The news of the sudden death of Dr Mahmoud Fikri on 17 October 2017 was met by shock and sadness by all who knew and worked with him, and the loss to the Organization is keenly felt.

Dr Fikri had been nominated Regional Director during the 63rd session of the Regional Committee of the Eastern Mediterranean in October 2016, and then appointed by the Executive Board in January 2017. He took office on 1 February 2017. Over the almost nine months that Dr Fikri served as Regional Director, his commitment and dedication to furthering the mission of WHO made him a colleague remembered by all. His determination to position WHO as a leading and respected health partner, his modesty, sense of humor, kindheartedness, and compassion were all remarked upon by the Organization.

Previously, Dr Fikri had served as Advisor to the Minister of Health of the United Arab Emirates from 1996 to 2017, and had been a prominent figure in the field of public health in the Region for many years. He was previously the Assistant-Undersecretary for Preventive Medicine and Health Policies Affairs in the Ministry (1995–2013). He served as a Member of the Board of Directors of the WHO Centre for Health Development (the “WHO Kobe Centre”), Japan, and as a Member of the Advisory Board of the Health Ministers’ Council for Gulf Cooperation Council States (1996–2005). He was also a member of WHO’s Executive Board from 1997 to 2000.
Dr Fikri is survived by his wife, five sons and two daughters.

17 of December 2017. The news from the family and friends of Dr. Fikri was a source of great sadness and sorrow. The Organization regretted the loss of a valuable member. 2017 October/September

We shall remember that Dr. Fikri was the General Director during the third last year of his tenure. Then he was appointed as the executive member of the Organization. 2016 October/September 1 to 2017 October/September. 2017 October/September to 2017 October/September. We pay tribute to his service to the organization, the nation and the world. We are deeply saddened by his loss, a great man and a great loss to the Organization.

Dr. Fikri was also at the helm of the Ministry of Health in the Kingdom of Jordan. He was a prominent figure in the Ministry of Health for two decades, 1996-2005. He was a member of the Executive Board of the Ministry of Health in the Kingdom of Jordan. 1996-2005. He was also a member of the Executive Board of the Ministry of Health in the Kingdom of Jordan. 2000-1997. We remember his dedication to the service of the people of his country.

We express our condolences to the family of Dr. Fikri and his children.

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