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**Strategic directions to improve health care financing in the Eastern Mediterranean Region:
moving towards universal coverage 2011–2015**

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the paper on strategic directions to improve health care financing in the Eastern Mediterranean Region: moving towards universal coverage 2011–2015¹;

Recalling resolutions WHA58.33 Sustainable health financing, universal coverage and social health insurance and EM/RC51/R.6 The impact of health expenditure on households and options for alternative financing;

Recognizing that universal coverage is one of the four policy reforms for revival of primary health care proposed in The World Health Report 2008;

Acknowledging that access to health services for all is considered a human right;

Concerned at the high rate of out-of-pocket spending, existence of financial barriers to access to health services and lack of financial risk protection in many Member States;

Noting that social health protection is high on the agenda of all Member States;

Aware of the need for regional strategic directions to improve health care financing and expedite the move towards universal coverage 2011–2015;

1. **URGES** Member States to:

- 1.1 Adopt and adapt the strategic directions in accordance with national priorities and develop policies to remove financial barriers to access to health services for all citizens and residents;
- 1.2 Increase investment in health through improved policy dialogue with ministries of finance and planning and other stakeholders in order to provide social health protection for all;

¹ Document no. EM/RC57/Tech. Disc. 1

- 1.3 Promote introduction and expansion of prepayment schemes to reduce out-of-pocket payments and the incidence of financial catastrophe and impoverishment;
 - 1.4 Introduce purchasing mechanisms that give appropriate incentives to providers and users of health services to make efficient use of the available resources;
 - 1.5 Allocate sufficient resources to generate evidence that guides health financing policies and the move towards universal coverage;
 - 1.6 Monitor equity in health financing and assess the move towards universal coverage.
2. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
- 2.1 Support Member States' efforts to implement the proposed strategic directions and to mobilize additional resources for expediting the move towards universal coverage;
 - 2.2 Monitor development in improving health care financing and progress towards social health protection in the Region and report back to the Regional Committee after two years.