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RESOLUTION

SCALING UP THE RESPONSE TO MALARIA IN THE EUROPEAN REGION OF WHO

The Regional Committee,

Recalling World Health Assembly resolution WHA52.11, which identified Roll Back Malaria as a priority project for WHO;

Reaffirming the fact that the impact of malaria is hampering human development, and appreciating the innovative concepts and operational mechanisms included in the Director-General's January 1999 report on Roll Back Malaria;

Recognizing the large epidemics of malaria occurring in some European countries and the recent resurgence and possible spread of *Plasmodium falciparum* malaria transmission in some countries of the European Region of WHO;

Welcoming the Roll Back Malaria strategy as developed and promoted by the WHO Regional Office for Europe to reduce the regional burden of malaria;

1. URGES Member States:

- (a) to ensure that concern and action to control malaria are high on the health and development agenda throughout affected countries in the European Region of WHO;
- (b) to match their political commitments to the actual magnitude of the malaria problem in each country;
- (c) to ensure implementation of national malaria programmes in accordance with the regional Roll Back Malaria strategy and complementary with international standards for environmental protection, placing emphasis on the needs of populations at risk, on evidence-based actions, and on more efficient use of existing tools, as well as on a firm move towards an integrated approach to malaria prevention and control within the context of health sector development;
- (d) to establish, sustain and intensify actions in partnership at country level through the mobilization of external resources, including the development of plans and projects for accessing the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in countries in need;
- (e) to monitor progress and evaluate the outcomes of Roll Back Malaria interventions in accordance with criteria recommended by WHO;
- (f) to improve capacities for early diagnosis and prompt treatment;
- (g) to develop strategies to enhance the involvement and collaboration of different actors in the private sector;
- (h) to call on the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria to take account, when allocating resources for malaria control, of low-income countries in the European Region;

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (a) to ensure that the control and prevention of malaria remain a high priority on the European health agenda, as well as to promote appropriate strategies and provide technical guidance for Roll Back Malaria efforts;
- (b) to support the identification of additional resources for the WHO Regional Office for Europe, in order to support Member States in achieving the regional Roll Back Malaria targets;
- (c) to promote partnership with the donor community at regional and country level, in order to facilitate implementation of the required actions;

- (d) as part of strengthening country work within the framework of the Country Focus Initiative, to provide technical support to Member States in need, so that they can develop plans for accessing the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria;
- (e) to strengthen surveillance and vector control;
- (f) to increase and facilitate intercountry cooperation on malaria control in the Region;
- (g) to report periodically to the Regional Committee on the progress achieved, with particular emphasis on the contribution that the partnership makes to reducing the burden of malaria and preventing its resurgence or reintroduction.