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## **Resolution**

### **Strategy on women's health and well-being in the WHO European Region**

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the Strategy on women's health and well-being in the WHO European Region<sup>1</sup> and the evidence and vision it puts forward on women's health and well-being throughout the life-course;

Recalling resolution EUR/RC62/R4 on Health 2020 – the European policy framework for health and well-being,<sup>2</sup> adopted in 2012, supporting action across government for the attainment of better and more equitable health and well-being for all;

Recalling resolution WHA67.15 on strengthening the role of the health system in addressing violence, in particular against women and girls, and against children;

Recalling resolution WHA60.25 on the strategy for integrating gender analysis and actions into the work of WHO;

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<sup>1</sup> Document EUR/RC66/14.

<sup>2</sup> Document EUR/RC62/9.

Reaffirming the commitments made in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,<sup>3</sup> the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, and the Beijing Platform for Action;<sup>4</sup>

Recognizing that some targets under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDG3 on ensuring healthy lives and promoting the well-being for all at all ages cannot be achieved without addressing all targets under SDG5 on achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls;<sup>5</sup>

Bearing in mind the Global strategy for women's, children's and adolescents' health (2016–2030) and the WHO operational plan guiding its implementation;<sup>6</sup>

Acknowledging that reproductive health is an important part of women's health and well-being as defined in the Action plan for sexual and reproductive health: towards achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Europe – leaving no one behind,<sup>7</sup> and that women's health priorities go beyond women's reproductive role;

Understanding that this resolution does not replace any existing Regional Committee resolutions and that the expected lifespan of the resolution is 2017–2022;

1. ADOPTS the Strategy on women's health and well-being in the WHO European Region;
2. URGES Member States:<sup>8</sup>
  - (a) to develop and implement strategies and policies that advance the health and well-being of women at the subnational, national and international levels and to promote the participation of women in decision-making as agents of change;

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<sup>3</sup> United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/34/180.

<sup>4</sup> United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/50/42.

<sup>5</sup> United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/70/1.

<sup>6</sup> Document A69/16 and resolution WHA69.2.

<sup>7</sup> Document EUR/RC66/13.

<sup>8</sup> And, where applicable, regional economic integration organizations.

- (b) to improve health system capacity and responses to women's health and well-being through gender-transformative policies and practices;
- (c) to consider the impact of gender and socioeconomic inequalities on women's health and well-being throughout their lives;
- (d) to strengthen the disaggregation of data and gender analysis and research relevant for women's health and well-being;
- (e) to facilitate the development of intersectoral collaboration and structures to eliminate discriminatory norms and practices and tackle the impact of gender and social, economic, cultural and environmental determinants of women's health and well-being;
- (f) to prevent and combat all forms of violence against women and girls, including domestic violence, and to implement resolution WHA69.5 adopting the WHO global plan of action to strengthen the role of the health system within a national multisectoral response to address interpersonal violence, in particular against women and girls, and against children;

3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (a) to provide technical support to Member States in prioritizing and implementing the actions identified in the Strategy on women's health and well-being in the WHO European Region and in data collection and analysis for women's health and well-being;
- (b) to promote country leadership for women's health and well-being and to provide technical guidance and capacity-building for mainstreaming gender-responsive actions in national and subnational policies and strategies;
- (c) to promote and maintain partnerships with international, intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations on women's health and well-being for strengthened policy coherence and effective assistance to countries;
- (d) to monitor progress towards improved women's health and well-being in the European Region on the basis of already existing monitoring and accountability systems, and to report on such progress to the Regional Committee at its 69th and 72nd sessions in 2019 and 2022, respectively;

- (e) to ensure that future strategies and action plans for the European Region developed by the Regional Office address gender inequalities and the impact of gender as a determinant of health and well-being.

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