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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

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Follow-up to the United Nations Political Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the technical paper on implementing the United Nations Political Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Noncommunicable Diseases on the basis of the regional framework for action:¹

Recalling United Nations General Assembly resolution 66/2 on the Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases, and specifically operative paragraph 65 on the comprehensive review and assessment in 2014 of the progress achieved, and resolution EM/RC59/R.2 on the commitments of Member States to implement the Political Declaration;

Recognizing the efforts of the Regional Director to raise global and regional awareness of the magnitude of the problem and to strengthen global action against noncommunicable diseases;

Emphasizing that the United Nations system has an important responsibility to assist governments in the follow-up and full implementation of the commitments made by Member States in the Political Declaration;

1. URGES Member States to:

- 1.1 Conduct consultations with their permanent representatives at the United Nations in New York and Geneva on the scope, modalities, format and organizational arrangements for the General Assembly's comprehensive review and assessment in 2014;
- 1.2 Request, through the appropriate diplomatic channels, the President of the United Nations General Assembly to consider holding a High-Level Meeting, with the participation of the Heads of State and Government, on the comprehensive review and assessment on the occasion of the General Debate of the 69th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in September 2014.

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¹ Document No: EM/RC60/9

1.3 Request the President of the United Nations General Assembly to consider appointing one of the Permanent Representatives to the United Nations from the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region to serve as one of two co-facilitators for coordinating the preparations for the comprehensive review and assessment in 2014.

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director to:

- 2.1 Update the regional framework for action as necessary to include tools developed since the 59th Session of the Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean and future tools, including a guide for Member States on the roles of the different ministries and other partners in multisectoral work towards the prevention of noncommunicable diseases;
- 2.2 Coordinate closely with the United Nations Secretariat to ensure that the comprehensive review and assessment leads to a concise action-oriented document;
- 2.3 Support Member States in their preparations for the comprehensive review and assessment, including through the development of process indicators and through facilitation of a substantive engagement of the ministries of health with the ministries of foreign affairs and permanent representatives in the United Nations.