNIZES that global health is an integral component of achieving security, prosperity, equity and dignity at national level, across the WHO European Region and across the international community, and as such is a strategic interest of foreign, health and global policies;
3. URGES Member States to:
 - (a) consider health issues in the formulation of foreign policy and development cooperation;

- (b) create stronger coherence between health and foreign policy and development cooperation;
- (c) increase the training of diplomats and health officials in global health and foreign policy and development cooperation;
- (d) improve foreign policy and development cooperation efforts on global health by working within existing health and non-health diplomatic forums to promote policy coherence and make health an integral dimension of other global policies;
- (e) strengthen the political commitment to, and institutional foundations for, foreign policy and development cooperation action on global health;

4. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:

- (a) support Member States in better integrating global health in foreign policy and development cooperation aims and processes and helping health ministries and health personnel to form a better understanding of foreign policy and development cooperation dynamics;
- (b) identify priority issues for a health sector/foreign policy and development cooperation dialogue and assist with conducting such dialogues at regular intervals;
- (c) analyse innovations in cross-government strategies and coordination processes that offer promising ways of improving foreign policy and development cooperation acumen, capabilities and performance in the area of global health;
- (d) support research and analysis to generate a comprehensive picture of how global health and foreign policy and development cooperation are linked throughout the WHO European Region and to engage with national and regional schools of diplomacy and foreign affairs;
- (e) contribute to strengthening the capacity of diplomats and health officials in global health diplomacy and develop training standards and open-source information, education and training resources for this purpose.