

**REGIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN IN RESPONSE TO
EMERGING AND RE-EMERGING DISEASES**

The Regional Committee,

Having reviewed the regional strategic plan in response to emerging and re-emerging diseases;

Recalling its resolution EM/RC41/R.11 on the changing patterns of diseases;

Concerned at the increasing potential dangers from emerging and re-emerging diseases;

1. **THANKS** the Regional Director for the report;
2. **ADOPTS** the regional strategic plan in response to emerging and re-emerging diseases;
3. **URGES** Member States to:
 - 3.1 Continue to develop their national disease surveillance systems to ensure early detection of emerging and re-emerging diseases;
 - 3.2 Develop national plans for surveillance and response to these diseases;
 - 3.3 Develop and strengthen the capability of national human resources to respond to these diseases;
 - 3.4 Exchange information on these diseases between themselves and with WHO;
 - 3.5 Support research on these diseases, including research that focuses on the economic burden that arises from them;
4. **REQUESTS** the Regional Director to:
 - 4.1 Assist countries in the preparation and implementation of national plans;
 - 4.2 Strengthen the role of regional WHO collaborating centres in this field and prepare a list of these centres to distribute to Member States;
 - 4.3 Pursue the preparation of guidelines for the prevention, surveillance and control of these diseases.