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**Emergency preparedness and response and regional
emergency solidarity fund**

The Regional Committee,
Recalling United Nations resolution A/res/61/131 International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters from relief to development; World Health Assembly resolution WHA59.22 Emergency preparedness and response; and Regional Committee resolution EM/RC52/R.2 Emergency preparedness and response;

Concerned at the increasing frequency, and magnitude and impact of man-made and natural disasters in the Region, while the Region still harbours longstanding challenging and complex emergency situations;

Considering the increasing impact of climate change, economic recession and food insecurity;
Mindful of the efforts made in the Region in the field of emergency preparedness and response;
Recognizing the pressing need to build on the regional experiences to enhance national and regional capacity and expertise in emergency management;

Concerned at the limited financial commitment made so far to the regional emergency solidarity fund;

1. **URGES** Member States to:

- 1.1 Contribute to the regional emergency solidarity fund and to the regional hub for logistics and supply management to enable rapid response in emergencies;
- 1.2 Integrate health in all national emergency management and disaster risk reduction programmes and regularly review the national health emergency management plan;
- 1.3 Integrate emergency preparedness and risk reduction in all health development programmes;
- 1.4 Identify national resources that can be called upon during emergencies;

2. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:

- 2.1 Establish a regional task force that includes representation of Member States and relevant regional partners to develop a transparent mechanism, structure and plan for the regional emergency solidarity fund;
- 2.2 Establish a regional network of institutes, logistics humanitarian hubs and rosters of national experts in the field of emergency management and response;
- 2.3 Undertake a comprehensive review of the cost-effectiveness of emergency preparedness, response and management in the health sector in the Region;
- 2.4 Develop a plan of work to operationalize the regional hub for logistics and supply management;
- 2.5 Report regularly to the Regional Committee on the regional emergency solidarity fund and the progress made in operationalizing the regional hub for logistics and supply management.