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Resolution

Better health for Europe

Adapting the Regional Office for Europe to the changing European environment: the Regional Director's perspective

The Regional Committee,

Having considered the report *Better health for Europe – Adapting the WHO Regional Office to the changing European environment: the Regional Director's perspective*,¹

Recalling its previous resolutions on proposed changes to the Regional Office and its governance (EUR/RC49/R1, EUR/RC50/R1, EUR/RC51/R1, EUR/RC53/R1, EUR/RC58/R3), on renewal of the Health for All strategy (EUR/RC49/R9, EUR/RC53/R3, EUR/RC55/R4), on developing strategic partnerships (EUR/RC56/R3), on country offices and geographically dispersed offices (EUR/RC49/R5, EUR/RC50/R5, EUR/RC54/R6, EUR/RC55/R8) and on regular reporting and feedback to the Regional Committee (EUR/RC58/R5), as well as the report² and resolution (EUR/RC56/R3) it adopted on the future of the WHO Regional Office for Europe;

Mindful of the changing global and regional context in which the WHO Regional Office for Europe must work and the changing epidemiological environment, in which

¹ Document EUR/RC60/8

² Document EUR/RC56/11

noncommunicable diseases have come to the fore, and mindful also of the increased scientific and technological opportunities for the prevention and management of disease;

Noting the seven key strategic priorities that have been proposed by the Regional Director, including most notably work to develop a new European health policy; changes to the arrangements for governance of the WHO Regional Office for Europe; transformation of the structure and content of its work; renewal of external relationships, most particularly those with its Member States; the building of diverse partnerships and coalitions for health in Europe; and the development of new information and communications activity;

1. ENDORSES the vision of “Better health for Europe”, as outlined by the Regional Director, including the seven strategic priorities set out in her report, while taking into account existing national legislation and policies, as appropriate;
2. URGES Member States to support the further development and implementation of the vision and the European health policy;
3. NOTES and SUPPORTS the Regional Director’s intention to review and adapt the Regional Office to present needs and opportunities;
4. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:
 - (a) implement her proposals for strengthening the work of the Regional Office and its dispersed and country offices in full respect of national competencies;
 - (b) promote relevance and excellence in the development of its technical programmes;
 - (c) further strengthen collaboration with Member States and other partners, particularly the European Union, with a view to making such collaboration more strategic and while taking advantage of synergies and avoiding duplication of work;
 - (d) take initiatives to mobilize the human and financial resources required for effective implementation of the vision;
 - (e) report back to the Regional Committee at its relevant sessions on the progress made, in line with the road map and time frame set out in the paper.