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## PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Regional Committee,

Having considered progress towards the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals, and recognizing that while many countries have moved towards achieving the goals, progress has been uneven;

Recalling resolution WHA58.30 to accelerate achievement of these goals;

Noting with concern that lack of access to quality care could result in health inequalities, especially among poorer and more marginalized sections of the population, which may hamper efforts to achieve the health-related goals;

Recognizing that accelerated progress will require country ownership and leadership, a clear focus on equity, improvements in health systems, increased investments in health, cross-sectoral investments, and the involvement of multiple stakeholders,

1. URGES Member States:

(1) to reaffirm and strengthen national commitment to achieving the health-related Millennium Development Goals;

- (2) to promote multisectoral approaches and the integration of activities across health programmes to achieve these goals;
- (3) to strengthen health systems with particular attention to the six building blocks for health systems: service delivery; the health workforce; health information; medical products and technologies; financing; and leadership and governance;
- (4) to identify the highest-priority health problems and in relation to these, those populations with poor health outcomes, and take concrete steps to focus their health systems on the problems identified and the affected populations;
- (5) to strengthen efforts to reduce maternal mortality, inter alia, through the provision of safe delivery by skilled birth attendants and timely access to emergency obstetric care in case of complications;
- (6) to strengthen national commitment to child survival, particularly the implementation of the WHO/UNICEF Regional Child Survival Strategy, and to regularly monitor progress;
- (7) to accelerate progress towards the goal of universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support, including through the scaling up of voluntary, confidential testing and counselling; strengthening implementation of the regional framework for TB/HIV; and monitoring health sector interventions;
- (8) to sustain progress in TB control as well as in malaria control by strengthening service quality and equitable access to services, especially for high-risk, rural and remote populations, and by responding to drug-resistant strains of TB and malaria through a programmatic approach;
- (9) to accelerate efforts to improve environmental health, especially by investing in underserved areas and in awareness-raising and education to increase household demand for services;

(10) to make available the resources needed, strengthen monitoring, and report progress towards the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals;

2. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

(1) to support Member States in strengthening health systems and integrating activities across programmes to achieve the health-related Millennium Development Goals;

(2) to enhance harmonization efforts with regional organizations, other development partners and United Nations agencies at the global, regional and country levels to achieve the Millennium Development Goals;

(3) to continue to support Member States in improving maternal health through appropriate policies, accessible services, strengthened referral systems, and improved skills for health personnel;

(4) to strengthen collaboration with UNICEF and other partners in implementing the WHO/UNICEF Regional Child Survival Strategy, including immunization, and particularly in supporting countries in their efforts to develop one costed and budgeted plan, one coordination mechanism, and one monitoring and evaluation process;

(5) to continue to support Member States in: (a) promoting universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support, effective prevention and treatment for sexually transmitted infections; (b) developing updated, evidence-based regional frameworks to monitor health sector interventions; and (c) guiding increased collaboration between TB and HIV programmes and reproductive health and HIV programmes;

(6) to continue to provide technical support to Member States in maintaining their progress in TB and malaria control, galvanizing support from key stakeholders, and to accelerate their progress with respect to environmental health;

- (7) to continue to support Member States to monitor their progress towards the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals;
- (8) to collaborate with Member States in conveying to relevant development partners, including The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, according to the established procedures of each organization, the view of the Regional Committee that an increased focus on health systems strengthening is essential, especially in least developed countries.

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