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### Resolution

#### Partnerships for health in the WHO European Region

The Regional Committee,

Having considered documents EUR/RC60/12 and EUR/RC60/12 Add.1 on partnerships for health in the WHO European Region;

Recalling its resolution EUR/RC56/R3 on the future of the WHO Regional Office for Europe, which endorsed the development of strong partnerships with other organizations;

Mindful that, in the light of the changing European and global environment, there is a need to review and adapt the work of the Regional Office, to develop a European health policy relevant for a diverse Europe and to build partnerships and coalitions for health in Europe;

Noting with satisfaction the ongoing reform of the Regional Office and the increased emphasis being placed on strengthening technical programmes, governance in the Region and partnerships by taking advantage of synergies, avoiding duplication of work, using harmonized data and reducing the burden of reporting;

1. ENDORSES and warmly supports the Regional Director's initiatives to improve strategic relations with key partners in public health in the European Region, starting with the European Commission;

2. URGES Member States to support the further development and implementation of a strengthened partnership for health in Europe and the building of coalitions for health;
3. WELCOMES the Joint Declaration by the European Commission and the WHO Regional Office for Europe.
4. REQUESTS the Regional Director to take note of the discussions and comments of the Regional Committee in:
  - (a) ensuring that partnerships should benefit all the Member States and emphasizing that cooperation at country level is essential to improving health;
  - (b) further negotiating and investigating modalities for strengthening relations with all partners for health, including the European Union and its institutions;
  - (c) developing a strategy for partnerships for health in the WHO European Region, to be presented to the Regional Committee at its sixty-first session.