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REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR
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TRANSITIONING TO INTEGRATED FINANCING OF PRIORITY
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

The Regional Committee,

Reaffirming the whole-of-system approach in the Western Pacific regional action framework on *Universal Health Coverage: Moving Towards Better Health* (WPR/RC66.R2) and the *Regional Action Agenda on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in the Western Pacific* (WPR/RC67.R5);

Recognizing the need to sustain progress in reducing the burden of communicable diseases in the Western Pacific Region, and the challenges of responding to population health needs given changing epidemiological and demographic profiles, in the context of declining external funding and limited domestic health budgets;

Concerned about the need to improve sustainable financing and the efficiency of the health system, in addition to affordable and equitable access to good-quality services and continuum of care, particularly for vulnerable populations;

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Emphasizing the need to secure essential public health functions, including primary health care, and build and maintain capacities to detect, respond to and prevent priority diseases for more sustainable and resilient health systems;

Recognizing diverse country contexts, including broader health and public sector reforms, and the need to develop country-specific approaches to transition to more integrated health financing and service delivery;

Having reviewed the draft *Regional Framework for Action on Transitioning to Integrated Financing of Priority Public Health Services in the Western Pacific*,

1. ENDORSES the *Regional Framework for Action on Transitioning to Integrated Financing of Priority Public Health Services in the Western Pacific*;
2. URGES Member States:
 - (1) to use the Regional Framework to secure essential public health functions, including primary health care, and strengthen capacities to detect, respond to and prevent priority diseases;
 - (2) to develop phased transition plans as part of their universal health coverage road maps and national policy and planning processes;
 - (3) to monitor the impact of the transition, especially in countries managing reduced external funding for priority public health services;

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3. REQUESTS the Regional Director:

- (1) to provide technical support to Member States for essential public health functions, including developing and implementing country-specific transition plans as part of their universal health coverage road maps;
- (2) to facilitate policy dialogue and disseminate country experiences on transitioning to integrated financing and service delivery;
- (3) to report progress periodically on the implementation of the *Regional Framework for Action on Transitioning to Integrated Financing of Priority Public Health Services in the Western Pacific*.

Sixth meeting, 12 October 2017