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### Resolution

#### The future of financing for WHO

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the report by the Regional Director on the future of financing for WHO;

Recalling WHO's role as the directing and coordinating authority on international health work, and the active role that European Member States play in WHO's policy debates and overall development;

Recalling further the fact that contributions from European Member States account for more than 50% of the Organization's overall financing and that the topic, as a consequence, is of particular relevance to this Region;

Recognizing that the current mode of financing WHO, with around two thirds of the overall budget coming from highly specified voluntary contributions, poses serious challenges to WHO;

Recognizing further that better mechanisms need to be found to align the priorities agreed by WHO's governing bodies with the monies available to finance them, thus ensuring greater predictability and stability of financing;

Supporting an increased leadership of WHO at global, regional and country levels in its normative and guidance functions addressing global health challenges, as well as in its technical support to health systems governance and health policy;

1. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (a) to convey to the Director-General its views, comments and suggestions on the future of financing for WHO and related global health governance challenges for inclusion in the Director General's report to the Executive Board at its 128th session on this issue;
- (b) to support the Director-General and European Member States in a results-oriented process to clarify and strengthen WHO's role in global health governance, as well as in the development of mechanisms to facilitate adequate long-term funding of the Organization's priorities;

2. URGES Member States:

- (a) to collaborate actively in regional and global efforts to clarify and strengthen WHO's role in global health governance, as well as in the ongoing debate on the Organization's future financing;
- (b) to the extent that national budgetary processes permit, to gradually move away from earmarked WHO funding towards funding its general budget, which better reflects policies and strategies collectively agreed in the Organization's governing bodies.