

Muscat, Oman, 30 October 2013 – The Sixtieth Session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Eastern Mediterranean concluded its work in Muscat by considering several resolutions proposed by Member States to address priority health issues of concern to the Region.

One of the resolutions addressed the escalation of the polio emergency in the Region, declaring the circulation of poliovirus in the Region as an emergency for all Member States. It called on Pakistan to take necessary steps to ensure all children were assessed and vaccinated as a matter of utmost emergency to prevent further international spread and requested the Syrian Arab Republic and adjoining countries to coordinate, and if possible, to synchronize, intensified mass vaccination campaigns using the most appropriate tactics and vaccines to interrupt this new outbreak within six months.

Resolution on polio

[EM/RC60/R.3: Escalating poliomyelitis emergency in the Eastern Mediterranean Region](#)

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