The Regional Committee,

Appreciating the commitment and efforts of Member States and partners towards reducing the Region’s tuberculosis (TB) burden and implementing the Regional Framework for Action on Implementation of the End TB Strategy in the Western Pacific, 2016–2020;

Recalling the commitments made in the Moscow Declaration to End TB at the First WHO Global Ministerial Conference: Ending TB in the Sustainable Development Era: A Multisectoral Response, held in 2017;

Recalling also the unprecedented political commitment achieved with the 2018 Political Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the UN General Assembly on the Fight Against Tuberculosis, vowing to end the epidemic globally by 2030;

Stressing that the pace of progress in the Western Pacific Region – with reductions of 6% in TB incidence and 13% in mortality from 2015 to 2020 – is too slow to meet The End TB Strategy targets;
Deeply concerned about the continued threat of multidrug-resistant TB; catastrophic costs incurred by many TB patients and their families; and low coverage of TB preventive therapy in the Western Pacific Region;

Noting with concern the adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on TB programmes across the Region, including the disruption of service delivery and significant reductions in case notifications in 2020, as well as potential long-term effects;

Recognizing the rapid epidemiological, demographic and socioeconomic transitions happening in most countries in the Region and how these transitions complicate TB care and prevention;

Recognizing also that addressing TB care and prevention challenges requires a country-focused approach with multisectoral engagement and accountability to address factors within the health sector and beyond,

1. **ENDORESES** the *Western Pacific Regional Framework to End TB (2021–2030)*;

2. **URGES** Member States:
   (1) to update national strategies, policies and plans for TB care and prevention, guided by the Regional Framework;
   (2) to prioritize TB care and prevention, strengthening the system of service delivery using innovation, regular monitoring and targeting vulnerable groups to ensure that efforts reach the unreached;
   (3) to establish and strengthen multisectoral engagement and accountability to address challenges within and beyond the health sector;

3. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director:
   (1) to provide technical support to Member States in the implementation of the Regional Framework;
(2) to advocate and enhance collaboration and partnership to further strengthen TB programmes in the Region;
(3) to report periodically on progress in the implementation of the Western Pacific Regional Framework to End TB (2021–2030).

Fifth meeting, 29 October 2021