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Strategic directions for scaling up research for health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the technical paper on strategic directions for scaling up research for health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region¹;

Recalling resolutions WHA63.21 WHO's role and responsibilities in health research, WHA61.21 Global strategy and plan of action on public health, innovation and intellectual property, WHA58.34 Ministerial Summit on Health Research, EM/RC55/R.7 Bridging the gap between health researchers and policy-makers in the Eastern Mediterranean Region and EM/RC48/R.8 Renewed health research for development in the Eastern Mediterranean Region;

Recognizing that research for health is a vital component in developing health systems, in understanding the causes of ill health and in predicting and mitigating the effects of other factors on health;

Aware of the importance of research for health in achievement of social and economic development, health, equity and the Millennium Development Goals and that it is therefore considered an essential investment;

Concerned with the challenges the Eastern Mediterranean Region is facing, including political change, instability, demographic and epidemiological transition, climate change, food insecurity and the impact of the global financial crisis, which might influence investments in research;

Acknowledging that research for health is not a luxury, but a necessity for all countries, at all times;

1. **ENDORSES** the strategic directions for scaling up research for health in the Eastern Mediterranean Region;

¹ Document no. EM/RC58/6

2. URGES Member States to:

- 2.1 Advocate for scaling up research for health in the Region;
- 2.2 Incorporate research for health in national health and development policy and strategies, and ensure institutional mechanisms for undertaking research to address national health priorities;
- 2.3 Undertake assessment of the national health research system to identify gaps, needs, priorities and achievements at the national level, including organization, coordination, networking and resources;
- 2.4 Develop, strengthen and implement national strategies for research for health, based on the regional strategic directions for research for health and the assessment of the national health research system, and report every two years on implementation;
- 2.5 Establish and strengthen different networks at the national level to promote in-country research collaboration and the utilization of research results to inform health policy and planning;
- 2.6 Establish and strengthen governance mechanisms for research for health to ensure rigorous application of global norms and standards;
- 2.7 Allocate adequate resources to support research for health efforts at the national level;
- 2.8 Improve the collection of research results and facilitate their accessibility;

3. CALLS ON high-income Member States to donate funds in support of regional research on priority public health areas;

4. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:

- 4.1 Continue to support Member States in strengthening their national health research systems, with special emphasis on research ethics and establishing clinical trial registries;
- 4.2 Enhance and expand regional and global partnerships to support to research for health;
- 4.3 Strengthen the role of existing research networks and WHO collaborating centres as partners at the national and regional level in promoting and coordinating research-for-health efforts and facilitating the exchange of experience between countries to ensure optimal use of funds available for research.
- 4.4 Study the possibility of establishing a regional prize for public health research.