

## **Regional Committee for Europe** Fifty-sixth session

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## Resolution

## The future of the WHO Regional Office for Europe

The Regional Committee,

Recalling resolution EUR/RC55/R5 and the principles as outlined in the report of the Twelfth Standing Committee of the Regional Committee (SCRC) (documents EUR/RC55/4 and /4 Add.1) on the setting up of a working group on the future of the WHO Regional Office for Europe;

Having studied and discussed document EUR/RC56/11 on the future of the Regional Office;

Reaffirming the objective and functions of WHO as set out in the Organization's Constitution;

Noting that the document is consistent with other policies, such as the Millennium Development Goals, WHO's General Programme of Work and the Regional Office's Country Strategy;

- 1. ENDORSES the overall approach of this document, and the directions that the Regional Office should be taking to be positioned at the right place on the international public health scene in 2020, in strong partnership with other organizations concerned by and active in the health field;
- 2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to ensure effective and efficient implementation, enabling input of Member States, of the strategic directions as outlined in the document and to report on progress achieved to the Regional Committee at its fifty-ninth session in 2009, taking into account the directions set by the Medium-term strategic plan 2008–2013.