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Agenda item 2

Annual report of the Regional Director for 2010 and progress reports

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the Annual report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the Eastern Mediterranean Region for 2010, the progress reports requested by the Regional Committee and recent developments in the Region¹;

Recognizing with concern that Somalia is facing a humanitarian crisis due to drought and famine;

Recognizing that some countries are witnessing dramatic political, economic and health challenges, adding to the existing impact of natural and man-made disasters;

Expressing concern about the increasing number of cases of poliomyelitis in Afghanistan and Pakistan to the extent of becoming a public health emergency that is not only of national but also regional and global concern;

Recognizing that the Region is facing a double burden of communicable and noncommunicable diseases, and noting that greater attention needs to be given to noncommunicable diseases;

Acknowledging the continued, though slow, progress in the Tobacco-Free Initiative in the Region;

Appreciating the generous financial support of Saudi Arabia in support of WHO efforts in Somalia, as well as the support extended to Somalia by other countries and organizations;

¹ Document nos. EM/RC58/2, EM/RC58/INF. DOC 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8

Welcoming the Republic of South Sudan as a member of the Regional Committee, and hoping that Palestine will be a full voting member of the Regional Committee next year;

1. **THANKS** the Regional Director for his comprehensive report on the work of WHO in the Region;
2. **ADOPTS** the annual report of the Regional Director 2010;
3. **CALLS** on Member States to:
 - 3.1 Extend further support to Somalia to assist the country to address urgent needs, either through the emergency solidarity fund established by the Regional Director or through direct support;
 - 3.2 Allocate adequate national resources for noncommunicable disease prevention and control programmes;
 - 3.3 Continue to implement the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control
4. **CALLS ON:**
 - 4.1 Afghanistan and Pakistan to treat poliomyelitis eradication as a national health emergency and to activate national plans to ensure the required performance needed to achieve rapid cessation of transmission;
 - 4.2 All parties in Somalia to reach a peaceful solution which will have a positive impact on health and development for the people;
5. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
 - 5.1 Continue coordinated efforts with humanitarian and recovery agencies, as mandated by international mechanisms, to ensure extending all basic needs to Somalia, and to maintain this effort as long as required to address the emergency and rebuild the national health care system;
 - 5.2 Continue to provide technical support and mobilize necessary financial resources to Afghanistan and Pakistan for the implementation of identified poliomyelitis eradication activities;
 - 5.3 Allocate at least 5% of the WHO assessed contributions that are allocated to Member States for noncommunicable disease prevention and control programmes.