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## RESOLUTION

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### THE EUROPEAN HEALTH REPORT – INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

The Regional Committee,

Having considered document EUR/RC51/7 (*The European Health Report, Summary of preliminary findings*);

Recalling resolution EUR/RC49/R10, whereby the Regional Director was requested *inter alia* to report on the health situation in the Region to the Regional Committee at its fifty-first session;

1. THANKS the Regional Director for the summary of preliminary findings;
2. WELCOMES the new approach used to describe the health situation and trends, determinants of health, and relevant health policies in the European Region of WHO;
3. URGES Member States to continue to improve and expand their health information and knowledge management systems, and to assume their responsibilities for the preparation and implementation of such policies;
4. REQUESTS the Regional Director:
  - (a) to continue to develop new and more effective ways of managing and using information, in order to meet changed circumstances in the domain of health knowledge, to enable the Regional

Office to operate as a knowledge-based body and to provide better information services to the Member States and the international community;

(b) to aim at developing the European Health Report in a way consistent with the World Health Report, its basic data and its further elaboration;

(c) to make use not only of data related to the key indicators of health status and other qualitative information provided to WHO by Member States, but also of good quality information available from other organizations and, in order to achieve this, to strengthen the collaboration of the Regional Office with relevant international organizations;

(d) to publish a report on the main health concerns and considerations in Member States every three years, and to update the basic statistical data on the Regional Office's Web site each year;

(e) to finalize and issue the European Health Report in due course, taking account of comments made at the present session.